

First Grade Curriculum

The educational programs at Shearith Israel serve to develop the creativity, character and Jewish literacy and spiritual life of our students and encourage them to live deeply within the values of Judaism.

TZEDEK righteousness– MISHPAT justice - EMET truth – EMUNAH faith– TORAH learning – MITZVOT commandments – CHESED kindness – RACHAMIM compassion – AHAVAT TZION love of Israel

Subject	Essential Questions	Objectives	Content/Resources
Holidays *Mitzvot *Emunah	How do Jews celebrate our holidays, rituals and traditions? How do different communities of Jews celebrate? What do all of these things mean to us?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare and contrast the various celebrations of major Jewish holidays as they occur Identify the symbols and meanings associated with each holiday Recall which food and symbol are associated with each holiday 	Shabbat/Havdalah Rosh HaShanah Yom Kippur Sukkot Simchat Torah Hanukah Tu B'Shevat Purim Pesach Yom HaAtzmaut
Torah *Mitzvot	What do our stories of or matriarchs and patriarch teach us about how to live our lives? What important Jewish values can we learn from our stories in the Torah?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the biblical figures of our origin stories Internalize the Jewish values gleaned from the text 	Matriarch and Patriarchs Welcoming guests Caring for the sick Caring for animals
Jewish Identity *Emunah	What are things that Jews do that make us different from other peoples and religions? What are some of the things that Jews believe?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize and identify ritual objects Know there is one God and we talk to God through prayer Understand there are building blocks of Jewish life 	Synagogue building Torah Yad Kiddush cup Havdallah set Candle sticks Tallit
Israel *Ahavat Zion	Does Israel make a difference in my life? Can I connect with Israel through language? What are the places that make Israel special?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the map of Israel Identify the Israeli flag the main cities Recognize HaTikvah and sing it Know Israel is made up of different people and cultures 	Songs Stories Maps Hebrew vocabulary
Ethics/Mitzvot *Chesed *Rachamim *Mitzvot *Tzedek	What is our obligation as Jewish children to our community? How can we help those who are less fortunate than we are? What is tikun olam?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define tikun olam Give tzedakah on a regular basis 	Quarterly mitzvah experiences based on the values learned in Torah
Hebrew/Tefilla	What is my relationship with Hebrew as the language of the Jewish people?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognize the <i>aleph-bet</i>, assign values, meanings and sounds to the letters begin the decoding process 	Every day Hebrew words in Conversation Multi-sensory letter recognition Textbook: Shalom Alef Bet