



Shir Tikvah
שיר תקווה

CHOFRIMOT:

4TH GRADE & 5TH GRADE

Who are Chofrimot?

Our 4th grade and 5th grade *eidah* (cohort) is called "Chofrimot", which means "Excavators."

What essential questions do Chofrimot explore?

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

What are the enduring understandings of the Chofrimot 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 Chofrimot learn?

Chofrimot study holidays, the lifecycle, and the Jewish rituals surrounding both. They also study the *Alef-Bet* (Hebrew alphabet) and learn to read Hebrew.

How do Chofrimot learn?

Chofrimot learn through decoding, games, projects (individual and group), and more.

Where do Chofrimot gather?

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



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When do Chofrimot gather?

Read below about the Chofrimot 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

Three Fridays of the year

5:00pm - 6:30pm

What else is important to know about the Chofrimot experience?

The Chofrimot experience is a two-year program; both grades learn together in a given year, and the curriculum rotates on a two-year cycle between grades.

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

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