FLEXIBLE PROGRAM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

How are both options the same?

There are many fundamental similarities that we at HBHA believe are important for every student. These core values and learning activities occur within both Jewish Studies options, including:

- Values-Based Jewish Learning
- Holiday Celebrations
- Strengthening Connection to Israel
- Proud Jewish Identity
- Jewish Rituals
- Middot (Jewish Character Traits)

- Hebrew Language Instruction
- TaL AM Curriculum (integrated Hebrew/Jewish Studies program)
- Morning Prayers
- K-12 Learning
- Individualized & Small Group Learning
- Warm, Loving Atmosphere

Magshimim and Matmidim students have a multitude of opportunities to learn together as a whole group, as well as in separate classrooms with dedicated Jewish Studies teachers. For example, holiday celebrations and Jewish music typically include the entire class (both tracks together), while each track has its own teacher and classroom for morning prayers, TaL AM and Hebrew language.

How are the options unique?

Magshimim Option

Students represent a variety of Jewish streams and home observances.

Taught with the awareness of a variety of Jewish family traditions and home practices by teachers who reflect the range of Jewish observance.

Matmidim Option

Students represent (primarily) Orthodox affiliation and observance.

Taught in accordance with Orthodox norms by teachers who are observant of Orthodox tradition.

These options are separate only during Jewish Studies and Tefilah (prayer). Students are together by grade level throughout the rest of the school day.

