



# *Out of the Box!*

*Curriculum for Jewish Learning.*

*Kol HaNeshamah*

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# Pk - K Curriculum

## Over-arching Themes:

1. Jewish Identity; being Jewish is special and fun.
2. Being Jewish can be integrated into everyday life.
3. The Jewish Calendar; Celebrations and rituals bring the Jewish people together.

## Holidays: Focus on story and history of each holiday:

- High Holidays: Jonah & the Whale
- Sukkot
- Simchat Torah
- Chanukah
- Tu B'Shvat
- Purim
- Passover
- Yom HaAtzmaut
- Shavuot

Throughout the year, all the holidays will be taught and observed in every class. Generally speaking this will always include the story, customs, and special prayers. Each grade level will focus on a different aspect in our celebration of the holidays. **In Pk - 1, stories can be taught through reading/telling, arts & crafts, drama, song, etc.**

## Bible Stories Year 1:

- Creation
- Adam & Eve
- Cain & Abel
- Noah
- Abraham & Sarah
- Isaac & Rebecca
- Jacob and Esau
- Jacob & Rachel

## Bible Stories Year 2:

- Joseph: Growing up
- Joseph: Sibling Rivalry
- Joseph in Egypt
- Joseph Reunites with Brothers
- Moses: Growing up
- Moses in the Desert
- Moses Goes back to Egypt
- Moses and Pharaoh: 10 Plagues

## **Pk - K (continued)**

### **Avodah (Worship) Year 1:**

Shabbat food

Shabbat customs

Shabbat prayers:

Objective: Students will be able to understand and discuss the theme, kavanah and relevance of the following prayers and songs.

- Table Blessings
- Modeh Ani
- Shema

Songs:

- Alef Bet Song
- Bim Bam
- Dinosaur Song

### **Avodah (Worship) Year 2:**

Shabbat rest

Holy time

Shabbat prayers:

Objective: Students will be able to understand and discuss the theme, kavanah and relevance of the following prayers and songs.

- Table Blessings
- Modeh Ani
- Shema

Songs:

- Alef Bet Song
- Bim Bam
- Dinosaur Song
- David Melech Yisrael

### **Jewish Values (Middot) Year 1**

Objectives:

Students will know how to pronounce the Hebrew word and be able to define and give examples of each Middah:

- Derech Eretz: how we treat each other
- Bal Taschit: do not destroy or waste; take care of the environment.
- B'tzelem Elohim: Uniqueness of each individual; appreciating differences
- Oseh Shalom: making peace with family and friends

### **Jewish Values (Middot) Year 2**

Objectives:

Students will know how to pronounce the Hebrew word and be able to define and give examples of each Middah:

- Hachnassat orchim; welcoming guests
- Chesed; showing kindness
- Ahavot ha'briot: love of all God's creatures
- Tzar Ba'alei Chayim: treating animals kindly

# 1st - 2nd Curriculum

## Overarching Themes:

1. Sacred Stories - through the teachings of Torah
2. Relations with Others - Judaism provides guidance for how we treat each other

## Holidays: Focus on the people central to each holiday story:

- High Holidays
- Sukkot
- Simchat Torah
- Chanukah
- Tu B'Shvat
- Purim
- Passover
- Yom HaAtzmaut
- Shavuot

Throughout the year, all the holidays will be taught and observed in every class. Generally speaking this will always include the story, customs, and special prayers. Each grade level will also focus on a different aspect in our celebration of the holidays. **First and second grades will focus on the people central to each holiday story.**

## Bible Stories Year 1:

- The Giving of the Torah
- The Ten Commandments
- Leaving Egypt
- Miriam

## Texts Year 2, Pirke Avot

*To be woven into lessons throughout the year:*

Do not do to others what you  
wouldn't want them to do to you.

## 1st - 2nd (continued)

### Avodah (Worship) Year 1:

Shabbat: work & rest; gratitude & renewal; sacred time.

#### Prayers:

Objective: Students will be able to understand and discuss the theme, kavanah and relevance of the following prayers and songs.

- Modeh Ani
- Ma Tovu
- La'asok B'divre Torah
- Bedtime Shema
- Shabbat blessings
- The four questions

#### Songs:

- Al Shlosa Devarim
- Alef Bet Song

### Jewish Values (Middot) Year 1

Objectives:

Students will know how to pronounce the Hebrew word and be able to define and give examples of each Middah:

- Shalom Bayit/Chaverim
- Chesed
- Rachamim
- Hachnassat orchim
- V'ahavta L'reyecha K'mocha
- Ahavat ger

### Avodah (Worship) Year 2:

#### Prayers:

Objective: Students will be able to understand and discuss the theme, kavanah and relevance of the following prayers and songs.

