

CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE



בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים

*B'ruchim Haba'im*

**Welcome!**

# ABOUT

# Talmud Torah

Talmud Torah is the religious school of Temple Beth Israel (TBI). We offer the opportunity for students from age 3 years old through 7th grade to learn about Jewish life, practice, prayer, ritual and history.

We also have growing opportunities for teens age 13+ to join our Teen Sundays to deepen and expand their Jewish journey, apply to be madrichim – teaching assistants in our religious school classes, and join our Teen Jam sessions to express their love of music and stay connected with their friends.

Our school offers students a place to build life-long friendships, gain insight into Jewish life skills and traditions, take part in holiday celebrations, learn Torah, and experience the benefits and opportunities of community.

Talmud Torah strives to plant the seeds of Jewish joy, literacy, and practice that will continue to grow over a lifetime and enrich the lives of our students and their families.



## REGISTRATION

Talmud Torah enrollment begins in the summer, but registration is possible throughout the year. To enroll in Talmud Torah, only one family member needs to be Jewish and a member of TBI. We are committed to ensuring that financial constraints are never a barrier to membership or Jewish learning.

To learn more about Talmud Torah, school calendar and register please visit:

[tbieugene.org/education/talmud-torah](http://tbieugene.org/education/talmud-torah)

For scholarships, please reach out to Helena Clement:  
[Helena@TBIEugene.org](mailto:Helena@TBIEugene.org)

Regarding membership, please contact Jody Kirtner:  
[Jody@TBIEugene.org](mailto:Jody@TBIEugene.org)

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Preschool, K, and 1st grade  
attend Cohort on Sundays  
from 9:30am–11:15am

Students in 2nd-7th grade  
attend Cohort, Hebrew and  
JEWL classes on Sundays  
from 9:30am–1:15pm and  
Wednesdays from 4:15pm–  
5:55pm.





## CLASSES

### SUNDAY COHORT

Cohort is a theme-based year-long curriculum designed to teach key Torah stories that apply to their lives. Students create projects, art, sing and consider how their learning can bring about more peace and justice in their community and world. Through study, friendships and celebration students build community with their peers, develop a basic foundation of Jewish literacy, and cultivate their Jewish pride.

- **Zra'im** (3 to 5 year old): Torah Stories & Me, Finding My Place at TBI
- **Gan** (Kindergarten): Having Fun Being Jewish, Hebrew Letters & Tzedakah
- **Alef** (1st grade): Exploring Colors – The Rainbow, Clothes, Colorful Fruits of Israel
- **Bet** (2nd grade): Learning from Animals – Jonah and the Whale, Birds and Freedom, Bilaam's Donkey, Frogs in Egypt
- **Gimmel** (3rd grade): Understanding Our Physical Bodies – Eyes, Feet, Hands, Ears
- **Dalet** (4th grade): The World of Nature – Sun, Moon, Seasons, Mountains, Ocean, Rocks
- **Hey** (5th grade): Courage & Us – Admitting a Mistake, Standing Up, Jewish Pride, Facing Peer Pressure
- **Vav** (6th grade): Life Passages – Birth, Siblings, Vocation, Partnership, Family, Death, Legacy
- **Zayin** (7th grade): *Hineni*: Showing Up for Our Lives – Showing up for Family, Those Who Suffer, and the Community

## HEBREW CLASSES

Hebrew classes enable students to study, decode, and explore the meaning of Hebrew prayers, daily and holiday blessings, and songs in the *siddur* (prayer book) and passages from Torah in preparation for their b'nai mitzvah experience and beyond.

As students work their way through the levels, they will also master a small but powerful set of Hebrew vocabulary words that are used regularly in synagogue life.

## JEWL CLASSES

Jewish Experience, Wisdom, and Lifestyle (JEWL) classes are semester-long rotating elective classes created by our passionate *morim* - teachers, concerned with themes such as ethics and values, social action, Jewish history, global Jewish arts and culture and Israel.

## B'NAI MITZVAH

In 6th and 7th grade, Talmud Torah students intensify their focus on b'nai mitzvah with private mentoring, meetings with the rabbis for study of prayer, ethics, anti-semitism, faith/doubt, spirituality and theology.

## TEEN SUNDAYS, TEEN JAM & MADRICHIM OPPORTUNITIES

Teens are encouraged to continue to participate in Jewish life and learning at TBI through our twice-monthly Teen Sundays, Teen Jam and Madrichim opportunities, supporting younger students and our fantastic teachers to provide joyful Jewish learning.

## B'NAI B'RITH SUMMER DAY CAMP @ TBI

A welcoming and fun summer camp environment for children entering Kindergarten through 6th Grade. Children explore their Jewish identity through an abundance of camp activities: arts and crafts, sports, games, water play, cooking and baking, Jewish enrichment, Shabbat celebration, gymnastics, science, dance, and drama!



## About Temple Beth Israel

Temple Beth Israel (TBI) is a center for Jewish life, embracing traditional wisdom with contemporary insight. We promote the spiritual, educational, and social well-being of our members, the Jewish people of Lane County, and the larger community.



TBI is a member of the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement. We welcome people of all Jewish backgrounds, interfaith families, and people exploring Judaism, as well as Jews and explorers of Judaism of all races and of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Whether you are religious, cultural, atheist, agnostic, or searching, there is a place for you at TBI!

More information can be found at [tbieugene.org](http://tbieugene.org).

### ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

TBI offers a range of Jewish cultural and educational experiences for all ages. Holiday gatherings, classes and community experiences are open to all - TBI members and Eugene seekers and students of all backgrounds. Offerings include Introduction to Judaism, Adult b'nai mitzvah, live performances and ala cart student b'nai mitzvah experiences for non-TBI members.

For a current list of courses, visit:  
[tbieugene.org/education/adult-education](http://tbieugene.org/education/adult-education)





Dear Eugene Jewish Community –

Have you been craving a warm and welcoming community for you and your family? Are you wanting to expand or deepen your relationship with Jewish life, celebration and learning? We would love for you to come visit us at TBI.

There are endless ways to become involved at TBI – attend a class, come for a social gathering, join us for Shabbat services on line or in person, drop in for Shabbat lunch, enroll your kids in our preschool and of course, if you have children between the ages of 3 – 13+ and/or teens looking for a way to make Jewish friends, boost their Jewish pride and find their voice in conversations on spirituality, Jewish art, Israel, identity, ethics and more, our Talmud Torah experience welcomes you with open arms.

Talmud Torah is a community learning experience focused on building friendships, expanding Jewish literacy and creating opportunities for students and families to celebrate holidays and enjoy Jewish community, together.

Our students and their learning is the heart of TBI. Afterall, it is our students who will carry the torch of Jewish leadership and joyful Jewish living well beyond us.

– RABBI ALYSON SOLOMON,  
RABBI EDUCATOR AT TBI





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