

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 students - Weekly Tuesday afternoon classes (4:30 – 6:30 p.m.)

Students have a Hebrew Language Class and a Judaica Class by grade. The curriculum follows the Fourth Grade program offered to all students in this grade.

- Hebrew Language: letter recognition, decoding words, reading prayerbook 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 Tefillah assemblies with the other Wednesday afternoon Religious School classes.

Fifth Grade PACT students - Weekly Wednesday 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 Tefillah assemblies with the other Tuesday afternoon Religious School classes.

Sixth Grade PACT students - Weekly Tuesday OR Wednesday afternoon classes (4:30-6:30 p.m.)

Students have a Hebrew Language Class and a Judaica Class by grade. The curriculum follows the Sixth Grade program offered to all students in this 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 Tefillah assemblies with the other Wednesday afternoon Religious School classes.

Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials

In addition to their weekly Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon classes, 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 Foundation Programs

Seven Foundation Programs are scheduled throughout the school year for the student and a parent (or parents). Each family is expected to attend at least five of the Foundation Programs. These are offered on Sunday mornings (9:15 – 11:00 a.m.) and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (6:15 – 8:00 p.m.). 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 2018-2019

October 16, Tuesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Fourth / Fifth 6:15-8:00 p.m.
October 28, Sunday morning	PACT Mitzvah Day (Fourth, Fifth & Sixth GRADE) 9:15-11:00 a.m.
December 12, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grade 6:15-8:00 p.m.
January 27, Sunday morning	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grades 9:15-11:00 a.m.
March 3, Sunday morning	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grades 9:15-11:00 a.m.
April 3, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grades 6:15-8:00 p.m.
May 5, Sunday morning	Temple Mitzvah Day

Sixth Grade PACT Foundation Program Dates for 2018-2019

October 3, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 6:15-8:00 p.m.
October 28, Sunday morning	PACT Mitzvah Day (Fourth, Fifth & Sixth GRADE) 9:15-11:00 a.m.
December 2, Sunday morning	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 9:15-11:00 a.m.
January 15, Tuesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 6:15-8:00 p.m.
March 6, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 6:15-8:00 p.m.
April 14, Sunday morning	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 9:15-11:00 a.m.
May 5, Sunday morning	Temple Mitzvah Day

Family Experiences and Programs (Electives)

During the course of the year, families are expected to attend six additional events offered at Temple Beth David. Each family chooses the events based upon their own interests and schedules, such as: Sukkot Supper, Family Fun Day, Shabbat Dinners, Havdalah activities and celebrations, Holiday Family Experiences.

Worship Services

PACT Students & Parents are expected to attend a total of ten worship services during the year. These include High Holiday, festival and Shabbat worship, as well as the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade Shabbat evening services.

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.

PACT Instructors and Staff

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

PACT Fees

The annual cost for PACT is the same as the tuition in each of these grades. Included in the annual fee is the cost for any Religious School events held in the Temple which the PACT family attends, such as Shabbat Dinners or fees for special projects or programs.