

# PACT -- Parent And Child Together

Our PACT Program is 'packed' full of learning & meaningful experiences together!

PACT is for those seeking a different type of involvement in Jewish learning and living as a family. It offers a one-day per week schedule for the children and more flexibility and choices in schedule for families.

The PACT Program includes these components:

## Fourth Grade PACT classes – Weekly afternoon classes (4:30–6:30 p.m.)

Students have a Hebrew Language Class and a Judaica Class by grade.

- Hebrew Language: letter recognition, decoding words, reading prayer book and holiday-related prayers and blessings
- Judaica Class: Introduction to stories from the Torah; exploring God in our world
- Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials (see below)

The PACT students also have music class and Worship assemblies with the other afternoon Religious School classes.

## Fifth Grade PACT classes – Weekly afternoon classes (4:30–6:30 p.m.)

Students have a Hebrew Language Class and a Judaica Class by grade.

- Hebrew Language: Shabbat prayers and blessings: meanings and mastery
- Judaica Class: the Jewish life-cycle and the land and State of Israel
- Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials (see below)

The PACT students also have music class and Worship assemblies with the other afternoon Religious School classes.

## Sixth Grade PACT classes – Weekly afternoon classes (4:30–6:30 p.m.)

Students have a Hebrew Language Class and a Judaica Class by grade.

- Hebrew Language: Chanting the prayers of Shabbat service
- Judaica Class: Jewish Heroes from Biblical times to present day
- Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials (see below)

The PACT students also have music class and Worship assemblies with the other Religious School classes.

## Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials

In addition to their weekly Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon class, each student has an individual 15-minute session with a Hebrew Language teacher. These are in-person, by phone or by Skype/Facetime; the schedule is set by the teacher and individual parents at the beginning of the school year.

**PACT REQUIREMENTS:** Families are expected to attend a total of eight of the Foundation programs and Family experiences throughout the year. They are generally offered on Sunday mornings (9:30–11:00 a.m.) and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (6:30–7:45 p.m.). See below for separate Worship Service and Tzedakah requirements.

## PACT Foundation Programs

Each year the Foundation Programs follow a theme. During these programs, parents and children learn together, participate in special events and have a chance to get to know other PACT families.

## **Fourth / Fifth Grade PACT Foundation Program Dates for 2025-2026**

November 12, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grades 6:30-7:45 p.m.
January 24 Saturday afternoon	PACT Foundation Prog. Fourth/Fifth Grades 4:30-5:15 p.m. (Zoom)
March 24, Tuesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grades 6:30-7:45 p.m.
April 29, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grades 6:30-7:45 p.m.

## **Sixth Grade PACT Foundation Program Dates for 2025-2026**

November 19, Wednesday evening	PACT Mitzvah Day Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grades 6:30-7:45 p.m.
January 25, Sunday morning	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 9:30-10:15 a.m. (Zoom)
March 11, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 6:30-7:45 p.m.
April 15, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 6:30-7:45 p.m.

## **Family Experiences for All Grades**

September 7, Sunday morning	Religious School Kickoff, 9:30 a.m.
October 6, Wednesday evening	Sukkot Pizza in the Hut, 5:45 p.m.
November 2, Sunday morning	Kindness Day, 11 a.m.-12:30 a.m.
December 7, Sunday morning	Hanukkah Happening, 9:30 a.m.
January 11, Sunday morning	Rabbi Challah Program, 11:30 a.m.
February 8 Sunday morning	Bingo Brunch Fundraiser, 11 a.m.
March 1, Sunday morning	Purim Celebration, 11 a.m.
May 4, Sunday morning	Temple Mitzvah Day, 9:00 a.m.
May 17, Sunday morning	Family Fun Day, 9:30 a.m.

## **Acts of Tzedakah:**

Each family participates in a Social Action project or program. These may be events held at Temple Beth David, such as making sandwiches for a local soup kitchen, or it may be a project in the community.

## **Worship Services:**

Students & Parents are expected to attend the following number of in-person worship services during the school year: Fourth graders should attend eight services, Fifth and sixth graders should attend ten services. These services may include holiday, festival, B-mitzvah and Shabbat worship. Students who attend services at another temple should inform their teacher so that they may receive credit. Grades four through seven are expected to attend their grade level service as follows:

September 23	Rosh HaShanah Services (Children's Service 1 p.m.)
October 1-2	Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur Services (Children's Service 1 p.m.)
October 6	Pizza in the Hut/Sukkot Service 5:45 p.m.
October 13	Simhat Torah & New Student Consecration 6:30 p.m.
November 7	K-3 Art Show, Preneg 6:00 p.m. & Shabbat Service 6:30 p.m.
December 5	Sixth/Seventh Grade Preneg 6:00 p.m. & Shabbat Service, 6:30 p.m.
February 6	Second/Third/Fourth Grade Singing Shabbat Service 6:30 & Preneg 6:00 p.m.
March 6	Fifth Grade Preneg 6:00 p.m. & Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m.
May 1	Fourth Grade Preneg & Prayer Book Service 6:30 p.m.& preneg 6:00 p.m.

## **PACT Instructors and Staff:**

Rabbi Klafter and Dr. Gursky supervise the PACT Program and coordinate the Family Foundation Programs.