

# HOME EDUCATION PROGRAM COURSE CATALOG

## MIDDLE SCHOOL: 5-8th GRADE

## 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

### TORAH THROUGH SONGS, LEVEL DALET

**Class Description:** Level Dalet, designed for 5th graders, enriches students' understanding of the Torah and Jewish life. This course focuses on memorization of passages from Chumash, names of books of Mishna and Gemarrah, additional Tehilim, and more Torah facts. These activities help students develop their memorization skills, musical ear, and connect emotionally and spiritually with their heritage.

Duration: Full year, two semesters with break in-between.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### LANGUAGE ARTS V

Class Description: In this dynamic course, students delve into language and literacy through a rich tapestry of creative and experiential learning. Through a Waldorfinspired curriculum, students explore punctuation, spelling, and rhyme building in engaging and meaningful ways. In punctuation, students learn to navigate the intricacies of sentence structure, mastering the use of commas, periods, and quotation marks to convey meaning effectively. Through hands-on activities and interactive games, students develop a keen understanding of punctuation rules and their applications in writing. In spelling, students engage in a variety of activities to expand their vocabulary and strengthen their spelling skills. Through word games, spelling bees, and creative writing exercises, students develop strategies for decoding unfamiliar words and spelling with confidence. In rhyme building, students explore the musicality of language through poetry and verse. Through rhythm exercises, rhyme schemes, and creative writing prompts, students discover the power of rhyme to enhance expression and communication.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### ART V

Class Description: Art V for 5th graders is an enriching art course that combines hands-on artistic creation with an educational exploration of classical and Jewish art traditions. This course specifically focuses on engaging students in art projects that celebrate and reflect the themes of various Jewish holidays (Chagim), integrating artistic skills with cultural and religious understanding.

Throughout the year, students will learn fundamental art techniques such as drawing, painting, and sculpting, and apply these skills to create meaningful projects related to Chagim. For each holiday, students will explore its significance and associated symbols, crafting artworks that might include a Sukkah decoration for Sukkot, a mixed-media illustration of the Exodus for Pesach, or a sculpture for Shavuot depicting Mount Sinai. In addition to practical art-making, the course will cover key periods and figures in classical art history, providing a foundation in art appreciation and technique. Students

will draw parallels between classical artworks and Jewish themes, learning how art across times has expressed spiritual and cultural values.

The study of Jewish art will include traditional and contemporary examples, from historical artifacts to modern interpretations of Jewish life. This will allow students to see how Jewish art has evolved and how it continues to reflect the enduring themes of Jewish history and spirituality.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### CHUMASH AND MIDRASH V

Class Description: Discover the depth of Jewish tradition in Chumash and Midrash V! Through the study of Lashon Kodesh, exploration of texts, and engaging discussions, students will delve into moral teachings, memorize passages, and embrace Midrashic tales. Essays will deepen comprehension, fostering a lasting connection to our heritage. Join us on this enriching journey of exploration and growth!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### HALAKHAH V

Class Description: Halakhah V is an exciting opportunity for 5th graders to delve into advanced concepts of Jewish law and ethics. Through engaging discussions, interactive lessons, and practical applications, students will explore intricate Halakhic principles beyond the basics. From understanding the significance of Shabbat observance to grappling with complex ethical dilemmas, students will develop critical thinking skills and a deeper appreciation for Jewish tradition. This course aims to empower students to apply Halakhic principles to real-life situations, fostering a sense of responsibility and commitment to ethical living. Join us as we embark on this enriching journey of exploration and discovery!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### TORAH MATH V

Class Description: Torah Math V for 5th graders offers an engaging and holistic approach to mathematics, blending traditional math concepts with the spiritual and cultural aspects of Jewish education. This course is designed to nurture not only mathematical skills but also a deeper appreciation for the connections between math, nature, and Torah values. Throughout the year, students will explore core math concepts such as fractions, decimals, percentages, and introductory geometry. Each mathematical topic will be taught through creative, hands-on activities that emphasize real-world applications and connections to Torah and Jewish life. For instance, students might use geometric patterns to design a Star of David or calculate the proportions needed to build a model of the Tabernacle based on descriptions in the Tanach. Incorporating the holistic approach, lessons will often take place outdoors or involve natural materials, helping students see the mathematical patterns in nature and everyday life. Activities like measuring the growth of plants in a garden or mapping the stars during Jewish festivals will link mathematical concepts to the cycles of nature and the Jewish calendar. The curriculum also includes storytelling, where mathematical concepts are woven into tales from Jewish history or parables, making lessons memorable and engaging. This narrative method helps students absorb complex ideas more naturally and see math as a living, breathing subject that is relevant to their lives and heritage. Group projects and collaborative problem-solving will be a staple of the classroom environment, encouraging students to communicate and work together to solve math-related challenges. These activities will foster a sense of community and shared learning that is central to the holistic approach.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **NATURE STUDY V**

Class Description: Nature Study V offers a hands-on exploration into the interconnectedness of natural systems, presenting nature as one harmonious organism. Through engaging practical exercises, captivating experiments, immersive observation sessions, and reflective essays, 5th graders delve into the intricate relationships that define our natural world. From understanding the symbiotic connections within ecosystems to appreciating the unity of diverse habitats, students develop a wholistic perspective on nature's processes. This course nurtures a deep reverence for the

interconnected web of life and instills a sense of stewardship towards preserving the integrity and beauty of our planet. Join us on this transformative journey of discovery and interconnectedness with nature!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **OBSERVATION ART IV**

