



Third Grade Curriculum- *Etgar Yesodi*-a curriculum

developed by the Jewish Theological Seminary.

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 – CHESSED kindness – RACHAMIM compassion – AHAVAT TZION love of Israel

The *Etgar Yesodi* curriculum links Jewish values, moral development and spirituality with experiential learning, technology and family involvement. The curriculum seeks to connect children with the textual, ritual and artistic sources of Jewish life, while encouraging their curiosity, imagination and expression. The goal is for children to emerge with a “vocabulary” of Jewish life that goes beyond words, and which informs their sense of what Judaism contributes to their lives, and what they can contribute to the world around them.

Subject	Essential Questions	Objectives	Content/Resources
Holidays *Mitzvot *Emunah	How do the Jewish people mark time through celebration, tradition and prayer? How do we show our gratitude for being allowed to reach each milestone in our lives?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> experience through various modalities what the celebration of the holidays mean 	Integration of text study, creative arts, reflective writing and discussion of the various holidays
Torah *Mitzvot	What is the origin of the celebration of our holidays? Where does the holiday come from?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> connect the holiday with the value incorporated in its observance. 	Torah is explored in depth through a well-rounded and thoughtful experience of Torah study.
Jewish Identity *Emunah	How can Judaism contribute to my life as a child?	Students will be able to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> show appreciation for the different observances of families in their class community 	Etgar curriculum materials including skits, readings, activities.
Israel *Ahavat Tzion	How are holidays connected to ancient Israel?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> connect the Jewish calendar with origin of the holiday 	Integration of text study, creative arts, reflective writing and discussion of the various holidays and its values of
Ethics/Mitzvot *Chesed *Rachamim *Mitzvot *Tzedek	How do the values of our tradition show up in the observance of our holidays?	Students will be able to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> articulate the Jewish value most closely associated with holidays of Sukkot, Rosh Hodesh, Hanukah, Shabbat and Passover 	Integration of text study, creative arts, reflective writing and discussion of the various holidays and its values of welcoming guests, publicizing the miracle of Hanukah, showing gratitude, Passover and freedom.
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"> recite with proficiency the tefillot for the third grade level know and understand the Hebrew words embodied in the Etgar curriculum 	Etgar Curriculum Tefilla Packets Siddur Shema Yisrael