



Grade 2 Curriculum

אם תרצו אין זו אגדה – *Im Tirtzu Ein Zo Agada* If You Will It, It is No Dream

The Community Synagogue's curriculum uses a value-based approach to Jewish education. In addition to the components of teaching Jewish festivals and Hebrew, Jewish studies are organized in order to enable our students to embrace seven key values that we see as central to Judaism. These key values are:

- קדושה - *Kedushah* - Holiness
- תלמוד תורה - *Talmud Torah* - Importance of Study
- קהילה - *Kehillah* - Community
- משפחה - *Mispacha* - Family
- תקון עולם - *Tikkun Olam* - Repairing our World
- אהבת עולם - *Ahavat Olam* - Love of Israel
- כלל ישראל - *Klal Yisrael* - Unity of the Jewish People
- עברית - *Ivrit* - Hebrew Language & Prayer

During the second grade year study will focus on the Jewish world. Second graders will begin to study Israel, and they will learn that our connection to both the people and the land of Israel is very ancient and yet quite modern. Students in second grade will also begin to learn about Jewish values, the Jewish responsibility to repair the world, and how they can take part in this *mitzvah*. Celebration and learning about holidays continue with stories and growing expertise in ritual. Hebrew studies in second grade will focus on our Hebrew Through Movement program which introduces Hebrew language in a playful and meaningful way, creating a positive link between our students and the Hebrew language.

Key Goals of the Second Grade Curriculum:

- ✧ To develop in students a foundation in the Hebrew language and knowledge of a core of vocabulary of Hebrew words.
- ✧ To familiarize students with key and meaningful Hebrew words, also known as Jewish Life Vocabulary.
- ✧ To develop in students an identification with and connection to the Land of Israel.
- ✧ To teach students basic Israel geography and about key places in Israel, both cities and sites.
- ✧ To introduce students to key Jewish values and teach them how to incorporate the values learned into their lives.
- ✧ To expand the students' understanding of the Jewish holidays, their symbols and their rituals.