

**Grades K-1: Morah Dassy Cotlar**

**Sundays 9:30 am-11:30 am**

<b>Sunday Curriculum</b>	<p><b>Midot I Can Do</b></p> <p>A fun and interactive curriculum with a strong emphasis on building awareness and knowledge of core Jewish values and positive characteristics, such as chesed (kindness), shalom , and simcha (happiness). Each topic is brought to a child's relatable level complete with songs, stories, art and activities.</p>	<p><b>Holiday Curriculum:</b></p> <p>Learning about the Jewish holidays and understanding them through holidays and games.</p>
<b>Hebrew Reading Skills:</b>	<p><b>End of Kindergarten:</b></p> <p>Recognize letters of the first half of the Hebrew Aleph-Bet and know the sounds and be familiar with most of the remaining letters.</p>	<p><b>End of First Grade:</b></p> <p>Recognize all of the letters in the Hebrew Aleph-Bet and their sounds. Start learning the vowels and ability to put together some basic words.</p>

**Grades 2-3: Morah Helana Herman**

**Sundays 9:30 am-11:30 am**



**Wednesdays 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm**

<b>Sunday Curriculum</b>	<p><b>My Jewish Home</b></p> <p>A dynamic and hands on program designed to teach children the power of the Jewish home and the Mitzvot that are associated with each room of the house.</p>	<p><b>Holiday Curriculum:</b></p> <p>Learn about the history, customs and traditions of the Jewish Holidays and how they relate to children today.</p>
<b>Wednesday Curriculum</b>	<p><b>Parshalive!</b></p> <p>Divided into weekly units, students gain an appreciation for our Torah by focusing on a story or theme through hands-on activities to bring the parsha to life. We will cover famous stories from the book of Bereishit (Genesis) from Joseph and the 12 tribes until the Exodus from Egypt.</p>	
<b>Hebrew Reading Skills:</b>	<p><b>End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:</b></p> <p>Pass white, red, and orange Aleph (ability to read all the letters and most of the vowels)</p>	<p><b>End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:</b> Pass yellow and green Aleph (ability to recognize all letters and vowels and read words three syllables long)</p>

**Grades 4-5: Rabbi Pinney Herman**

**Sundays 9:30 am-11:30 am**

• **Wednesdays 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm**

<b>Sunday Curriculum</b>	<p><b>Hang with the Ten</b></p> <p>A comprehensive program about the Aseret Hadibrot (Ten Commandments), and the relevance of each commandment in a child's life today</p>	<p><b>Holiday Curriculum:</b></p> <p>An in-depth look at the history and laws of the Jewish Holidays and how to make it meaningful and exciting for children</p>
<b>Wednesday Curriculum</b>	<p><b>LINKS- Connecting to Jewish History:</b></p> <p>Jewish history will come alive as students learn about our past and beautiful culture (beginning from Joshua and the prophets) that has been preserved throughout the ages, leading them to discover their own place in the eternal timeline.</p>	
<b>Hebrew Reading Skills:</b>	<p><b>End of 4<sup>th</sup>:</b></p> <p>Pass blue Alef (ability to fluently read words containing all the letter/vowel combinations)</p>	<p><b>End of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b></p> <p>Pass purple and brown Aleph (ability to fluently read basic and advanced Hebrew prayers)</p>

**Grades 6-8: Rabbi Lev Cotlar**

**Sundays 9:30 am-11:30 am**

• **Wednesdays 4:45 pm – 6:15 pm**

<b>Sunday Curriculum</b>	<p><b>Jewish Discovery Course:</b></p> <p>This course uses the macrocosmic journey of the Jewish people, from the birth of Abraham and Sarah, until the time when Jews entered the land of Israel, as a paradigm to explore the microcosmic journey of the individual in his or her personal relationship with G-d.</p>	
<b>Wednesday Curriculum</b>	<p><b>The Living Torah:</b></p> <p>Students will appreciate the interactive discussion-style format of the class, as we analyze the Torah portion and view our 3,000 year old history through relevant and empowering perspective</p>	<p><b>Holiday Curriculum:</b></p> <p>A comprehensive journey through the Jewish calendar, delving into the traditions of the various holidays and its effect on our lives</p>

<b>Hebrew Reading Skills:</b>	<b>End of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b> Pass grey Aleph (Master reading from the Siddur in a timed fasion)	<b>End of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b> Become a <i>Black Aleph Champion</i> (master reading over 100 words a minute), and began studying Hebrew vocabulary and grammar
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**Shabbat Hebrew School**

Two Shabbat (Saturday) mornings this year, we are having a Shabbat Hebrew School program for our students and their families. We will begin with Tefilla (Shabbat service) that will be student led, followed by our students joining their class with a special interactive Shabbat class. Following the program, all parents and students are invited to a Shabbat Kiddush in the social hall. Note: this substitutes the regular Sunday school program for that week, so please make sure to attend.

