

Kitot Vav–Zayin

(6th and 7th Grade)

The Middle School Years

Students in these classes attend on Sundays from 9:30am–12:00pm plus an additional class in Hebrew. (See *Hebrew* for additional information.) Those classes are on Sundays from 8:15am–9:30am; or Tuesdays from 4:30pm–6:00pm; or Wednesdays from 4:15pm–5:45pm. The focus of our Hebrew program is reading and understanding the liturgy. During each Hebrew class students will attend a worship service to become familiar with Friday evening and Saturday morning service.

Sixth-grade students will learn about Jewish immigration to the United States and delve into Jewish history through exploring the stories of people that lived at different times and places. The learning will involve actively hearing these stories, in order to consider how this history has shaped the Judaism we know today. In addition, the students will consider how to form their own stories.

For the first third of the year, the 7th grade will focus on the Holocaust through the lives of survivors using the website *Coming of Age during the Holocaust* from the Museum of Jewish Heritage and sources from the US Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC. The students discover some of the current needs of our own community as they create community action projects for their Bat/Bar Mitzvah. They will also study the holidays and Jerusalem using rabbinic literature (Midrashim, Talmud, etc.). The latter portions of the year will include lessons on Civility and classes on Jewish American history. The 7th-grade year includes two New York City trips; one to the Museum of Jewish Heritage and the other to tour the Lower East Side