

Hebrew Program

At the Bridge Family Religion School, we are committed to helping our students gain confidence in learning the Hebrew language as well as to create positive connections to the language of the Jewish people through exposure to prayerbook Hebrew and modern Hebrew.

We seek to enable proficiency in decoding Hebrew words and prayers as well as provide multiple outlets for our students to explore and create their own answers to the questions of :

- “What is prayer?”
- “Why pray?”
- “What do these prayers mean to me?”

Our Hebrew program is for all students ages 3rd-6th grade. **In order to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah at TDHS you must attend all 4 years of our Hebrew program (or equivalent program) with a 75% attendance rate.**

Throughout our Hebrew program, our students explore a variety of ways to engage with Hebrew. The exploration comes through tefillah (prayer) experiences on a weekly basis, teacher-led prayer conversations, games, mini projects, community building activities, and 1 on 1 tutoring. We aim to provide students learning opportunities through multiple modalities such as listening, movement, visualization, and using technology to enhance and solidify classroom lessons.

2018-2019 will be our second year utilizing the Hebrew in Harmony curriculum from Behrman House as well as Hebrew Through Movement curriculum from the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland.

The following options are available to families in the coming year:

On-Site Hebrew

For grades 3–6, our On-Site Hebrew students will be placed into Hebrew classes by grade level.

- 3rd grade focuses on mastering the Aleph-Bet and all vowels.
- 4th-6th graders are assigned different prayers to accomplish by the end of the year.

Our On-Site Hebrew program also provides our students an opportunity to engage in regular *t'filah* with our school community.

On-Site Hebrew takes place at our Bellevue campus on Wednesday evenings and on our Seattle campus on Thursday evenings.

Off-Site Hebrew

As an alternative to our On-site Hebrew program, Off-Site Hebrew provides families with flexibility in scheduling while fulfilling our goal of developing lifelong Jewish learners proficient in Hebrew decoding and *t'filah*.

Temple offers an off-site Hebrew program at the Mercer Island JCC on Tuesday evenings. Families can also request an off-site cohort in a different location. Look for off-site Hebrew options within our web registration. Families will have the opportunity to indicate preferred times and locations for an off-site cohort and we will do our best to accommodate the preferences of each of our families. Cohort placements will be determined by the number of students registered and by teacher availability. Registration for Off-Site Hebrew is incomplete until this form has been submitted. Off-site Hebrew meetings will not take place during Hebrew school hours.

There is an additional fee for off-site Hebrew.

Hebrew Curriculum Overview:

3rd Grade: Aleph-Bet Mastery and beginning blending

4th Grade: Brachot, La'asok B'divrei Torah, Barchu, Shema and Havdalah blessings

5th Grade: V'ahavta, Ma'ariv Aravim, Yotzer Or, Torah Blessings (if time: Mi Chamocha)

6th Grade: Avot/Emahot, G'vurot, Haftorah Blessings, Kiddush (if time: Ashrei & Aleinu)