Class Description: In Observation Art IV, students embark on an immersive exploration of human behavior and emotions through artistic observation. Through engaging activities, puzzles, and games, 4th graders delve into the intricacies of human expression, body language, and emotional cues. From deciphering facial expressions to understanding gestures and postures, students hone their observational skills while gaining insights into the complexity of human interaction. Through hands-on projects and collaborative exercises, students cultivate empathy, emotional intelligence, and a deeper understanding of the human experience. Join us as we unlock the secrets of human behavior and emotions through the lens of art observation!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### SPANISH V

Class Description: Spanish V for 5th graders enriches students' language proficiency in their fifth year of study, integrating Spanish language skills with Torah-observant values and practices. This advanced course is designed to deepen students' understanding of both Spanish and the diverse cultures of Spanish-speaking countries through a curriculum that respects and reflects their Jewish heritage. Throughout the year, students will enhance their vocabulary and master complex grammatical structures. They will engage in advanced dialogues and discussions on various topics, including community, ethics, and traditions, drawing parallels between Jewish and Hispanic

cultures. This approach helps students appreciate the universal values shared across cultures while practicing their Spanish language skills. The course will incorporate stories from the Sephardic Jewish community, providing a unique perspective on Jewish life in Spanish-speaking countries.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### FRENCH V

Class Description: French V for 5th graders focuses on advanced grammar, reading comprehension, and writing skills, with the added unique opportunity to read and interpret Tanach in French. Students will master complex grammatical structures such as the conditional and subjunctive moods, expanding their vocabulary and refining both spoken and written proficiency.

Reading activities will include a mix of contemporary texts and sections of the Tanach, enhancing students' ability to analyze and discuss in French. Writing exercises will involve crafting essays and stories, encouraging the application of newly learned grammatical rules and vocabulary.

A special feature of this course is the integration of Tanach study in French, allowing students to connect their linguistic skills with their cultural and spiritual heritage. This approach enriches their understanding and appreciation of both the French language and Jewish traditions.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **GERMAN V**

Class Description: German V for 5th graders enhances listening comprehension and advances reading and writing skills through classical German texts and Tanach excerpts. Students will sharpen their auditory skills with recordings of German literature, improving understanding and fluency. Reading will focus on classical texts

and German-translated passages from the Tanach, enriching vocabulary and exposing students to historical and cultural nuances. Writing activities will concentrate on essays and narrative responses, fostering clear and sophisticated expression. Interactive games and traditional songs will continue to support language retention in a fun and engaging way. By the end of the course, students will be proficient in comprehending, discussing, and writing German, equipped for further academic challenges.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **RUSSIAN V**

Class Description: Russian V for 5th graders continues to build on the foundational language skills acquired in previous levels, introducing more complex grammatical structures and vocabulary to enhance fluency and comprehension. This course is designed to deepen students' understanding of Russian culture and language through immersive and interactive learning experiences.

Throughout the year, students will expand their vocabulary and improve their grammar through engaging activities that include storytelling, dialogues, and written exercises. They will learn to construct more complex sentences and engage in conversations on a

variety of topics such as daily routines, hobbies, school life, and family.

Cultural immersion will be a significant component of the course. Students will explore various aspects of Russian history, traditions, and arts. This will include studying famous Russian literary works in simplified forms, learning about traditional Russian festivals.

Times per week: Twice per week

#### **MISHNAYOT**

Class Description: "Mishnayot" for 5th graders introduces students to the foundational texts of the Mishnah, the first major written collection of Jewish oral traditions. This course is designed to develop basic skills in Mishnaic Hebrew and familiarize students with the structure, themes, and purposes of the Mishnah as a cornerstone of Jewish life and law. Throughout the year, students will explore selected masekhtot (tractates) from the Mishnah, focusing on topics that are accessible and relevant to their daily lives, such as Brachot, which discusses blessings and daily prayers, and Moed, which covers the laws of Shabbat and Jewish holidays. These studies will help students understand the practical applications of Jewish laws and customs.

The course will employ a variety of engaging teaching methods including storytelling, group discussion, and role-playing to help students internalize the lessons. Students will also engage in chevruta (paired study), a traditional method of studying Jewish texts, which fosters collaborative learning and critical thinking. Additionally, students will learn to recognize key terms and phrases in Mishnaic Hebrew, enhancing their ability to understand and interpret the text independently. Projects might include creating visual aids, such as charts or models, to illustrate concepts discussed in the Mishnah, or preparing presentations on how specific mitzvot (commandments) are observed today.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### STORIES FROM TANACH

Class Description: "Stories from Tanach" for 5th graders immerses students in the vibrant narratives that shape Jewish history and spirituality. This course aims to connect students deeply with the characters and events that have defined Jewish identity, using the original Hebrew names and contexts.

Throughout the year, students will explore a variety of stories from the Tanach, starting with the creation narratives in Bereshit (Genesis) and progressing through the foundational tales of the Avot and Imahot. They will delve into the lives of figures such as Avraham, Sarah, Yitzchak, Rivka, Yaakov, and Yosef, examining their challenges, triumphs, and the moral lessons their stories convey.

As the course continues, students will study Yetziat Mitzrayim (the Exodus from Egypt), the giving of the Torah at Har Sinai (Mount Sinai), and the trials and victories of the

Israelites in the desert. The class will also cover the conquest of Canaan, the period of the Shoftim (Judges), and the establishment of the monarchy with Shaul, David, and Shlomo.

Each story will be brought to life through dynamic storytelling, dramatic reenactments, and creative writing. Students will engage in role-playing and simulation games to better understand the historical settings of these narratives. They will also create projects such as dioramas, illustrated timelines, or character studies to express their interpretations of the stories.

Class discussions will focus on the ethical and spiritual lessons of the Tanach stories, linking them to contemporary life and personal growth. Students will learn to draw parallels between the dilemmas faced by biblical characters and those encountered today, fostering moral reasoning and ethical decision-making.

