



2nd Grade Curriculum

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 5783
(2022-2023)

GOALS OF 2ND GRADE

- Sparking positive Jewish identity
- Create Jewish friendships
- To promote a basic knowledge of and a love for the Land of Israel
- To explore Jewish holidays and the way they are celebrated around the world, and especially in Israel.
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WELCOME TO ISRAEL

In 2nd grade, students travel to Israel from the comfort of our classroom, where they learn all about the Jewish homeland. Throughout the year, they will learn about major cities and extraordinary sites of Israel, the diversity of Israel's people and cultures, our biblical and modern ties with the Jewish homeland, and the geography of Israel. They also learn key Hebrew terms, such as Eretz Yisrael (the Land of Israel), Ivrit (Hebrew), shalom (hello, goodbye, and peace), and they learn about important Jewish values, such as rodef shalom (pursuing peace) and ahavat Tzion (love of Israel), that are linked to chapter content.

JEWISH HOLIDAYS

As second graders, learners continue their exploration of Jewish holidays by focusing on how different Jewish groups such as Ashkenazi, Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews have their own customs for each holiday. Learners will not only explore how familiar holidays like Sukkot and Chanukah are celebrated in Israel, they will be introduced to holidays like Sigd.

INTRODUCTION TO HEBREW

In second grade, learners are introduced to the Hebrew alphabet, the sounds each letter makes, basic Hebrew vocabulary as well as participate in the Hebrew Through Movement program.