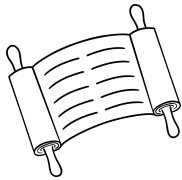


CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

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SACRED TEXT

We help to build our students' connection to and love of the Torah, select prophets, historical books, megillot, and rabbinic text.



PRAYER, G-D & SPIRITUALITY

We encourage student discussion of tough moral and ethical questions, in the context of the Jewish tradition. Students learn rituals, as well as methods for spiritual seeking and advanced prayer leading skills in the upper grades.



JEWISH CALENDAR

From learning the symbols and foods of the holidays in the early grades, to engaging in historical and social analysis of holiday observance throughout the Diaspora and Israel in the upper grades, our students develop a rich appreciation of the Jewish calendar.



HISTORY

As students grow they will learn about Jewish History from Mishna to modernity, with additional focuses on Biblical history, American Jewish history and our relationship to Israel, and the history of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust.



ISRAEL

Our younger students focus on the culture of Israel while our older students learn the complicated history of the Middle East from multiple perspectives.



MITZVOT & VALUES

Students engage in tzedakah projects, learn about social justice, environmental justice and all about our laws within Judaism.



CONTEMPORARY JEWISH LIFE

From lifecycle events to current events through a Jewish lens to contemporary Jewish communities around the world, our students learn about the richness of Jewish life today and ways our tradition celebrates events in each Jew's life, from birth to death.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Multi-modal learning allows students to choose between traditional modes of study, art, drama, and other forms of creative expression. We infuse projects and special days in our curriculum to engage all learners.

**Contact us for more information. Join us in nurturing
the next generation of Jewish leaders and thinkers.**

OVERVIEW BY GRADE

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	 Sacred text	 Prayer, G-d, & Spirituality	 Jewish Calendar	 History	 Israel	 Mitzvot & Values	 Contemporary Jewish Life
Junior Kindergarten	7 days of creation	Friday night blessings	symbols & foods, Shabbat		Jewish homeland, Israeli families	community members, caring for earth	our synagogue
Senior Kindergarten	Creation, Adam & Eve, Noah, Tower of Babel	Friday night blessings	symbols & foods, Rosh Hashanah, Passover		Israeli food & symbols	being a mensch, ritual garb	sanctuary
1st	Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel & Leah	partnership with G-d	core stories	How did Jews get to America?	desert, seas, cities, farms	welcoming guests	synagogue people
2nd	Genesis through Exodus	How do we communicate with G-d?	practice & actions	Diaspora	Where do Jews in Israel come from?	Ten Commandmen ts	neighborhood
3rd	weekly parsha	Havdalah & Ma'ariv, Keva & Kevanah	through primary text	biblical history	Israelis	kashrut, tzedakah	birth
4th	Jonah, Esther & Ruth	Shabbat morning, struggling with G-d	Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Purim & Shavuot	Chicago Jewish History	geography	disability justice	conversion
5th	Joshua, Deborah, Yael, Samson, King David	Shabbat morning, different names of G-d	through arts	biblical history	art	caring for sick, gossip	weddings
6th	weekly parsha with commentary	Torah service, hard questions	liturgy	American Jewish History	pop culture	social justice	Conservative Judaism, Divorce
7th	Isaiah, Jeremiah & Ezekiel	Mourner's Kaddish	celebrations in Israel	formation of Zionism & Israel	formation of Zionism & Israel	environmental justice	death & dying
8th	Rabbinic texts	spiritual seeking	denominations	mishnah to modernity	modern history	sex & sexuality	comparative religions