

# Seventh Grade Curriculum

## *Hebrew Language and Prayer*

Temple Micah students spend their B'nai mitzvah year studying Hebrew in our on-on-one Ebrit tutoring program and prayer and cantillation at our Tuesday Erev Tov sessions and attendance at Shabbat Morning services. Seventh graders also have regular meetings with private tutors and a Temple Micah rabbi in preparation for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony.

## *Community*

If we are able to meet in person, we create opportunities for social and experiential programming to build community among students and prepare them to join Micah's 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade program. In the spirit of the teen program, 7<sup>th</sup> graders participate in social events, learning sessions, and social justice opportunities. Before the pandemic, students took trips to SkyZone, the Botanical Gardens, and they participated in a film screening and discussion on the Holocaust. For the upcoming school year, we will continue to gauge the safety of gathering in groups and will plan our events accordingly.

Every other Tuesday during the school year, 7th graders meet as a class to learn about philanthropy/tzedakah and about a variety of ways and organizations to be involved in tzedakah work. While we do not have a mandatory "Mitzvah Project", we want to empower our students to engage in social action in as many ways as possible. All 7th graders are encouraged to invite the entire grade to their b'nai mitzvah celebrations, and in the spirit of Temple Micah, they are urged *not* to give individual gifts, but rather to contribute to a special 7th Grade Tzedakah Fund. At the end of the school year, the class convenes and votes on organizations to which they allocate these funds.