



Kindergarten 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	What are the Jewish holidays? What do they mean to us? How do we celebrate them? What is the cycle of the Jewish year like?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the various celebrations of major Jewish holidays as they occur Identify the symbols and meanings 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 our matriarchs and patriarch teach us about how to live our lives? What important Jewish values can we learn from our stories in the Torah? Who are the characters in our Jewish narrative?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encounter Shabbat and the study and explanation of the weekly <i>parsha</i> (Torah portion) through the narrative stories in Genesis and Exodus Identify the characters from the Biblical stories as they learn about the Torah. 	Torah Stories and our Avot and Imahot (ancestors) Adam and Eve Noah and Covenant Abraham and Sarah Isaac and Rebecca Jacob and Leah and Rachel Joseph Moses Aaron Miriam
Jewish Identity *Emunah	What is my relationship with congregation and community?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a love of learning through their explorations and experiences. 	Songs, stories, visits from Rabbi Kaiman
Israel *Ahavat Zion	Does Israel make a difference in my life? Can I connect with Israel through language?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the map of Israel Identify the Israeli flag Students will be able to recognize and sing HaTikvah as Israel's national anthem 	Israel is a country where Jews live, built on Jewish laws, customs and celebrations.
Ethics/Mitzvot *Chesed *Rachamim *Mitzvot *Tzedek	What does it mean to help others in our community? How does it feel when you see someone in need?	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give tzedakah on a regular basis Know mitzvot are obligations between people and people and people and God 	Activities, stories, actions and planning for respecting the elderly, learning, honoring parents, caring for the less fortunate
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 sounds to the letters understand 20 Hebrew words know auditory tefillot for grade level 	Every day Hebrew words in conversation Multi-sensory letter reinforcement Modeh Ani, Barchu, Shema, Oseh Shalom, food blessings, V'Ahavta Activities with alef bet