By the end of the course, students will not only have a thorough knowledge of the major stories of the Tanach but also an appreciation of their significance in Jewish tradition and modern life. This course aims to inspire a lifelong passion for biblical studies and a deeper understanding of the values and history that define Jewish heritage.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

### SCIENCE: PRINCIPLES OF PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, AND BIOLOGY - II

Class Description: This course for 5th graders integrates the wonders of physical, chemical, and biological sciences with insights from Torah and examples from Tanach. This course is designed to deepen students' scientific knowledge while connecting it to their Jewish heritage.

In Physics, students will explore concepts such as motion and energy, relating them to stories from Tanach, like David's use of a sling against Goliath, to illustrate the principles of physics in action. Projects might include building models of ancient weapons or simple machines mentioned in Jewish texts.

Chemistry lessons will introduce the periodic table and chemical reactions, alongside discussions about the materials used in the Mishkan (Tabernacle) and the properties of metals like copper and gold, as described in the Tanach. Experiments might include replicating ancient methods of purification or creating compounds similar to those used in biblical times.

Biology will cover ecosystems, plant and animal life, and human anatomy, with references to the diverse species mentioned in the Tanach, such as the animals in

Noah's Ark. Activities will include studying the botanical species found in Israel and understanding their role in biblical stories and Jewish laws.

Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to see science as a means to appreciate the complexity and beauty of God's creation, fostering a deeper connection between their religious beliefs and scientific curiosity. They will learn to formulate hypotheses, conduct experiments, and document their findings, all while reflecting on the ethical and spiritual implications of their studies.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **WOODWORKING I: WHITTLING**

Class Description: In this introductory Woodworking Class, students will experience the basic forms of wood carving – whittling. They will work individually and in groups. Kevlar gloves and tool sets must be purchased separately. Prior to the class, students will be introduced to the rules of safety in woodworking. Some of the projects will include a mezuza, a small bowl, a whistle, and a walking cane.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### LASHON KODESH I

Class Description: In this foundational course, students embark on a journey to explore the sacred language of Hebrew in its written and spoken forms. Through immersive lessons and interactive activities, students develop proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking Hebrew, laying the groundwork for deeper engagement with Jewish texts and traditions. Through guided instruction and practice, students build their Hebrew vocabulary, grammar skills, and comprehension abilities, enabling them to write in ancient Hebrew symbols.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### MUSIC APPRECIATION I

Class Description: World Classical Music offers students an enriching exploration of classical music traditions from around the world. Through listening sessions, historical context, and cultural analysis, students immerse themselves in the diverse sounds and styles of classical music across different cultures and time periods. From Western classical masterpieces to Eastern classical traditions, students discover the rich tapestry of musical expression and artistic innovation. Through guided discussions and interactive activities, students develop a deeper understanding of musical forms, composers, and cultural influences, fostering appreciation and critical engagement with classical music from a global perspective. Join us as we embark on a journey through the timeless beauty and cultural significance of world classical music in Music Appreciation!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **MARINE BIOLOGY I**

Class Description: Dive into the captivating world of Marine Biology I, where students embark on an exhilarating journey through the depths of oceanic wonders. This introductory course offers a comprehensive exploration of marine ecosystems, species diversity, and the interconnectedness of oceanic life. Through hands-on experiments, field trips, interactive labs, and engaging lectures, students discover the fascinating biology of marine organisms and their unique adaptations to aquatic environments. From studying coral reefs to investigating marine food webs, students develop a deep appreciation for the beauty and complexity of the marine world. Join us as we delve into the mysteries of the ocean and unlock its secrets in Marine Biology I!

Times per week: Twice per week

## GEOGRAPHY I: LOCAL GEOGRAPHY (MY STREET, MY NEIGHBORHOOD, MY TOWN)

Class Description: Geography I offers an immersive exploration of local geography, focusing on the intricacies of our immediate surroundings. From dissecting the layout of our streets to mapping out the features of our neighborhoods and towns, students delve into the geographical elements that shape our daily lives. Through interactive field trips, hands-on mapping exercises, and engaging discussions, students gain a deeper understanding of their local environment, its landmarks, and its significance within the broader geographic context. This course fosters a sense of connection to our communities and encourages students to appreciate the geographical diversity and spatial relationships that define our surroundings. Join us as we embark on a journey to discover the geography of our own backyard in Geography I!

Times per week: Twice per week

## 6th GRADE

#### CHUMASH AND MIDRASH VI

Class Description:

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### HALAKHAH VI

Class Description:

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **MISHNAYOT II**

Class Description: Mishnayot II delves into the rich tradition of Jewish legal texts, focusing on the study of Mishnah, a foundational work of Jewish law. Students will explore selected Mishnayot (passages) from tractates such as Berakhot (Blessings), Shabbat (Sabbath), Pesachim (Passover), and Bava Kama (First Gate). Through in-depth analysis, textual interpretation, and historical context, students will gain insight into diverse legal topics and ethical principles. Engaging discussions, collaborative study sessions, and reflective exercises deepen students' understanding of Mishnaic texts and their relevance to contemporary Jewish life. This course fosters critical thinking skills, textual literacy, and a deeper connection to Jewish legal tradition. Join us as we journey through the timeless wisdom of Mishnayot in Mishnayot II!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### LASHON KODESH II

Class Description: Building upon the foundational knowledge gained in Lashon Kodesh I, students continue their exploration of the sacred language of Hebrew in its

written and spoken forms. Through interactive lessons and engaging activities, students deepen their proficiency in reading, writing, and conversing in Hebrew, further preparing them for meaningful engagement with Jewish texts and traditions. Guided instruction and practice focus on expanding vocabulary, refining grammar skills, and enhancing comprehension abilities, empowering students to communicate more fluently in ancient Hebrew symbols and modern Hebrew language.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### TORAH MATH VI

