



5th Grade Curriculum

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 5781

JEWISH AMERICAN HISTORY

The main focus of 5th grade is Jewish American History. Students learn about the changes and progression in American Jewish life from early settlement in 1654 to the challenges of current times. Students will become familiar with some prominent Jews in American history, as well as the interplay of Jewish values and their achievements. Throughout the year, students will develop a recognition of the parallels between the experiences of American Jews and other immigrant groups.

JEWISH VALUES

In grade 5, students focus on six values and how these values impact their relationship with their peers. Through these values, students explore Jewish text, history, t'filah, and holidays.

- B'tzelem Elohim
- Gevurah
- Achrayut
- Hakarat hatov
- Koach hadibbur
- Shalom

JEWISH HOLIDAYS

The holidays studied in 5th grade emphasize the concept of freedom: Hanukkah (the Jews fought for the right to practice their religion as free people), Purim (the Jews who fought for their right to live), Pesah, (the master Jewish story, in which Jews were brought out of slavery to become a nation at Mt. Sinai), Yom Ha'atzmaut (the celebration of Israel's independence)