

Third, Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grades: GIMEL, DALET, HEY, VAV

SHORESHIM: ROOTS

Mondays or Tuesdays, 4-5:30 pm or 4-6

Our elementary students spend their year in two primary ways. The first is our Shoreshim, or roots days. These days are meant to build strong knowledge about, and connections to, Judaism, while building community and friendships. Each week, students experiences core, grade level curriculum through hands-on, tactile and creative settings..

GIMEL: THIRD GRADE



In Third Grade, you can expect your child to cover: Genesis & Me: Understanding My Jewish Family, modern Israel, Holy days and Holidays, the Synagogue and Siddur, Tzedakah: Reaching Out and Reaching Up, Who Knows God? and Middot: Jewish Values for Young people. Students participate in Consecration and a Siddur Presentation.

DALET: FOURTH GRADE

In Fourth Grade, students trace the steps of Moses while considering Jewish leadership values. They explore the value of freeing the captive, and ensuring the rights of all people to worship their own God. They continue their Godtalk discussions from earlier grades, by beginning to develop their own faith narrative. Holidays take on a new and rich meaning, moving from the basics into more advanced thinking. They learn about the Mezuzah, tallit and tefillin and other important Jewish objects and their meaning. Additionally, they “Walk the Bible” with Bruce Feiler in search of biblical Israel in a modern world. They also explore the meaning of Jewish names and a special study of their own.



HEY: FIFTH GRADE

In Fifth Grade, students gain new insight into Holidays and begin to consider which parts of each celebration have resonance today. They participate in a virtual twinning with a fifth grade in Israel, looking at their Jewish world, community and identity. Additionally they explore issues of Diaspora. They explore various historical time periods, culminating with the “burying” of their own time capsule. Additionally, they have a gentle introduction to the Holocaust using Hana’s Suitcase. The children lead the TBA Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance service.

