

**BETH JACOB HEBREW SCHOOL**  
**ANNUAL CALENDAR 2011-2012**

Sunday, October 23	Hebrew School Starts; <b>JL&amp;C – Session 1 begins – (week 1)</b>
Sunday, October 30	JL&C, Session 1 (week 2)
Sunday, November 6	JL&C, Session 1 (week 3)
Sunday, November 13	JL&C, Session 1 (week 4)
Sunday, November 20	JL&C, Session 1 (week 5)
<i>Sunday, November 27</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Weekend – No Hebrew School</i>
Sunday, December 4	JL&C, Session 1 (week 6)
Sunday, December 11	JL&C, Session 1 (week 7)
<b>Friday, December 16</b>	<b>Student-Led Friday Night Shabbat Service</b>
Thursday, December 22	Chanukah Party??? TBD
<i>Sunday, Dec 25 &amp; Jan 1</i>	<i>School Vacation – No Hebrew School</i>
Sunday, January 8	<b>JL&amp;C Choice – Session 2 Begins – (week 1)</b>
<b>Sunday, January 15</b>	<b>MLK Weekend – Day of Tzedakah</b>
Sunday, January 22	JL&C, Session 2 (week 2)
Sunday, January 29	JL&C, Session 2 (week 3)
Sunday, February 5	JL&C, Session 2 (week 4)
Sunday, February 12	JL&C, Session 2 (week 5)
Sunday, February 19	JL&C, Session 2 (week 6)
<i>Sunday, Feb 26 &amp; Mar 4</i>	<i>School Vacation – No Hebrew School</i>
Sunday, March 11	<b>JL&amp;C Choice – Session 3 Begins – (week 1)</b>
Sunday, March 18	JL&C, Session 3 (week 2)
Sunday, March 25	JL&C, Session 3 (week 3)
Sunday, April 1	JL&C, Session 3 (week 4)
<b>Sunday, April 8</b>	<b>Hebrew School Breakfast Seder</b>
Sunday, April 15	JL&C Choice (week 5)
<i>Sunday, April 22 &amp; 29</i>	<i>School Vacation – No Hebrew School</i>
Sunday, May 6, 13 & 20	Jewish Cultural Activities (TBD/TBA!)

## Typical Daily Schedule (Sundays)

9:00	Breakfast (Families are welcome!)
9:20	Opening Circle (Families are welcome to stay for this!)
9:45	Hebrew Classes
10:35	Recess/Break
10:45	Jewish Life & Culture Choice (JL&C)
11:45	Closing Circle (Families are welcome to join us for this!)
12:00	School ends

## Curriculum Components

**Opening and Closing Circle** are designed to build community, work on songs and prayers as a group, learn conversational Hebrew vocabulary and learn about what everyone is doing in their various break-out classes. We will use them to preview future learning and reflect on what we've learned so far. They are an important time to process the work we're doing together. Families are welcome and encouraged to participate in these events!

**Hebrew Classes** are broken up into 3 levels. The Hebrew curriculum focuses on building reading fluency and gaining experience with Siddur-based Hebrew. Because our time together is limited, we will learn some conversational modern Hebrew as a group in Opening Circle.

**Jewish Life and Culture (JL&C)** is a piece of the curriculum that will teach students about various Jewish holidays, rituals and culture. Each of the 3 sessions of JL&C is a stand-alone unit that will help students prepare for a final project. This year, our 3 sessions are:

**Session 1: The Friday Night Shabbat Service** Students will work on a student-led service. The more experienced Hebrew students will work on learning to lead specific prayers in the Friday night service. The newer Hebrew students will prepare a D'var Torah that they will present at the service.

**Sessions 2 and 3:** During both of these sessions, we will focus on the Passover Seder. Students will have a chance to choose different aspects of Passover that interest them, and will complete projects that prepare them to lead a student seder. Each student will have a chance to participate in 2 different aspects of Passover, one in each session.