

2021-2022 ACADEMY CURRICULUM CHART, KINDERGARTEN

(EXPLANATIONS OF COMPONENTS CAN BE FOUND BELOW THE CHART, BY COLOR)

JEWISH LIFE VOCABULARY	Integrated into classes and school programs.
SPECIALTY ROTATIONS	Art
	Israeli Dance
	Music
SHALOM LEARNING	For Details of This Core Curriculum, See pages 3 - 4
COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS	Hanukkah
	Purim
	Lag Ba'Omer
	Yom Ha'atzmaut
HEBREW THROUGH MOVEMENT	Fifteen minutes on Sundays.
TEFILLAH	Modeh Ani
	Handwashing Blessing
	Shabbat Candle Blessing
	Kiddush
	Blessing the Fruit of the Tree
	Oseh Shalom
	Four Questions
	Blessing for Removing Chametz

EXPLANATIONS

SHALOM LEARNING	JEWISH LIFE VOCABULARY
<p>This values-based curriculum helps children develop a positive Jewish identity. The pluralistic program focuses on values we all share, like “Using your inner strength to do what’s right” and “Taking responsibility for your actions.” Twenty-eight lessons provide students with stimulating, interactive, hands-on activities to explore and engage with Jewish Values and Holidays, using all the senses.</p>	<p>Jewish Life Vocabulary (JLV) is a collection of Hebrew words or phrases that increase one’s connections to the Jewish people, traditions, culture and life. Greetings & exclamations, value words, ritual objects, prayer & worship terminology, life cycle, synagogue, community. This is a way of building depth and tradition into the general environment on a weekly basis, with words of the day and week, and referring to these items in Hebrew in classes and school programs.</p>

HEBREW THROUGH MOVEMENT	COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS
<p>Hebrew through Movement is a language acquisition strategy in which students learn Hebrew by hearing and responding to Hebrew commands. Hebrew Through Movement introduces Hebrew in a playful and meaningful way, creating a positive first link between children and Hebrew. It is supported by the latest brain research on learning, providing an aural foundation for Hebrew that opens the door to more facile Hebrew decoding and reading.</p>	<p>The students in the younger grades participate in our community celebrations -- fun presentations for the holidays -- along with all the older grades, by contributing dances, songs, and skits. These are delightful ways of incorporating and entertaining the community, both families and congregational members. It also serves as a vehicle for bolstering student learning and the quality of their experience, and for demonstrating what they have learned.</p>

Twenty-eight complete lesson plans provide students with stimulating, interactive hands-on activities to explore and engage with these Jewish values and holidays.

<h2>Jewish Values</h2>	<p>הַכָּרַת הַטּוֹב Hakarat Hatov Recognizing the Good</p>	<p>הַכְּנֻסַת אֹרְחִים Hachnasat Orchim Welcoming Guests</p>
<p>בְּקוֹר חוֹלִים Bikur Cholim Visiting the Sick</p>	<p>תּוֹדָה Todah Thanks</p>	<p>צְדָקָה Tzedakah Giving to Help Others</p>
<p>אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל Eretz Yisrael The Land of Israel</p>	<p>בַּל תַּשְׁחִית Ba'al Tashchit Do not be wasteful or destroy</p>	<p>אִמְץ לֵב Ometz Lev Courage of the Heart</p>
<p>שְׁלוֹם בַּיִת Shalom Bayit Peace in the Home</p>	<p>הַשְׁבַּת אֲבֵדָה Hashavat Aveyda Finding Lost Objects</p>	<p>בְּצַלֵּם אֱלֹהִים B'tzelem Elohim In God's Image</p>

Holidays

<p>רֵאשׁ הַשָּׁנָה Rosh Hashanah</p>	
<p>יוֹם כִּפּוּר Yom Kippur</p>	<p>שִׂמְחַת תּוֹרָה Simchat Torah</p>
<p>סֻכּוֹת Sukkot</p>	<p>שַׁבָּת Shabbat</p>
<p>חֲנֻכָּה Chanukah</p>	<p>פֶּסַח Pesach</p>
<p>פוּרִים Purim</p>	<p>ט"ו בְּשֻׁבָּת Tu B'shvat</p>
<p>יוֹם הָעֲצִמָּאוֹת Yom Ha'atzmaut</p>	<p>שַׁבּוּעוֹת Shavuot</p>

Kindergarten

Students explore Jewish values and holidays through the senses. Young children experience the sights, sounds, tastes and feels that connect us to Jewish tradition and learning.

עִבְרִית Hebrew

Through consistent exposure, students will be able to use greetings and simple vocabulary including:

- טוב / לא טוב Good/Not Good
- אָנִי פֹה / לא פֹה I am Here/Not Here
- שְׁלוֹם Hello
- יוֹם Day
- בֹּקֶר טוֹב Good Morning
- סְלִיחָה Sorry
- תוֹדָה Thank You
- סְבִיבוֹן Dreidel
- בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים Welcome
- יוֹם הוֹלָדָת Birthday

תְּפִלוֹת Prayers

- מוֹדָה אָנִי Prayer Upon Waking
- גְּטִילַת יָדַיִם Handwashing Blessing
- לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שַׁבָּת Shabbat Candle Blessing
- קִדּוּשׁ Kiddush
- בּוֹרָא פְּרִי הָעֵץ Blessing the fruit of the tree
- עוֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם Oseh Shalom
- מָה נִשְׁתַּנָּה Four Questions
- עַל בְּעוֹר חֶמֶץ Blessing for Removing Chametz

Referenced Books

King David & Akavish the Spider
By Sylvia Rouss

Ten Tzedakah Pennies
By Joni Klein-Higger

The Sabbath Lion
By Harold Schwartz

Sara Finds a Mitzvah
By Rebeka Simhae

New Year at the Pier
By April Halprin Wayland

Grace's Night
By Lynn Taylor Gordon

Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel
By Sylvia A. Rouss

The Best Four Questions
By Rachelle Burk

Shira at the Temple: A Yom Kippur Story
By Galia Sabbag

The Shabbat Box
By Lesley Simpson

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat
By Simms Taback

Chrysanthemum
By Kevin Henkes

Chicken Soup By Heart
By Esther Hershenhorn

All Kinds of Strong
By Sharon Baker

The Purim Story
By Sylvia Rouss

On One Foot
By Linda Glaser