Class Description: Embark on an enlightening journey through Torah Math VI, where 6th-grade students unravel the mathematical marvels intertwined within the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible). Through selected passages, students explore a spectrum of mathematical concepts, from positive rational numbers to statistical analysis, enriching their understanding of both mathematics and scripture. From adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals and fractions to delving into integers, negative rational numbers, and algebraic expressions, students engage in hands-on activities and problem-solving exercises. This interdisciplinary course fosters critical thinking skills, encouraging students to make connections between mathematical principles and biblical teachings. Join us as we discover the beauty of mathematics within the sacred texts of Tanakh!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### MUSIC APPRECIATION II

Class Description: Music Appreciation II offers students a captivating exploration of traditional Jewish music from diverse cultural backgrounds worldwide. Through immersive listening experiences, historical context, and cultural analysis, students delve into the rich tapestry of Jewish musical traditions spanning continents and centuries. From Sephardic melodies to Ashkenazi tunes, students discover the diverse sounds, rhythms, and styles that define Jewish musical expression. Through guided discussions and interactive activities, students deepen their understanding of the cultural and religious significance of Jewish music, exploring its role in shaping Jewish identity and community cohesion. Join us as we celebrate the vibrant and multifaceted world of Jewish music in Music Appreciation II!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### ART VI

Class Description: Art VI offers 6th-grade students a transformative exploration of artistic expression rooted in Tanakh concepts and everyday life experiences. Through hands-on projects and guided instruction, students delve into traditional artistic mediums to convey emotions, themes, and narratives found in Tanakh texts as well as their own daily lives. From interpreting biblical stories and characters through visual representation to expressing personal feelings and experiences through art, students explore the intersection of spirituality, creativity, and self-expression. Through this immersive experience, students cultivate a deeper connection to Tanakh teachings and develop their ability to communicate and process emotions through artistic means. Join us as we embark on a journey of creative discovery, drawing inspiration from Tanakh wisdom and the richness of our own lived experiences in Art VI!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### NATURE STUDY VI

Class Description: Nature Study VI offers 6th-grade students an engaging exploration of environmental awareness in a virtual setting. Through interactive online sessions, multimedia resources, and virtual field trips, students delve into the intricacies of ecosystems, biodiversity, and environmental conservation. From studying the interconnectedness of living organisms to exploring human impact on the environment, students engage in discussions, hands-on activities, and collaborative projects that deepen their understanding of ecological concepts. Through this virtual journey, students develop a sense of responsibility towards environmental stewardship and learn practical strategies for sustainable living in an increasingly interconnected world. Join us as we embark on an online exploration of nature and environmental awareness in Nature Study VI!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### **OBSERVATION ART IV**

Class Description: Observation of Animal Behavior VI offers students an in-depth exploration of animal behavior through direct observation and scientific inquiry. In this course, students study various animal species in their natural habitats, focusing on behaviors such as foraging, communication, and social interactions. Through guided observation sessions and field studies, students learn to recognize patterns in animal behavior and understand their ecological significance. By documenting their observations and conducting research, students deepen their understanding of the complex interactions between animals and their environments. Through this hands-on approach, students cultivate critical thinking skills, scientific inquiry, and a greater appreciation for the wonders of the natural world. Join us as we delve into the fascinating realm of animal behavior in Observation of Animal Behavior VII

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **WOODWORKING II: BASIC WOOD PROJECTS**

Class Description: Woodworking II invites students to delve into the rich tradition of Jewish craftsmanship through the creation of practical and meaningful projects. Focusing on basic woodworking techniques, students learn to craft items inspired by Jewish tradition and holidays. From crafting mezuzah cases to designing cutting boards and knife handles, students explore the intersection of woodworking craftsmanship and Jewish cultural practices. Through hands-on projects and guided instruction, students develop woodworking skills while deepening their understanding of Jewish traditions and values. Join us as we blend creativity and tradition in Woodworking II!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### LANGUAGE ARTS VI

Class Description: Language Arts VI focuses on honing grammar, punctuation, and writing skills for 6th-grade students. Through interactive lessons and writing exercises, students refine their understanding of grammar rules, punctuation usage, and writing mechanics. Emphasis is placed on the writing process, from brainstorming to editing, to develop coherent and compelling compositions. Creative writing prompts foster imaginative expression, while grammar and punctuation mastery enhances clarity and coherence in students' written communication. Join us as we cultivate effective writing skills and confident communication in Language Arts VI!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

## SCIENCE IV: INTERMEDIATE CONCEPTS OF PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, AND BIOLOGY - CONTINUED

Class Description: Science IV offers an in-depth exploration of intermediate concepts in physics, chemistry, and biology, extending beyond foundational knowledge. Through hands-on experiments, interactive discussions, and engaging activities, students investigate the fundamental principles underlying these scientific disciplines. In physics, students explore topics such as energy, motion, and forces, applying principles to understand real-world phenomena. In chemistry, students delve into chemical reactions, properties of matter, and atomic structure, conducting experiments to deepen their understanding. In biology, students examine cellular biology and ecology, exploring the interconnectedness of living organisms and ecosystems. Through this interdisciplinary approach, students cultivate critical thinking skills and gain a deeper appreciation for the natural world. Join us as we continue our scientific journey in Science IV!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### **FRENCH VI**

