

Preschool and Kindergarten

Early childhood is a great time to expose our kids to Jewish education: the results can last a lifetime. The experiences we have as young children form the basis of what we regard as comforting and safe for years to come. During this time children will learn that a synagogue is a place one feels comfortable with their family to participate in prayer, music, and dance and eat together. They will also discover how we treat other people and creatures through acts of good deeds. They will discover ritual, symbols and the culture of the holidays and the Synagogue and learn that prayer is our way of talking to God.

In Kindergarten, the curriculum is built around the themes of creation and Shabbat. Students explore the rituals associated with Shabbat, create Shabbat ritual objects, and learn about how families in the class celebrate Shabbat. They also create ritual objects for the holidays, such as a Seder plate for Passover and Hanukkah. The ritual objects that kids bring home with them often help start new family traditions.

For Hebrew, the children are introduced to Hebrew using a sound to print method and whole word recognition.