



Machpeirimot:

4th Grade & 5th Grade

Who are Machpeirimot?

Our 4th grade and 5th grade eidah is called "Machpeirimot", which means "Excavators."

What essential questions do Machpeirimot explore?

Machpeirimot explore the questions, What do we do to mark time as a people? Why are these our rituals? How will I contribute to Jewish traditions?

What are the enduring understandings of the Machpeirimot experience?

- Jews have unique ways of interacting with and keeping track of time.
- Cultural customs have the power to comfort, ground, and protect us – and unite us with our peoples across space and over time.
- Hebrew is a key that helps us access prayer and other holy aspects of our heritage and identity.

What do Machpeirimot learn?

Machpeirimot study the Hebrew alphabet (Alef-Bet), holidays, and the lifecycle.

How do Machpeirimot learn?

Machpeirimot learn through decoding, projects (individual and group), reading, and more.

Where do Machpeirimot gather?

In-person at Shir Tikvah! Specific classroom assignments will be announced.



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When do Machpeirimot gather?

Read below about the Machpeirimot schedule.

Classes

Sunday each week (except after Friday class)

9:30am - 11:30am

Wednesday each week

4:30pm - 6:30pm or 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Shabbat Gatherings

First Friday of each month

5:00pm - 6:30pm

What else is important to know about the Machpeirimot year?

Machpeirimot marks the beginning of our students' formal Hebrew-learning. Hebrew is taught on both Sundays and Wednesdays, and begins with basic decoding skills. By the end of Machpeirimot, students will be familiar with the Alef-Bet and will be able to sight-read most any Hebrew.

The Shabbat evening component of Machpeirimot is a family experience; at least one parent/guardian is expected to attend alongside and participate with their child.