



Our overarching curricular goals for a graduate of Beth El Religious School are:

- the ability to decode Hebrew texts, with emphasis on tefillot/prayers, brachot/blessings, and Torah texts
- to feel comfortable participating in Shabbat services, both singing and reading tefillot
- an understanding and appreciation of Chagim (Holidays)
- connection to the larger Jewish community and to Israel

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Dalet 4th

Overview: Learning Objectives/Goals

As in prior grades, in Dalet 4th, we continue to build a foundation for Jewish education and to provide a rich variety of experiences in Jewish observance and in the joy of Shabbat and holidays through hands-on experiences and songs, games, artwork, drama, and crafts. We join the entire school in celebrating the holidays such as performing the mitzvah of *leyshev basukkah* (visiting a sukkah) and *netilat lulav* (waving the lulav); the fun of Chanukkah, a Tu B'Shevat seder, Havdalah, and an extensive model Passover Seder with parents. Particular emphasis in Dalet 4th is placed on Kashrut, brachot before you eat, and G-d's presence in our lives. Students begin to question the meaning of prayers -- not the literal word-for-word but the concept.

Hebrew Vocabulary

Related to holidays, Jewish practice and ritual, and prayers/blessings

Tefillah - Prayer Skills and Rituals

Understand the power and the importance of prayer

Sukkot blessings

Shma and VeAhavta

Chanukkah blessings

Shabbat and Havdalah blessings

Ashrei

Blessings for various foods

Ma Nishtana

Birkat Hamazon

Al netilat yadayim

Passover seder

Core Judaics

Jewish holidays -- significance, story, ritual, brachot, vocabulary

Jewish historical figures as examples of Jewish values and ethical behavior; mitzvot; Ten Commandments

Tanach

Parashat hashavua

Era and chronology of the biblical Judges (focus on Devorah, Gid'on, Shimshon)

Fall of Jericho

Exodus from Egypt

Israel: War of Independence, significance of the Jewish homeland, main cities, prime minister, currency

Milestone Moment

Class Shabbat