Class Description: French VI offers students an immersive experience in advanced language proficiency and cultural exploration. Through interactive lessons, discussions, and activities, students refine their French language skills while delving into the diverse cultures of French-speaking regions worldwide. This course covers complex grammar structures, extensive vocabulary, and advanced reading and writing tasks to enhance students' language fluency and comprehension. Additionally, students explore French literature, art, music, and cuisine, gaining a deeper understanding of Francophone societies. As a unique component, students will have the opportunity to read selected passages from the Tanach in French, providing insights into biblical narratives and themes within the context of the French language. Join us as we embark on a captivating journey through language and culture in French VI!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **GERMAN VI**

Class Description: German VI provides students with an immersive experience in advanced language proficiency and cultural exploration. Through interactive lessons, discussions, and activities, students refine their German language skills while delving into the rich tapestry of German-speaking cultures around the world. This course encompasses complex grammar structures, extensive vocabulary, and advanced reading and writing tasks to enhance students' language fluency and comprehension. Additionally, students explore German literature, art, music, and cuisine, fostering a deep understanding of German-speaking societies. As a unique component, students will have the opportunity to read selected passages from the Tanach in German, offering insights into biblical narratives and themes within the context of the German language. Join us as we embark on an enriching journey through language and culture in German VI!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### **SPANISH VI**

Class Description: Spanish VI offers students an immersive experience in advanced language proficiency and cultural exploration. Through interactive lessons, discussions, and activities, students refine their Spanish language skills while deepening their understanding of Spanish-speaking cultures around the world. This course covers complex grammar structures, extensive vocabulary, and advanced reading and writing tasks to enhance students' language fluency and comprehension. Additionally, students explore Spanish literature, art, music, and cuisine, providing a holistic understanding of Spanish-speaking cultures. As a unique component, students will have the opportunity to read selected passages from the Tanakh in Spanish, offering insights into biblical narratives and themes in the context of the Spanish language. Join us as we embark on an enriching journey through language and culture in Spanish VI!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **RUSSIAN VI**

Class Description: Reading Tanakh in Russian offers students a unique opportunity to engage with the sacred texts of the Tanakh in the Russian language. Through guided reading sessions, textual analysis, and discussions, students not only refine their Russian language skills but also explore the profound teachings and narratives of the Hebrew Bible in a new linguistic context. By delving into the poetic language and literary style of the Tanakh in Russian translation, students deepen their understanding of biblical themes, characters, and historical events. This immersive experience provides spiritual insights and cultural appreciation for the timeless wisdom of the Tanakh while enhancing students' proficiency in the Russian language. Join us as we embark on a transformative journey through the Tanakh in Reading Tanakh in Russian!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### **GEOGRAPHY II: U.S. CITIES AND STATES**

Class Description: Geography II offers students a comprehensive exploration of U.S. cities and states, delving into their geographic, cultural, and historical significance. Through interactive lessons, map analysis, and virtual tours, students embark on a journey across the diverse landscapes and regions of the United States. From iconic cities to lesser-known regions, students learn about the characteristics, landmarks, and economic activities of different states and cities. Through this course, students develop a deeper understanding of the geographical diversity and cultural richness of the United States, fostering appreciation for the interconnectedness of local and national communities. Join us as we explore the vibrant tapestry of U.S. cities and states in Geography II!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### GEMARRAH I/TALMUD I

Class Description: Gemara I/Talmud I introduces students to the study of Rabbinic texts and traditional Jewish study methods. Through guided instruction and interactive discussions, students explore foundational concepts of the Talmud, including textual analysis, interpretation, and application to contemporary issues. Each student will be paired up with a chavrutah (study partner), fostering collaborative learning and peer support. By delving into selected Talmudic passages and engaging in chavruta study, students develop critical thinking skills, analytical abilities, and a deeper appreciation for Jewish legal and ethical teachings. Join us as we embark on a journey of intellectual discovery and spiritual growth in Gemara I/Talmud I!

Times per week: Twice per week

## 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE

#### CHUMASH AND MIDRASH VII

Class Description: Chumash and Midrash VII offers students a unique opportunity to apply Torah and Rabbinic literature to real-life situations and contemporary challenges. Through immersive study of biblical texts and Midrashic interpretations, students explore ethical dilemmas, moral principles, and timeless wisdom relevant to modernday living. By delving into narratives and teachings from the Chumash and Midrash, students uncover practical insights that can guide their decision-making, interpersonal relationships, and ethical conduct in everyday life. Through interactive discussions, case studies, and reflective exercises, students learn to draw connections between ancient wisdom and present-day experiences, fostering personal growth and ethical awareness. Join us as we bridge the gap between tradition and modernity in Chumash and Midrash VII, applying timeless teachings to navigate the complexities of contemporary life.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### HALAKHAH VII

Class Description: Halakhah VII offers advanced studies in Jewish law and ethics for students seeking a deeper understanding of traditional legal principles and their practical applications. Through interactive discussions, case studies, and textual analysis, students explore complex legal concepts and ethical dilemmas within Jewish tradition. Building upon foundational knowledge, students delve into specialized areas of halakhic inquiry, such as family law, business ethics, and medical ethics. Through engagement with primary texts and rabbinic commentaries, students develop critical thinking skills and learn to navigate contemporary issues through a halakhic lens. This course fosters a deeper appreciation for the richness and relevance of Jewish legal tradition in addressing moral challenges in the modern world. Join us as we embark on an intellectual and ethical journey in Halakhah VIII

