



Aleph Beit Chadash @ Beth Emeth Curriculum 2023-24

Our vision

The overall mission of the Aleph Bet Chadash Hebrew School is to enrich every child's life with love and pride in their Jewish identity that is strengthened by a deeper understanding of the Jewish culture and commitment to their Jewish roots and to the Greater Jewish community.

We will achieve this goal by helping students to question, challenge and learn to appreciate their Judaism. Through experiential learning, our spiral curriculum aim is to inspire students to connect and live an ethical and purposeful life that is guided and enriched by our Jewish laws. We strive to spark and nurture the idea of life-long learning and commitment to our Jewish history, traditions and faith.

Beth Emeth and Aleph Beit Chadash Hebrew School support the creation of an inclusive environment for all our students.

Overall Goals:

- Teach and educate our students in the spirit of Judaism
- Connect the Torah, Jewish values and traditions to the students' lives
- Connect our students to the land of Israel
- Establish a deep love for Judaism and a strong sense of the Jewish community

Our Curriculum:

Tefillot: The students shall be able to...

1. follow along during service and navigate the structure of the siddur
2. recite different berachot for food and special prayers for Shabbat and special occasions
3. read or chant some key prayers and understand the purpose of those tefillot
4. identify and translate some key vocabulary used in different prayers

Tanach/ Lessons from the Torah: The students shall be able to...

1. discuss key stories in the Tanach and their connection to Jewish religious tradition, Jewish history and our lives today
2. identify the laws of the Torah that connect and guide our daily lives
3. describe how Tikun Olam is the responsibility of every person

4. identify the basic life cycle events and the rituals involved in them

Jewish Religious Tradition: The students shall be able to...

1. identify the various holidays within the Jewish Calendar and the narratives of these holidays along with the traditions associated with them
2. identify the main mitzvot and values associated with Jewish and daily living and how they can be integrated into their own lives
3. communicate their knowledge of Shabbat and the origins and traditions associated with it
4. recognize the impact of the Feminist movement on Jewish practices.
5. demonstrate an understanding of the Traditional Jewish Movement in Toronto.
6. identify the different Jewish symbols and traditions within a Jewish home.

Hebrew Language: The students shall...

1. learn to read in Hebrew
2. build a simple Hebrew vocabulary along with terminology associated with Jewish holidays, Shabbat and life cycle events.
3. use knowledge of words and cueing systems that are necessary to fluently read prayers from a Siddur

Jewish History/ Modern Israel/ Israel Advocacy: The students shall...

1. acquire a basic understanding of Jewish History through the stories from the Tanach
2. learn about European Jewish history in the 1800s and the Zionist Movement
3. learn about the Holocaust and the impact on our Jewish tradition
4. learn about the establishment of Israel and the precursors to its re-establishment
5. learn about the history of Israel from the first Zionist Congress until today
6. learn about the impact of Anti-Semitism in the past and the new face of Anti-Semitism today by following the news, especially regarding anti-Semitism in Canada and anti-Israel propaganda
7. learn about all the geographical beauty, uniqueness and advancements made in Israel, how Israel impacts the world through its innovations and why Diaspora support of Israel is essential
8. learn to identify ways in which they can show their support of Israel while living in the Diaspora
9. research Jewish heroes and leaders past and present and explore their personal significance and contribution to the world