<b>Shabbat, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:00pm followed by Kiddush</b>
<b>Shabbat, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:00pm followed by Kiddush</b>

**New program! T.G.I. Shabbat**

Turn your Friday evenings into a time of great food, lively singing and quality time with family and friends as we welcome in Shabbat with a 30 minute student led Kabbalat Shabbos followed by a delicious, themed oneg (light dinner)

<b>Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> , from 6:00-7:15 pm</b>
<b>Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> , from 6:00-7:15 pm</b>
<b>Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:15 pm</b>

**New program! Sunday breakfast!**

Drop your child off at Hebrew School and enjoy a warm breakfast to start your day.

<b>Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:15 am</b>
<b>Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30-10:15 am</b>
<b>Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:15 am</b>

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:15 am**

**New programs—Ckids, Kids in the Kitchen, and music!**

**Holiday Dinners**

Our Chanukah and Purim dinners have been huge hits over the past few years. Our Hebrew School students take active roles in speaking, prayer service and in planning the dinner

<i>Fri. Dec.11<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Chanukah Dinner</i>	Service starts at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:15pm.
<i>Thursday , March 23<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>Themed Purim Dinner</i>	Dinner includes Megilla reading, authentic ethnic cuisine and entertainment for the entire family

**Aleph Champ Brunch & Award Ceremonies**

We would like to invite our parents to join us two Aleph Champ Award Ceremonies, the first right after winter break, and the second at the end of year ceremony. At the ceremony, we give recognition to our students for what they have accomplished in their Hebrew reading, and present them with their hard earned Aleph Champ Medallions.

<i>Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Mid-year celebration</b>	Ceremony starts at 10:00 am.
<i>Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>In Conjunction with our End of Year Celebration</b>	Ceremony starts at 10:00 am.

**Special Programs**

<i>Sun. Aug 30<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>School Orientation:</b>	Registration, orientation and Rosh Hashana shofar factory presentation for students
<i>Mon, Sep. 14<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Rosh Hashana: Children's program and family service</b>	Exciting holiday program for kids and interactive discussion for adults and older children on starting the year on a fresh note
<i>Sun. Sep.20<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Tashlich: High holiday ceremony</b>	Special trip to JCC at 10:45 am.

<i>Wed. Sept 23<sup>rd</sup></i>	<b>Yom Kippur: Children's program and Learner's Minyan</b>	Exciting holiday program for kids and easy-to-follow, explanatory service for adults and older children
<i>Sun. Oct 4<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Sukkot: Special Sukkah Event</b>	Barbecue in the Sukka along with special Sukkot activities
<i>Mon. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Simchat Torah: Celebration: Dancing and Deli with the Torah</b>	The highlight of the entire month of Tishrei! Hakafot, dancing with the Torah, Kiddush and deli starting at 7:30 pm.
<i>Sun Nov. 15-22</i>	<b>Thanksgiving Food Drive:</b>	Come help us donate cans and non-perishable food to families in need for Thanksgiving
<i>Sun. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Chanukah: Grand Menorah Lighting at Crabtree Valley Mall</b>	Lighting and celebration at 5:00 pm
<i>Sun. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Chanukah On Ice</b>	Join us as we celebrate Chanukah in Raleigh's downtown ice-skating rink along with donuts and hot drinks
<i>Wed. Dec.16</i>	<b>Chanukah Movie Night</b>	Our students celebrate Chanukah watching an entertaining Chanukah film while enjoying traditional Chanukah treats
<i>Jan. 24<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Tu B'Shevat (New Year for Trees)</b>	Holiday craft and activities
<i>Wed. March 23<sup>rd</sup></i>	<b>Purim: Annual Purim Costume Ball and Megillah Reading</b>	Come dressed up in your favorite costume as we celebrate Purim with entertainment, Megilla reading and food
<i>Wed. April 20</i>	<b>Pesach Event:</b>	School wide Model Seder
<i>Sun. May 15</i>	<b>Yom Ha'atzmu'ut</b>	Our love for Israel is proudly displayed as we enjoy Israeli cuisine, take part in activities and discuss our connection to the Holy Land
<i>Wed. May 25<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Lag B'Omer Event</b>	<i>Cookout and Camp Fire</i>
<i>Sun. June 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>End of Year Celebration and Award Ceremony</b>	9:30-10:00 Standard Classes 10:00-10:45 Assembly and Award Ceremony 10:45-11:30 End of Year Celebration
<i>Sun. June 12<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Shavout: Mega Ice Cream and Cheese Cake Party</b>	Reading of the Ten Commandments at 10:30am, followed by special Children's Service with Ice Cream and Cheese Cake!