



Shir Tikvah  
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# 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.