Times per week: Twice per week

#### LASHON KODESH III

Class Description: Lashon Kodesh III offers students an advanced exploration of the Hebrew language, focusing on differentiation of its developmental stages and basic comparative analysis with other Semitic languages. Through structured lessons and interactive discussions, students deepen their understanding of Hebrew's historical evolution, from biblical to modern forms. They engage in comparative analysis, discerning similarities and differences between Hebrew and other Semitic languages, enriching their linguistic perspective. By delving into Hebrew texts spanning various periods, students enhance their reading comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, and grammatical proficiency. Through this immersive experience, students not only develop a deeper connection to Hebrew language and culture but also cultivate critical thinking skills in linguistic analysis. Join us as we journey through the rich tapestry of Hebrew language in Lashon Kodesh III!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **GEOMETRY: SHAPES IN NATURE**

Class Description: Geometry: Shapes in Nature Exploration is an engaging course designed to introduce 7th-grade students to the fundamental principles of geometry through the exploration of shapes found in the natural world. Through hands-on activities, interactive discussions, and outdoor excursions, students discover the geometric patterns and structures present in various natural phenomena, such as plants, animals, and geological formations. By observing and analyzing these shapes, students deepen their understanding of geometric concepts such as symmetry, proportion, and spatial relationships. Through this interdisciplinary approach, students develop critical thinking skills while fostering a greater appreciation for the beauty and complexity of nature. Join us as we uncover the wonders of geometry hidden in the world around us in Geometry: Shapes in Nature Exploration!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### **ART VII**

Class Description: Art VII offers students an advanced exploration of visual arts and creative expression, delving into a diverse range of artistic mediums, techniques, and styles. Through hands-on projects, critical analysis, and experimentation, students refine their artistic skills while exploring complex themes and concepts. From traditional drawing and painting to digital media and sculpture, students have the opportunity to push the boundaries of their creativity and develop their unique artistic voice. Emphasis is placed on personal expression, aesthetic refinement, and conceptual development, allowing students to deepen their understanding of the artistic process and its role in society. Through guided critiques, portfolio development, and exhibition opportunities, students cultivate a professional approach to their artistic practice, preparing them for future endeavors in the art world and beyond. Join us as we embark on an enriching journey of artistic discovery and self-expression in Art VIII

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **OBSERVATION ART VI**

Class Description: Observation VI offers students an immersive exploration of intercultural human behavior, focusing on understanding cultural differences, mannerisms, body language, and speech. Through interactive activities, real-world observations, and cross-cultural comparisons, students delve into the nuances of human behavior across diverse cultural contexts. From studying gestures and communication styles to examining social norms and customs, students gain insights into the complexity and richness of intercultural interactions. Through guided reflection and analysis, students develop cultural competence, empathy, and communication skills essential for navigating diverse global environments. Join us as we embark on a journey of cultural discovery and understanding in Observation VI!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### **WOODWORKING III: INTERMEDIATE WOOD PROJECTS**

Class Description: Woodworking III offers students the opportunity to advance their woodworking skills through engaging intermediate-level projects. From furniture pieces to decorative items, students tackle a variety of wood projects designed to build upon their foundational knowledge. Through hands-on instruction and guided practice, students learn advanced techniques in woodworking, including joinery, carving, and finishing. Emphasis is placed on craftsmanship, design principles, and safety practices throughout the course. By completing intermediate-level projects, students gain confidence in their woodworking abilities and develop a deeper appreciation for the artistry of woodworking. Join us as we continue our woodworking journey and create beautiful, functional pieces in Woodworking III!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### LANGUAGE ARTS VII

Class Description: Language Arts VII provides students with comprehensive language and literature studies, encompassing grammar and punctuation review, writing halakhic essays, exploring various writing styles, poetry writing, and classical readings of Torah-based stories and kosher classics. Through interactive lessons, discussions, and hands-on activities, students refine their language skills and literary analysis abilities. The curriculum includes in-depth grammar and punctuation reviews to reinforce foundational concepts, allowing students to apply them effectively in their writing. Students engage in the art of writing halakhic essays, exploring complex ethical and legal issues within Jewish tradition. Additionally, students explore various writing styles, honing their ability to adapt their writing for different purposes and audiences. Through poetry writing, students unleash their creativity and expressiveness, exploring themes relevant to their personal experiences and broader societal issues. Finally, students delve into classical readings of Torah-based stories and kosher classics, gaining insights into timeless themes and moral lessons. Join us as we embark on a journey of language mastery and literary exploration in Language Arts VII!

Times per week: Twice per week

## SCIENCE V: ADVANCED CONCEPTS OF PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, AND BIOLOGY - CONTINUED

Class Description: Science V provides students with a continuation of advanced concepts in physics, chemistry, and biology, building upon their existing knowledge. Through hands-on experiments, interactive discussions, and independent research, students explore complex topics in each discipline, gaining a deeper understanding of the natural world. In physics, students delve into advanced principles such as electromagnetism, thermodynamics, and quantum mechanics, applying mathematical concepts to real-world phenomena. In chemistry, students investigate molecular structures, chemical reactions, and organic chemistry, conducting laboratory experiments to deepen their understanding. In biology, students explore advanced topics such as genetics, evolution, and ecological systems, examining the interconnectedness of life on Earth. Through this interdisciplinary approach, students develop critical thinking skills and a deeper appreciation for the complexities of the physical and biological sciences. Join us as we continue our scientific exploration in Science V!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### FRENCH VII

Class Description: French VII offers students a practical immersion into the French language with a Torah-based focus, emphasizing real-world applications and cultural connections. Through interactive lessons and discussions, students refine their language skills while engaging in Torah-based conversations and readings. Students explore practical applications of French language, including everyday conversations, professional interactions, and religious contexts. Additionally, students read and translate selected passages from Tanach, deepening their understanding of biblical texts while enhancing their language proficiency. With a focus on Torah-based content, students develop vocabulary, grammar, and comprehension skills relevant to religious and cultural contexts. Join us as we bridge language and faith in French VII, where linguistic mastery meets spiritual exploration!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### **GERMAN VII**

