

Curriculum Overview

Kitah Bet (2nd Grade) & Kitah Gimel (3rd Grade)

2018-2019

JUDAICS: This year's curriculum will focus on—

Middot/Jewish values, and how to be a mensch

Israel (geography, regions, cities, population groups)

Goals: At the end of this year, students will:

Identify the Middot/Values that were studied, and how they relate to or experience that middah in their own lives

Demonstrate knowledge of basic facts about Israel's geography, regions, cities, and population groups

Resources: *Yisrael Sheli: People and Places; Great Israel Scavenger Hunt; Let's Discover Kindness; A Kid's Mensch Handbook*

Additional resource: *Eizehu Gibor: Living Jewish Values*

MIDDOT/VALUES

Let's Discover Kindness booklets covers kindness, empathy, gratitude, respect, forgiveness, and creating a kinder world through songs, conversations, group activities. It incorporates the values of community-building, creativity, and social justice.

Kid's Guide to Being a Mensch more explicitly describes how these values connect to Middot.

ISRAEL

Students will learn geography of cities and regions in Israel, the religious and ethnic groups living in Israel, and some famous people in Israel's history.

Projects may include travel brochures for a visit to Israel, a (make believe) travel blog, cooking projects, creating biographies of famous Israelis, and studying/representing the various ethnic/religious groups.

HEBREW: This year we will focus on—

Introduction to Hebrew decoding

Recitation/singing of tfillot, and understanding the prayers' meanings

Expanding Hebrew vocabulary of both tfillah and secular words

Goals: include—

Learning Alef-Bet names and sounds

Decoding 1-4 letter words and sounds

Expanding aural recognition of Hebrew vocabulary

Demonstrate they understand how/when/why Jews pray, and recite the prayers that were studied

Reciting Bracha formula, Shema/Vahavtah, Barchu, Shabbat blessings, Oseh Shalom, Sim Shalom

Resources: *Let's Learn the Alef Bet, Making Tfillah Meaningful* booklets

Decoding

Using the vocabulary from Alef Bet Quest we will teach the vocabulary from the core text through games, songs, and activities.

Tefillah:

Netilat Yada'im

Havdallah

Shema and V'ahavta

Ein Keloheinu

Adon Olam

Barchu

Mi Chamocho

Etz Chayim Hi

Shalom Aleichem