

Hebrew Through Movement, a program designed to capitalize on natural language acquisition techniques. It's fun, social, and though it uses modern Hebrew vocabulary as its base, it gives primes the students for reading Hebrew as well as creating positive connections with the language as it is spoken and heard.

Why?

Because Hebrew is the first language of Jewish prayer and is woven deeply into our culture and our religious practices and holiday celebrations.

The Jewish people is gifted with layers of a rich linguistic heritage – sacred text, prayer, modern Hebrew, poetry. We hope to give our students tastes of Hebrew in many different modes including prayer, song, Torah, ritual and holiday vocabulary, and modern spoken Hebrew.

Why not teach conversational Hebrew?

As a congregational school, we don't see our students nearly enough to make any meaningful language education possible beyond basic greetings and vocabulary and the ability to decode the written word. Without immersion or daily usage, it is not a realistic goal.

We do teach some modern Hebrew words and phrases. Students who have learned to read Hebrew and have the music of the language in their ears and on their lips **do** have a significantly easier time when they study conversational Hebrew in college or later.



How is Hebrew taught at CJE?

In just about every way we can! We rarely use worksheets and **never** assign busy work. We do require Hebrew reading practice to be done aloud at home from grades 2 – 6 to allow students the critical repetition time they will need to really build their skills. We use:

Technology – Shalom Learning Games
Total Physical Response
Hebrew Through Movement
Authentic Prayer opportunities
6th and 7th Hebrew Electives

Each grade has assigned prayers to master as well as prayers with which they will become familiar in the course of their Jewish lives.

What else does CJE teach?

Jewish values, holidays and rituals, Torah text and Bible stories, Israeli folk dance, Torah Godly Play, arts & crafts, Jewish recipes and holiday foods, how to treat people in community, how



and when to give to those in need, and more!

What about students with learning challenges or special needs?

We work to provide the best Jewish education for every student in our school community. Inclusion and differentiated learning approaches are central to our identity as a religious school.

Every Jewish child can learn here and every child can become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah here!