



Kindergarten Curriculum

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 5783
(2022-2023)

GOALS OF KINDERGARTEN

- To teach the symbols, practices, and importance of the Jewish holidays, with a special focus on Shabbat.
- To provide an understanding of basic Torah stories.
- To introduce the use of basic prayers, blessings, and Hebrew words into students' lives.
- To promote a feeling of comfort at Temple Beth Shalom and an understanding of its Jewish symbols.

THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS

It's all here: fun activities, thoughtful discussions, and real life practice that will help learners discover their own connections to the Jewish holidays. We'll explore the meaning of the holidays, their symbols, rituals, and learn about the holiday origins.

SHABBAT IN A BOX

Learn about how Jews all over the world celebrate Shabbat while you build your own box full of the items we use to observe. Make candle sticks, a kiddush cup, and a challah cover! All materials will be provided. This unit will conclude with a program for the whole family!

TORAH

The Torah will come alive for our kindergarteners through story, wonder, and play. Students will learn central Torah stories and will engage and understand these stories through imagination and wonder.

MY JEWISH COMMUNITY

Learners in our Gan program are introduced to many other aspects of Jewish aspects of the Jewish community. They will learn about the places, symbols and people of the synagogue. Learners will also be introduced to the Jewish homeland, Israel.

TIKKUN OLAM

Our youngest learners will feel empowered, as Jews and as Reform Jews, to act and make an impact on the world. They will gain an understanding of the multitude ways they can make an impact, including through Tzedakah or direct action

PRAYER AND MUSIC

Our kindergarteners will learn songs and prayers for holidays, the core prayers in Temple Beth Shalom's Shabbat services, and the music they will hear at camp. Students will also learn how to behave in a sanctuary and the choreography involved with praying.