



Temple Beth Elohim B'nai Mitzvah Magical Mystery Tour Grade 6 Program

Talmud Torah – Classroom Learning

תלמוד תורה

The 6th grade curriculum includes text study, Hebrew, mitzvot and electives.

Learning Program Schedule:

- ✧ Sunday afternoons 3:00-5:30 pm
- ✧ Tuesday evenings 6:15-8:00 pm

Text Study

תורה

Our text curriculum will focus on Torah. Sixth grade students will be able to choose from a selection of text electives based on their interests. Each elective will use primary texts to explore a particular topic. Examples of possible electives are:

- ✧ Strong Women in the Bible
- ✧ Family Dynamics in the Book of Genesis
- ✧ Hip Hop Midrash: Jewish Texts and Values in Popular Music
- ✧ Being Holy: The Holiness Code in Leviticus
- ✧ Biblical Art: Artifacts in the Bible and Modern Ritual Objects

Hebrew

עברית

Students will engage in multi-level Hebrew language classes. Classes will be provided based on skill level and student interest. The primary goal will be continued preparation for Bar/Bat Mitzvah. This is in addition to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tutoring that students receive 7 months prior to their celebrations.

Mitzvot and Values

מצוות ומידות

Students will learn about two categories of mitzvot: (1) Ani v'Atah N'shaneh et ha-Olam → "Person to Person" and (2) Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah → "Person to God."

Electives

חוגים

Students will also have an opportunity to participate in a variety of electives. Electives might include: Jewish Cooking, Jews in Sports, Jewish Cinema, Current Events and Jewish Art.

Shabbaton – Weekend Retreat

שבתון

The BM³T retreat for 6th and 7th graders accomplishes several goals:

- ⇒ to allow students to spend time with and get to know one another better
- ⇒ to introduce many of the themes and topics taught during 6th and 7th grade
- ⇒ to experience Jewish worship in an informal setting
- ⇒ to create and build community within BM³T
- ⇒ relax and have fun!

Students and staff will spend Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning engaged in a variety of hands-on activities and interactive learning programs. We will eat and sing, worship, study and play in a variety of groups and settings throughout the retreat.

Ma'asim Tovim – Service in the Community

מעשים טובים

Part of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience is becoming an active and responsible member of the community. Over the course of the BM³T experience, students will engage in long-term community service activities that will connect to their learning in the Mitzvot curriculum. Students will participate in social action and social justice training and workshops to prepare them for long-term commitments to community service work. Beginning in March, students will begin their relationships with their partner organizations.

Mishpacha B'Yachad – Family Learning Together

משפחה ביחד

There are a series of Family Programs designed to familiarize you and your children with the Bar/Bat Mitzvah process: learning Torah portions; family communication and changes; the Mitzvah program; prayer, choreography and liturgy of the Shabbat service; and your family's relationships to the greater temple community.

T'filah – Worship

תפילה

During the Sunday afternoon BM³T Program, students will participate in T'filah (brief evening service) every week. T'filah will include a mix of Beth Elohim “regulars” plus camp/NFTY style worship. In addition, students will be expected to attend 7 Shabbat services during the course of the year. Some of these may be the BM³T Retreat, Rock Shabbat and Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Preparation

בר/בת מצוה

Preparation that leads towards the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony is one part of the BM³T experience. This includes: individual tutoring beginning 7 months prior to the ceremony, meetings with our clergy, preparation of a d'var torah and family learning programs.

JELLY (Junior beth ELOhim Local Youth) is the youth group for TBE members in grades 6 and 7. JELLY has events once a month, including roller skating, laser tag, local sports events, bowling, and snow tubing. JELLY also maintains a strong commitment to social action and the TBE community.

The JELLY Advisory Board is an opportunity for JELLY members to help plan and run events throughout the year. JELLY Advisory Board members also participate in leadership training on the Havayah Youth Leadership Team (YLT).

JELLY membership is free! To sign-up for JELLY and start receiving event mailings, membership forms are available online and on the Havayah bulletin board across from the Religious School office.

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