

Hebrew School General Curriculum Flow

ALEF

Texts: *Derech Binah* and script workbook

- Goals:**
- Introduce letter sounds and names of letters in Hebrew
 - Recognize and sound the alphabet both block and script
 - Write letters in script
 - Vowels - Introduce and learn vowels sounds
 - Decode words - word recognition



Conversational Units: Classroom, family, numbers 1-10, basic colors, singular pronouns, holiday words, days of the week, question words

Prayer Mastery: *Shabbat* blessings, 4 questions for Passover

Event: Grade level participates in *Siyum Alef*

BET

Texts: H/H *Siddur* Program Book 1
Holidays *Choveret*

- Goals:**
- Mastery of letter recognition and reproduction
 - Improvement of mechanical reading skills (accuracy and speed)
 - Familiarity with the grammar basics: male /female, singular/plural, both nouns and present tense verbs and verbs roots
 - Vocabulary recognition: increase vocabulary base through book and conversation units, provide opportunities for creating dialogue in Hebrew and sentence building



Conversational Units: In our Hebrew Ulpan Level 1, students concentrate their Hebrew conversation on numbers 1-100, simple adjectives, food, reinforce question words, colors, days of the week, possessives, all pronouns, holiday words and body parts.

Prayer Mastery: *Shema* and *V'Ahavta, Torah & Haftarah* Blessings (introduce some chanting). Blessings over food, holiday blessings. Students take a leadership role during one Shabbat Evening Service during the School Year.

Event: Grade level leads *Purim Program* for the School and Purim Service for congregation

GIMEL

Texts: Book 2 Siddur Series
Holiday *Choveret*



- Goals:**
- Improve reading accuracy and speed
 - Form simple sentence structure, identify parts of sentence and sequence correctly (verb/subject agreement)
 - Carry on simple conversations
 - Supplement with Israel mini-units in conjunction with Religious School curriculum

Conversational Units: In our Hebrew Ulpan Level 2 students Hebrew Conversation focuses on vocabulary related to numbers 1-100, holiday words, prepositions, helping verbs, weather and food. Students write some of their own short skits and participate in a holiday play for Passover.

Prayer Mastery: *Birkat Hamazon* and *Kiddush*
Student take a leadership role in a Shabbat Evening Service during School Year

Event: Students Lead *Passover Program* for School and Simhat Torah Service for congregation

DALET

Texts: Prayer book, Introduction to the *Siddur, B'chol L'vav'cha*



- Goals:**
- Increase and refine reading accuracy and speed. Continue development of language grammar level with increasing vocabulary and comfort with use, with a focus on prayer and holiday vocabulary.
 - Analyze and discuss prayer liturgy, for comprehension
 - Familiarity with the order of the Reform prayer service
 - Identify prayers with themes
 - Create our own prayers, based on themes of prayers studied
 - Identify and correctly use vocabulary associated with prayer

Events: Students lead an all school *Hanukkah* program and take leadership role in services during 6th Grade/*Dalet* Graduation Shabbat

SPECIAL NEEDS CURRICULUM

Texts: Hebrew Primer, Volume 1 - Introduction to *Siddur*

Goals: letter and vowel recognition through multisensory activities

Blessings and Holiday Materials: *Barechu*, Torah Blessings, *Avot*

Additional Units: reinforce holidays

Event: Passover Seder with *Gimel*, *Hanukkah* with *Dalet*

B'NAI MITZVAH

Texts: *B'nai Mitzvah* Packet

- Goals:**
- Prayers and Blessings
 - Polish reading skills (smoothness and accuracy) of prayers
 - Yotzer*
 - V'Ahavta*
 - Avot and Imahot*
 - Torah and Haftarah* Blessings
 - Kiddush* and other prayers in the *B'nai Mitzvah* Packet
 - Learn *Torah Trope*
 - *Torah* portion
 - *Haftarah*

Enrichment: Additional morning prayers not covered in *Dalet*