

6TH GRADE

CURRICULUM

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GOALS OF 6TH GRADE

- To spark a positive Jewish identity
- To create long-lasting Jewish friendships
- To instill learners a love for the study of Torah.
- To guide learners to reflect upon the meaning of Torah and the implications it has for their everyday life.
- To explore social-emotional topics surrounding Bar/Bat Mitzvah readiness and ceremonies.
- Develop an emotional attachment and connection to Israel, Israelis and the Israeli story.
- To help learners develop and sustain sacred relationships in their lives

CORE CLASS: TORAH-RATED "T" FOR TEEN

This class reintroduces the Five Books of Moses to adolescents as a narrative that is reflective of their own lives and relationships, and subsequently relevant to their own lives. This guide is intended to expand, students' childhood understandings of the biblical narratives, to provide students with the tools with which they can study Jewish text in the future, and to present the stories of the Torah as a mirror of and a window into the human experience.

ROTATION: B'NAI MITZVAH

In this rotation, partner with Moving Traditions (www.movingtraditions.org) to pioneer a new and exciting approach to b'nai mitzvah that connects Jewish wisdom to the interpersonal and social elements of this coming-of-age ritual.

In addition to this rotation, and teen-only sessions, there will also be two family education programs throughout the year.

ROTATION: ISRAEL: THEN & NOW

During this rotation students will learn about the importance of the Jewish People's connection to the Land of Israel, and develop a sense of belonging to it. Students will do this through examining central moments in the creation of the State of Israel. One of the primary means to develop the feeling of belonging to Israel is by expanding our knowledge base, so that we can get to know the Land of Israel in a significant manner.

ROTATION: THE MIDDOT THAT GUIDE US

Relationships, relationships, relationships. As children and learners we are told that life is all about relationships. Yet, where do we learn how to establish meaningful relationships, how we are supposed to act in our relationships, and with whom we are supposed to develop relationships? In this rotation, learners will learn how Jewish tradition provides an all-encompassing guide for how to live our lives, specifically for how to create meaningful relationships and how to conduct ourselves within these relationships.