Class Description: German VII offers students an immersive exploration of the German language with a Torah-based focus, emphasizing practical applications and cultural integration. Through interactive lessons and discussions, students refine their language skills while engaging in conversations and readings rooted in Torah and Jewish texts. From everyday dialogue to professional discourse and religious contexts, students develop fluency across various linguistic domains within the German-speaking world. Furthermore, students delve into selected passages from the Tanach, enhancing their comprehension of biblical texts while strengthening their language proficiency. With an emphasis on Torah-based content, students expand their vocabulary, grammar, and cultural understanding in alignment with religious contexts. Join us for an enriching journey where German language mastery intertwines with spiritual exploration in German VII!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **SPANISH VII**

Class Description:

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **RUSSIAN VII**

Class Description: Russian VII invites students to delve into the rich tapestry of Ketuvim (Writings) in the Russian language. Through immersive sessions and discussions, students refine their Russian language skills while exploring the profound texts of Ketuvim, including Psalms and other sacred writings. Emphasis is placed on vocabulary expansion, grammar proficiency, and reading comprehension within the context of these sacred texts. Students deepen their understanding of Russian language and Jewish heritage as they explore the cultural and historical significance of Ketuvim. Join us for a rewarding journey where language mastery merges with spiritual exploration in Russian VII!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### GEOGRAPHY III: WORLD GEOGRAPHY

Class Description: Geography III offers students a comprehensive exploration of world geography, providing a broad understanding of the diverse landscapes, cultures, and regions across the globe. Through interactive lessons, discussions, and activities, students delve into the physical, cultural, and economic aspects of different continents, countries, and regions. From the vast plains of Africa to the bustling cities of Asia, students learn about the unique features, natural resources, and human societies that shape our world. Emphasis is placed on developing spatial awareness, map reading skills, and critical thinking through hands-on projects and research assignments. Join us as we embark on an enlightening journey to explore the wonders of world geography in Geography III!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### GEMARRAH II/TALMUD II

Class Description: Gemara II/Talmud II offers students an advanced exploration of Rabbinic texts, building upon the foundational knowledge gained in previous courses. Through in-depth analysis, textual discussions, and critical inquiry, students delve into complex legal and ethical issues presented in the Talmudic literature. Emphasis is placed on developing proficiency in Talmudic methodology, including textual interpretation, logical reasoning, and argumentation. Students engage in rigorous study of selected tractates, exploring intricate legal debates and ethical dilemmas within Jewish law. Through interactive sessions and collaborative study, students cultivate analytical thinking skills and deepen their understanding of Rabbinic thought. Join us as we embark on a challenging yet rewarding journey through the depths of Talmudic study in Gemara II/Talmud II!

Times per week: Twice per week

## 8th GRADE

#### NAVII AND KETUVIM: OVERVIEW

Class Description: Nevi'im and Ketuvim offers students an overview of the Prophetic and Writings books of the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible), providing insights into their historical context, themes, and literary styles. Through interactive lessons, textual analysis, and discussions, students explore the diverse collection of prophetic writings and poetic literature that comprise Nevi'im (Prophets) and Ketuvim (Writings). The course delves into key figures and events depicted in these books, examining their relevance to Jewish history, faith, and tradition. Emphasis is placed on understanding the messages conveyed by the prophets and the wisdom contained in the writings, as well as their enduring significance in Jewish life and thought. Join us as we journey through the inspiring narratives and timeless wisdom of Nevi'im and Ketuvim in this captivating overview course.

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### LASHON KODESH IV

Class Description: Lashon Kodesh IV offers students an advanced exploration of the Hebrew language through in-depth study of Tanakh and linguistic analysis. Through immersive lessons, textual examination, and interactive discussions, students deepen their understanding of biblical Hebrew and its roots. The course focuses on unraveling the linguistic intricacies of Tanakh passages, exploring Hebrew grammar, syntax, and vocabulary within their biblical context. Additionally, students delve into the connections between Hebrew and other languages, identifying Hebrew roots and linguistic influences. Emphasis is placed on developing language proficiency, critical thinking skills, and a deeper appreciation for the sacred language of Hebrew. Join us as we embark on a journey through the linguistic and literary wonders of Lashon Kodesh in Lashon Kodesh IV!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### TORAH MATH VIII: PRINCIPLES OF ALGEBRA AND GEOMETRY

Class Description: Math VIII introduces students to the fundamental principles of algebra and geometry, providing a solid foundation for further mathematical study. Through interactive lessons, problem-solving activities, and real-world applications, students explore key concepts in algebraic expressions, equations, and geometric figures. Emphasis is placed on understanding mathematical relationships, applying algebraic techniques to solve problems, and reasoning geometrically. Topics include linear equations, quadratic functions, geometric properties, and transformations. Through hands-on exploration and collaborative learning, students develop critical thinking skills and mathematical proficiency. Join us as we dive into the fascinating world of algebra and geometry in Math VIII!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### ART VIII: MIXED MEDIA AND 3D ART

Class Description: Art VIII introduces students to the dynamic world of mixed media and 3D art, offering a hands-on exploration of diverse artistic techniques and materials. Through interactive workshops, creative projects, and experimentation, students discover the versatility of combining different mediums to create expressive works of art. From collage and assemblage to sculpture and installation, students learn to navigate the complexities of working in three dimensions. Emphasis is placed on fostering creativity, developing technical skills, and cultivating personal artistic expression. Through guided critiques and reflection, students refine their artistic vision and engage in meaningful dialogue about their work. Join us as we push the boundaries of traditional artmaking and unleash our creativity in Art VIII: Mixed Media and 3D Art!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### **WOODWORKING IV: ADVANCED WOOD PROJECTS**

