

Beit Midrash Curriculum

CLASS	JEWISH VALUES AND BIG IDEAS	LEARNING TARGETS (WHAT WE ARE GOING TO LEARN)	TEFILOT (PRAYERS) & HEBREW LETTERS
Gan Katan K	A JEWISH BEGINNING - RUACH (SPIRIT)	 Having fun relating to Jewish life. Learn terms and structure of Jewish rituals 	 Shalom Chaverim Bim Bam Adon Olam refrain Letters: Shin, Bet, Tav
			Vowels: Ah
1	TORAH STORIES AND HOLIDAYS - TALMUD TORAH	 Learn about major holidays Torah stories How does God love the world? How do we show love? To the world? To God? 	 Shema HaMotzi/HaGafen Letters: Tav, Vav, Resh, Hay, Shin, Mem, Ayin Vowels: Oh, Silent, Ah
2	JEWISH ME AND FAMILY - MISHPACHA	 The Hebrew Calendar Hebrew names Torah focused on foundations- Patriarchs and Matriarchs 	 Modeh Ani Candle Blessing Shema Letters: ALL Vowels: ALL
3	JEWISH HEROES - K'LAL YISRAEL (JEWISH UNITY)	 Qualities of heroes (personality trait) What makes you a hero? (actions) Self-pride 	 Ahavah v'Rachamim Chesed v'Shalom Ma Tovu Tallit Blessing Barchu Dear One
4	ISRAEL! - TZIONUT (ZIONISM)	 Modern state of Israel Geography Native nature and animals Food People 	 Barchu Mi Chamocha V'Shamru Shema v'Ahavta Oseh Shalom
5	JEWISH TIMELINE - FROM TORAH TO THE DIASPORA	 Our People's Ancient History Tribes 10 Commandments Time of Judges and Kings Diaspora 	 Tzur Yisrael Avot v'Imahot Gevurot Ein Kamocha Av HaRachamim Vayehi Binsoa Shema/Echad/Gadlu Etz Chayim
6	SURVIVING MIDDLE SCHOOL THROUGH JEWISH VALUES - IM AIN ANI LI MI LI ("IF I AM NOT FOR MYSELF, WHO WILL BE")	 Develop a strong sense of self Creating a platform for shared experiences Finding the connection between their real-life experiences and values in Torah 	 Friday Night Kiddush Torah Blessings Haftarah Blessings Trope
B'nai Mitzvah	TIKKUN OLAM	 Kehillah ("Community") How do we bring Torah, Chesed and Tzedek to the Beth Chaim community? How do we bring it to the world? 	 Aleinu Kaddish Yatom Adon Olam