

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

October 20, Tuesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grades 6:30-7:45 p.m.
December 2, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Prog. Fourth/Fifth Grades 4:30-5:15 p.m. (Zoom)
January 23, Saturday afternoon	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grades 6:30-7:45 p.m.
April 6, Tuesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grades 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Sixth/Seventh Grade PACT Foundation Program Dates for 2025-2026

October 28, Wednesday evening	PACT Mitzvah Day Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grades 6:30-7:45 p.m.
December 9, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 9:30-10:15 a.m. (Zoom)
January 24, Sunday afternoon	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 6:30-7:45 p.m.
April 7, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Family Experiences for All Grades

September 25, Sunday morning	Sukkot Pizza in the Hut 5:45 p.m. & Sukkot Service 6:30 p.m.
November 4, Wednesday evening	Paint & Sip Fundraiser, time tba
November 15, Sunday morning	Kindness Week Kickoff (Singing at Gurwin), 11 a.m.-12:30 a.m.
November 22, Sunday morning	Kindness Week Finale (Food Drive), time tba
December 13, Sunday morning	Hanukkah Happening, 9:30 a.m.
February 7, Sunday morning	Bingo Brunch Fundraiser, 11 a.m.
March 21, Sunday morning	Purim Celebration, 11 a.m.
May 2, Sunday morning	Temple Mitzvah Day, 9:00 a.m.
May 16, 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 11-13	Rosh HaShanah Services (Children's Service 9/12, 1 p.m.)
September 20-21	Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur Services (Children's Service 9/21, 1 p.m.)
September 25	Sukkot Service 6:30 p.m.
October 13	Simhat Torah & New Student Consecration, 6:30 p.m. & Preneg 6:00 p.m.
November 6	Sixth/Seventh Grade, Preneg 6:00 p.m. & Shabbat Service 6:30 p.m.
February 5	Second/Third/Fourth Grade Singing Shabbat Service 6:30 & Preneg 6:00 p.m.
March 5	Fifth Grade Preneg 6:00 p.m. & Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m.
April 2	K-3 Art Show, 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 Klaffer and Dr. Gursky supervise the PACT Program and coordinate the Family Foundation Programs.