

Zayin: 7th Grade

Sundays 9 am-12 pm
Wednesdays 4pm – 6pm

Hebrew curriculum focuses on learning Shabbat tefillot that can be used through their lifetime, with an emphasis on skills that will enhance the b'nai mitzvah experience.

Judaic curriculum focuses on modern Jewish History, the Holocaust, Israel, Jewish Values, Social Action projects and G2G (Generation to Generation). Occasional field trips and speakers add to this unique year.



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CRS is committed to creating a strong family connection, where the synagogue and the Cohen Religious School are an extension of your home. CRS is designed to provide students with an opportunity to explore and deepen their understanding of Judaism and to develop their Jewish identity through the study of Jewish liturgy, rituals, customs, Hebrew language, life-cycle events, Jewish holidays, and Jewish history.

Ganon: Pre- Kindergarten / Gan: Kindergarten / Alef: 1st Grade

Sundays 9 am -12 pm

Through hands-on activities relating to Holiday and Shabbat observances, Jewish symbols, Torah, Israel and Mitzvot, students learn what it means to be a Jew through the lens of the home, the family and the synagogue. Age-appropriate middot are integrated in everyday lessons, with a focus on gratitude.

Bet: 2nd Grade – Hey: 5th Grade

Sundays 9 am-12 pm

Weekday option (either Tues/Wed) 4pm – 6pm

Students are instilled with knowledge, respect and love of elements of the Siddur, Hebrew language, Torah, Israel, History, Mitzvot, Holidays and Jewish rituals.

- o Hebrew/Tefillah curriculum focuses on developing literacy skills and learning Shabbat tefillot.
- o Value-based Judaic curriculum helps develop a student's positive Jewish identity weaving in the study of Jewish text, History, Holidays and Israel.

Students are required to attend several Shabbat services during the year, either Junior Congregation or the main service.

- o Bet & Gimmel: 4 Shabbat Services
- o Dalet & Hey: 5 Shabbat Services

Vav: 6th Grade

Sundays 9 am-12 pm

Weekday option (either Tues/Wed) 4pm – 6pm

Sunday morning Clergy Class: Parents and students participate in a learner's minyan and B'nai Mitzvah preparation classes with members of the NSS Beth El clergy.

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Judaic curriculum focuses on Project Etgar, My Family Story and Moving Traditions.

- o **MY FAMILY STORY** is a family root research project that has students use their creative skills to design an original, artistic display that captures the essence of their family history.
- o **MOVING TRADITIONS** B'nai Mitzvah program is a new model of Jewish education for students and parents that speaks directly to the psychological, spiritual, social, and developmental issues that pre-teens face as they prepare for and celebrate the rite of passage.

Vav students are required to attend 6 Shabbat morning services during the year in the main sanctuary to acquaint families with flow of the main service as prep for their B'nai Mitzvah.