Class Description: Woodworking IV offers students the opportunity to further advance their woodworking skills through challenging and intricate projects. Building upon previous knowledge and techniques, students engage in the design and construction of advanced wood projects that push the boundaries of craftsmanship and creativity. From fine furniture pieces to complex joinery and carving, students explore a wide range of woodworking techniques and methods. Emphasis is placed on precision, attention to detail, and the integration of advanced woodworking tools and machinery. Through hands-on instruction and guided practice, students refine their skills as they work towards mastering the art of woodworking. Join us as we embark on a journey of craftsmanship and innovation in Woodworking IV: Advanced Wood Projects!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes

Medium: Zoom

#### MUSIC APPRECIATION III

Class Description: Music Appreciation III delves into the exploration of contemporary music, focusing on the elements that contribute to creating exceptional compositions. Through interactive sessions, critical listening exercises, and discussions, students analyze various genres and styles of contemporary music, identifying the qualities that define excellence in composition and performance. Emphasis is placed on developing a discerning ear and cultivating an appreciation for diverse musical expressions. Students explore the cultural and social context of contemporary music, considering how different factors influence artistic creativity and innovation. Through guided exploration and reflection, students develop their musical taste and deepen their understanding of what constitutes good contemporary music. Join us as we journey through the dynamic landscape of contemporary music and cultivate a nuanced appreciation for its artistry in Music Appreciation III!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes

Medium: Zoom

#### LANGUAGE ARTS VIII

Class Description: Language Arts VIII offers students an advanced exploration of language and literature, encompassing a wide range of genres, styles, and themes. Through interactive lessons, critical analysis, and creative projects, students deepen their understanding of language structure, literary techniques, and cultural contexts. The curriculum encompasses advanced grammar and punctuation review, sophisticated writing styles, literary analysis, and the exploration of diverse literary works. Students engage with classic and contemporary texts, examining themes of identity, society, and human experience. Emphasis is placed on honing critical thinking skills, fostering creativity, and developing effective communication skills in both written and verbal expression. Join us as we embark on a journey of intellectual discovery and literary exploration in Language Arts VIII!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **FRENCH VIII**

Class Description: French VIII offers students an advanced continuation of Tanakh studies alongside intensive language practice in conversation, reading, and writing skills. Through immersive lessons and interactive activities, students deepen their understanding of French language and culture while engaging with Tanakh texts. Emphasis is placed on developing proficiency in conversation through structured dialogues and discussions centered around biblical themes and narratives. Additionally, students enhance their reading comprehension skills through the study of selected passages from Tanakh, focusing on vocabulary acquisition and textual analysis. Writing skills are refined through various writing tasks, including summaries, essays, and creative responses inspired by Tanakh stories. Join us as we combine the exploration of sacred texts with language mastery in French VIII!

Times per week: Twice per week

#### **GERMAN VIII**

Class Description: German VIII provides students with an advanced exploration of Tanakh studies alongside comprehensive language development in German. Through engaging lessons and interactive exercises, students deepen their understanding of German language and culture while immersing themselves in Tanakh texts. The course emphasizes the integration of language skills with biblical exploration, encouraging students to engage in conversation, reading, and writing activities related to biblical themes and narratives. Students refine their conversational proficiency through structured discussions, practice reading comprehension with selected passages from Tanakh, and enhance their writing skills through various assignments, including essays and creative responses inspired by biblical stories. Join us as we combine the richness of Tanakh studies with the mastery of the German language in German VIII!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **SPANISH VIII**

Class Description: Spanish VIII offers students an advanced exploration of Spanish language proficiency alongside immersive cultural exploration. Through dynamic lessons and interactive activities, students deepen their understanding of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture. Emphasis is placed on developing advanced language skills in conversation, reading, and writing, with a focus on fluency and accuracy. Additionally, students engage in cultural exploration through the study of literature, art, music, and film from Spanish-speaking regions worldwide. Through discussions, projects, and presentations, students further develop their cultural competence and appreciation for the diversity of the Spanish-speaking world. Join us as we continue our journey through the richness of the Spanish language and culture in Spanish VIII!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### **RUSSIAN VIII**

Class Description: Russian VIII offers students an advanced exploration of Tanakh studies alongside language mastery in Russian. Through engaging lessons and interactive exercises, students deepen their understanding of the Russian language

while immersing themselves in Tanakh texts. The course integrates language development with biblical exploration, encouraging students to engage in reading, conversation, and writing activities related to biblical themes and narratives. Emphasis is placed on advanced language skills, including vocabulary acquisition, grammar refinement, and comprehension strategies, all within the context of Tanakh study. Join us as we combine the depth of Tanakh studies with the mastery of the Russian language in Russian VIII!

Times per week: Twice per week

Class Period: 45 minutes Medium: Online/Zoom

#### GEMARRAH III/TALMUD III

Class Description: Gemara III/Talmud III offers students an advanced exploration of Rabbinic texts, building upon the knowledge acquired in previous courses. Through indepth analysis, textual discussions, and critical inquiry, students delve into complex legal and ethical issues presented in Talmudic literature. Emphasis is placed on honing proficiency in Talmudic methodology, including textual interpretation, logical reasoning, and argumentation. Students engage in rigorous study of selected tractates, exploring intricate legal debates and ethical dilemmas within Jewish law. Through interactive sessions and collaborative study, students further develop analytical thinking skills and deepen their understanding of Rabbinic thought. Join us as we embark on a challenging yet rewarding journey through the depths of Talmudic study in Gemara III/Talmud III!

Times per week: Twice per week