

United Hebrew Congregation

HEBREW SCHOOL INFORMATION



About the course of study:

The goal of our overall Hebrew curriculum is to provide students with the tools necessary to read and understand the meaning of the prayers of our liturgy and to provide a taste of the living language of Hebrew. In our formal Hebrew school program, we will place our emphasis on general Hebrew reading fluency in an effort to obtain a mastery of prayer reading. Students will also be introduced to Modern Hebrew in an endeavor to work on reading fluency and to provide a link to the modern language of the Jewish people.

The course of study:

In accordance with United Hebrew Congregation policy, four complete years of Hebrew school or its equivalent, along with concurrent enrollment in religious school, is required prior to becoming a *bar/bat mitzvah*. At United Hebrew, our formal Hebrew School program begins with our Aleph program (3rd grade) and continues through Dalet (6th grade).

The levels of study:

Level of study is based on ability rather than grade level.

Aleph – 1st year

Bet – 2nd year

Gimmel – 3rd year

Dalet – 4th year

The time of study:

Students in **Aleph - Bet** attend Hebrew School one day a week on either Sunday (11:15 – 12:55 p.m.) or Tuesday (4:30 – 6:00 p.m.).

Students in **Gimmel and Dalet** meet twice a week on Sunday (11:15-12:55 p.m. and Tuesday (4:30 – 6:00 p.m.) In Gimmel and Dalet, the extra session allows for individualized work with each student preparing them for their particular work becoming a *bar/bat mitzvah*. In the Dalet year, students also begin work on their Torah portion during the Sunday session.

Practice at home is necessary for successful completion of each level (and for the personal feeling of success in each child). Our Bet and Gimmel curricula include a CD which allows students to practice at home through visual and audio aides. In the Dalet year, students have access to Cantor Eichaker's *b'nai mitzvah* on-line study program.

Tutoring:

United Hebrew permits students who do not opt for our Hebrew School program to achieve their requisite Hebrew knowledge through the personal employment of an approved Hebrew tutor. There is a \$80 Tutor Integration fee for all students who are tutored. Beginning in 2011-2012, all tutors will receive the UH Hebrew Curriculum and be request to use the same textbooks and materials in preparing students. Tutors will also be requested to send quarterly reports about the progress of the students and the frequency of sessions. This allows us to make sure that the student is receiving a sufficient Hebrew education to prepare him/her for study to become a *bar/bat mitzvah* and to make sure that the tutor is working in conjunction with UH's guidelines.