

HBHA Jewish Studies Core Curriculum

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Our Lower School Jewish Studies focuses on **holiday** rituals and practices, **Torah** study & *Parashat HaShavua* (weekly Torah portion), and **prayer** fluency and understanding.

Rabbinics & BaMidbar

Sixth grade is a “bridge” year, building upon the knowledge gained in Lower School to acquire text skills and Rabbinic understanding that will lay the foundation for advanced Jewish learning that will come in the years ahead.

In this year, students take a full year of Rabbinics (primarily introducing Mishnah) and a semester of BaMidbar (the Book of Numbers), focusing on Rashi’s commentary.

Advanced Jewish Learning

Beginning in 7th grade, students learn in a combined cohort with the grade above or below them. They follow a two-year rotation for their semester-long core classes, which are listed below.

In addition, each year, students will choose a semester-long Jewish Studies Elective from options that engage contemporary topics through a textual lens.

Chagim

Students will learn the rhythms of the Jewish calendar and understand holidays as celebrating the intersection of personal identity, communal identity, and shared history.

Kashrut

Students will learn the foundational concepts of keeping kosher and explore navigating food practices in regard to being in a diverse community.

Shabbat

Students will trace Shabbat from the Torah through *halakhah* (Jewish law) and into personal practice, reflecting on the power of sacred rest in their lives.

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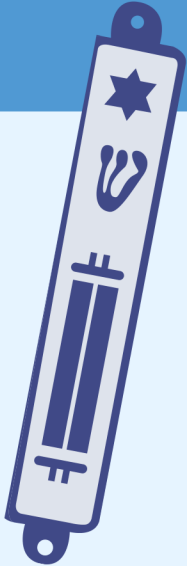
Through studying the Prophets, students will explore various models of Jewish leadership, analyzing their attributes and articulating personal leadership aspirations.

Life Cycle

Students will learn about how Judaism offers ritual framing, wisdom, and pause at critical moments of life transition, exploring personal and communal elements of each.

Iyun Torah

Students will delve deeply into texts of the Torah, comparing the analysis and commentary of classical *mefarshim* (commentators) to apply wisdom to contemporary life.



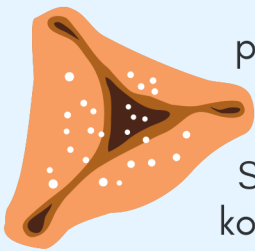
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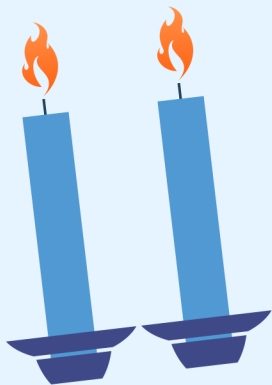
7th & Beyond



7th & 8th Grade



9th & 10th Grade



11th & 12th Grade