- Birkot HaNehenim (blessings of wonder)
  - Seeing a rainbow
  - Seeing natural wonders
  - Hearing thunder
  - For seeing the ocean
- Asher yatzar
- Elohai Neshamah

### Jewish Values (Middot) Year 2

Objectives:

Students will know how to pronounce the Hebrew word and be able to define and give examples of each Middah:

- Shalom Bayit/chaverim
- Lashon harah
- Lo busha
- Chesed
- Rachamim
- Hachnassat orchim
- Ahavat ger
- Teshuvah

## 3rd - 4th Curriculum

### Over-arching Themes:

Jewish Community - Responsibilities and Celebrations

The Giving of the Torah - a moment in time when we entered into a relationship with God & community

The Ten Commandments

The Circle of the Jewish Calendar - Holidays and Life Cycles

### Holidays: Focus on music for each holiday:

- High Holidays: Jonah
- Sukkot
- Simchat Torah
- Chanukah
- Tu B'Shvat
- Purim
- Passover
- Yom HaAtzmaut
- Shavuot

Throughout the year, all the holidays will be taught and observed in every class. Generally speaking this will always include the story, customs, and special prayers. Each grade level will also focus on a different aspect in our celebration of the holidays. **Third and Fourth grades will focus on the music of each holiday,**

### Bible Stories Year 1:

- The structure of the Tanach - Torah, Prophets & Writings
- Learn to find your way through Tanach - chapter & verse rather than page number
- Mt. Sinai - called to be a "holy people"
- On three things the world stands: Torah, Avodah, Gemilut Chassadim
- Pirke Avot: If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I, if not now, when? Hillel

### Bible Stories Year 2:

- The structure of the Tanach - Torah, Prophets & Writings
- Learn to find your way through Tanach - chapter & verse rather than page number
- Torah: a source of guidance & sacred obligations
- Wandering in the wilderness - Miriam's well, receiving manna, the 12 spies
- The tabernacle in the desert - the importance of sacred space

## 3rd - 4th (continued)

### Avodah (Worship) Year 1:

#### Prayers for Community:

Objective: Students will be able to understand and discuss the theme, kavanah and relevance of the following prayers and songs.

- Birchot HaShachar
- Eilu Devarim
- Psudei D'zimra
- Psalm 150

#### Songs:

- Hava Nashira
- B'tzelem Elohim
- Kehilah Kedosha

### Jewish Values (Middot) Year 1

#### Objectives:

Students will know how to pronounce the Hebrew word and be able to define and give examples of each Middah:

- Al Tifros min ha'zibor (don't separate yourself from the community)
- Tzedakah
- Chesed
- Gemilut Chasadim
- Hachnassot Orchim
- Bikkor Cholim
- Ushmartem et Nafshoteichem (taking care of yourself)

### Avodah (Worship) Year 2:

#### Life cycle events:

- Birth
- B'nai Mitzvah
- Marriage
- Death

#### Prayers:

Objective: Students will be able to understand and discuss the theme, kavanah and relevance of the following prayers and songs.

- Barchu
- Shema & its blessings
- Priestly Blessing
- **Songs:**
- Siman Tov & Mazel Tov

### Jewish Values (Middot) Year 2

#### Objectives:

Students will know how to pronounce the Hebrew word and be able to define and give examples of each Middah:

- Ivdu HaShem B'simcha
- Kiddush HaShem
- Hachnassat Orchim

# 5th/6th Curriculum

## Over-arching Themes:

What has it been like to be Jewish throughout history? Learning about the individuals, including significant women, who have had an impact on Jewish life today.

### Holidays: Focus on the food of each holiday:

- High Holidays: Jonah
- Sukkot
- Simchat Torah
- Chanukah
- Tu B'Shvat
- Purim
- Passover
- Yom HaAtzmaut
- Shavuot

Throughout the year, all the holidays will be taught and observed in every class. Generally speaking this will always include the story, customs, and special prayers. Each grade level will also focus on a different aspect in our celebration of the holidays. **The fifth grade will focus on the various foods associated with the holidays.**

### Bible Stories & Text Study:

#### Significant leaders in the Tanach:

- Miriam
- Ruth
- Jonah
- Isaiah
- Deborah
- Hannah, Samuel & Saul

#### Great Jewish Thinkers & Teachers:

- Hillel & Shamai
- Brurya
- Akiva
- Lillian Wald
- Emma Goldman
- Eli Wiesel

### Avodah (Worship):

Objective: Students will be able to understand and discuss the theme, kavanah and relevance of the following prayers and songs.

