

PJC Hebrew School

Curriculum Goals

- ✓ To provide a program of religious education that meets the needs, skills, and talents of the growing child and maturing young adult.
- ✓ To provide experiences for our students that will allow them to deepen their commitment to Jewish life in the home, synagogue, community, and world.
- ✓ To develop knowledge and appreciation of Jewish customs and traditions.
- ✓ To instill a love of Israel and recognition of its historical and contemporary importance for the Jewish people.
- ✓ To enable students to develop a positive sense of their own Jewish identity.
- ✓ To offer traditional Jewish values and ethics as viable guidelines for today's problems.
- ✓ To encourage friendship among our children.
- ✓ To provide an introduction to Hebrew as the language of our tradition, and to enable our students to develop knowledge of Hebrew and prayer that will enable participation in Shabbat services.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah students are personally taught by our Rabbi. Since our class sizes are small, each child is given their own date for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We do not believe in sharing a date. This personal approach is unique in our community. You may choose a Saturday morning, Saturday evening Havdalah service or a Sunday service. This service is a memorable experience for each child and we want to make it as special for each of them as possible.

Hebrew school meets one day a week on Thursdays, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. The children will also be required to attend one Sunday service each month from 9:30 to 11:30 am for a Jewish Cultural event sponsored by PJC. This will be a program such as Israeli dancing, Jewish Jeopardy, Jewish holiday celebrations and many other fun and educational Jewish theme programs. Students also need to attend one Friday night family service per month and one Saturday morning service when scheduled, 4-5 times during the year.

In the months preceding a student's Bar or Bat Mitzvah, the students are encouraged to attend most Friday night Shabbat services to prepare for their leading of the service on the Friday prior to their B'Nai Mitzvah weekend.