

THE TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

JUDAICA CURRICULUM

2018

Kindergarten

Objectives: Students will develop a positive attitude about Jewish education and their Jewish identity. 50 minutes each Sunday.

First Grade

Objectives: Students will continue to develop a positive attitude about Jewish education and their Jewish identity. Students will learn about the traditions and rituals of Shabbat. Students will learn about our biblical and modern ties to *Eretz Yisrael* and gain a basic understanding of core Jewish values.

Texts/Materials: Let's Discover Shabbat and Let's Discover Israel (Behrman House)

Assessment/Time Frame: Completion of 16 weekly folders; 50 minutes each Sunday

Second Grade

Objectives: Students will study classic stories from the Torah and Tanach and learn about core values, major holidays, and key figures that form the basis of our collective Jewish identity.

Texts/Materials: Let's Discover the Bible (Behrman House)

Assessment/Time Frame: Completion of 16 weekly folders and accompanying activities. Each student will have a binder at the end of the year with all materials and activities included. 50 minutes each Sunday

Third Grade

Objectives: Students will explore Jewish traditions, values, holidays, and life cycle events and learn what it means to live Jewishly today.

Texts/Materials: The Chai curriculum for teachers and Chai: My Jewish Life Journal student workbook (Behrman House)

Assessment/Time Frame: Completion of planned lessons from the Chai curriculum, accompanying student workbook supplemental activities. 50 minutes each Sunday

Fourth Grade

Objectives: Students will continue their study of Jewish values and traditions, timeless moral and spiritual truths, and what it means to live Jewishly today.

Texts/Materials: The Chai curriculum for teachers, A Child's Bible Book 1: Lessons from the Torah, and A Child's Bible Book 2: Lessons from the Prophets and Writings. (Behrman House)

Assessment/Time Frame: Completion of planned lessons and accompanying activities in student workbooks. 75 minutes each Sunday

Fifth Grade

Objectives: Students will develop an appreciation of Israel as the Jewish homeland, examine the notable figures in Jewish history from Abraham through today, and continue their study of Torah, worship, and good deeds. Students will deepen their understanding of Reform Judaism and the power of community through study of the Prophets, the *Amidah*, the *Aleinu*, and the *Kaddish*, and acts of *g'milut chasadim* we perform as a Jewish community.

Texts/Materials: Experience Modern Israel (Behrman House), the CHAI Curriculum Level 5 and accompanying student workbook (Behrman House), and various original source material.

Assessment/Time Frame: Completion of planned lessons. 75 minutes each Sunday.

Sixth Grade

Objectives: Students will explore Jewish history and learn how the Jewish people fared during different historical periods with a focus on the Holocaust and WWII.

Texts/Materials: Source materials from various texts, Facing History and Ourselves curriculum, and materials from the United States Holocaust Museum.

Assessment/Time Frame: Various projects leading up to a student created- service for Yom Hashoah. 75 minutes each Sunday

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Objectives: Students will strengthen their connection to Jewish learning and their Jewish community through continued study. Students will select from several rotating elective courses ranging from Modern Hebrew to Jewish Pop Music and Jewish Cooking to Social Justice and Social Action.

Texts/Materials: Vary by elective

Assessment/Time Frame: 2 electives each Sunday lasting 1 hour each