#### Prayers:

- Avot V'imahot
- Aleynu
- Friday night Kiddush
- Sim Shalom
- Oseh Shalom

#### Songs:

- Od Yavo Shalom
- HaTikvah
- Mitzvah Gererit Mitzvah

### Jewish Values:

Objectives:

Students will know how to pronounce the Hebrew word and be able to define and give examples of each Middah:

- Tikkun Olam
- Rodef Tzedek
- Bal Tashchit
- Ruach
- Someach Noflim
- Sinat Chinam



# 7th Curriculum

## Over-arching Themes:

How will Judaism be a part of your future? Which Jewish values impact the behavior of good leadership?. Even in times of great difficulty, individuals can make a profound impact.

### Holidays: Focus on the art of each holiday:

- High Holidays: Jonah
- Sukkot
- Simchat Torah
- Chanukah
- Tu B'Shvat
- Purim
- Passover
- Yom HaAtzmaut
- Shavuot

Throughout the year, all the holidays will be taught and observed in every class. Generally speaking this will always include the story, customs, and special prayers. Each grade level will also focus on a different aspect in our celebration of the holidays. **The fifth grade will focus on the art associated with the holidays.**

### Texts Year 1- Heroes of the Shoah

Janusz Korczak - refused sanctuary in order to stay with the orphans in his care in Warsaw and Treblinka

Hannah Szenes - poet and paratrooper.

Miep Gies - one of the Dutch citizens who helped hide the family of Anne Frank

Oskar Schindler - saved the lives of 1,200 Jews in Poland.

Chiune Sugihara - Japanese government official based in Lithuania. Saved 3,000 to 6,000 Jews.

Andre & Magda Töcme - organized entire town of Le Chabon in Occupied France to become a city of refuge, saving 3,500 Jews.

Irena Sendler - Polish nurse and social worker, smuggled 2,500 Jewish babies and children out of the Warsaw Ghetto.

### Texts Year 2- Who are the Jewish Leaders of Today (and recent times)?

Emma Lazarus - poet

Golda Meir - fourth Prime Minister of Israel

Yitzhak Rabin - Prime Minister of Israel and seeker of peace.

Shai Agassi - Israeli environment and alternative energy pioneer.

Allen Dershowitz - internationally respected attorney.

Elana Kagan - Supreme Court Justice

Ruth Bader Ginsburg - Supreme Court Justice.

Eli Wiesel - author of 57 books and winner of a Nobel Prize.

Rabbi Jonathon Sacks - Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom

## 7th (continued)

### Avodah (Worship) Year 1:

#### Prayers:

Objective: Students will be able to understand and discuss the theme, kavanah and relevance of the following prayers and songs.

- Review of all prayers
- Torah Service & Blessings
- Matbeah Hat'fillah (Order of the Service)

#### Songs:

- Eli Eli
- Ashrei Hagafrur

### Avodah (Worship) Year 2:

#### Prayers:

Objective: Students will be able to understand and discuss the theme, kavanah and relevance of the following prayers and songs.

- Review of all prayers
- Haftarah blessings
- The Mourners Kaddish

### Jewish Values (Middot) Year 1

#### Objectives:

Students will know how to pronounce the Hebrew word and be able to define and give examples of each Middah:

- Cherut (freedom of will)
- Tochecha (rebuke)
- Zechirah (remembrance)

### Jewish Values (Middot) Year 2

#### Objectives:

Students will know how to pronounce the Hebrew word and be able to define and give examples of each Middah:

- Ometz Lev (courage)
- Anavah (humility)
- Emunah (faith)

## Annual Planner

Date	Holidays	Torah & Texts	Avodah (Worship)	Values
9/16/17	Rosh Hashanah (9/20/17) Yom Kippur (9/29/17)			
10/7/17	Sukkot & Simchat Torah (10/4/17 - 10/13/17)			
10/21/17				
11/4/17				
11/18/17				
12/2/17	Chanukah (12/12/17 - 12/19/17)			
12/16/17	Chanukah			
1/6/18				
1/20/18	Tu B'shvat (1/31/18)			
2/3/18				
2/17/18	Purim (3/1/18)			
3/3/18				
3/17/18	Passover (3/30/18 - 4/4/18)			
4/21/18	Yom HaAtzma'ut 4/19/18			
5/5/18				
5/19/18	Shavuot (5/19/18 - 5/21/18)			
6/2/18				