Congregation Beth David Hebrew School Curriculum Overview

The CBD Hebrew School teaches a core curriculum that is rooted in an acrostic formed by the Hebrew word "SHALOM."

Synagogue and Prayer Skills

History

Ancient Writings (Bible/Torah)

Language (Hebrew)

Occasions (Holidays and Life Cycle Events)

Morals and Values (Ethics)

Synagogue and Prayer Skills

Emphasis is on learning the prayers from the Friday Evening and Shabbat Morning Services, their meaning and relation to everyday life, as well as the significance associated with synagogue artifacts, customs, and rituals.

<u>History</u>

We explore the journey of the Jewish people so that students may understand their own roots and connections in the broader community.

Ancient Writings

Students study the Torah, Prophets, and Writings (Tanach) to connect the foundation of Judaism to the practices of today.

Language (Hebrew)

We teach each student the Hebrew alphabet to enable him/her to recognize the letters and vowels, to read and understand words, and to foster confidence in the recitation of prayers in the Siddur and readings from the Haggadah and the Torah.

Occasions (Holidays and Life Cycle Events)

Students develop a deeper understanding of each holiday and life cycle event, what it represents, and the purpose of the customs associated with them.

Morals and Values (Ethics)

We discuss values as they relate to our daily behavior at home, at school, and within the community, striving to be kind, generous and respectful human beings.