

Full School Curriculum Flow

FEP: Family Education Program **E:** Event **S:** Service

Grade	RS Curriculum Themes	HS Curriculum Themes	Values	Prayers/Holiday Lens	Family Education/Service/Events
Pre-K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiential, hand-on family education programs focusing on Jewish holiday traditions 				
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holidays • Introduction to Tzedakah and Mitzvot • Creation Exploration of Jewish holidays and general Judaica with a focus on rituals, the cycles of the year, tzedakah/mitzvot and the Ten Commandments. 		Tzedakah (righteousness), Tza'ar Ba'alei Chayim (kindness to animals) and Bal Tash'hit (keeping the earth)	Prayer: Shema Holiday: Cycle of the Jewish year.	FEP: Sat./Sun., Mar. 19/20 focus on the holiday of Purim. S: Consecration – Sun., Sept. 26
1 st Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shabbat • My world through My Judaism Study of all aspects of Shabbat, including Havdalah, culminating in the creation of a Shabbat kit by each student.		Derekh Eretz (respect), Mitzvot (commandments), Mechabayd Zehet Zeh (loving and honoring one another), Shabbat (Sabbath), Shalom (peace) and Shalom Bayit (peace in the home).	Prayer: Barchu (Call to Worship), Kedushat Hayom (Sanctification of the Day). Holiday: Ritual objects; blessings.	FEP and S: Family Shabbat Dinner/Service – Fri., April 8
2 nd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Torah portion • Bible stories • Synagogue In depth look at the weekly Torah readings and the role of the synagogue in our lives.		Emet (truthfulness), Kavod (honor) and Sever Panim Yafot (a pleasant demeanor)	Prayer: Mah Tovv (How Pleasant Are Your Dwellings), Mi Chamocha (Who is Like You?), Modeh Ani (Giving Thanks) Holiday: Synagogue; Bible	FEP: Alef Round-Up – Sun., Feb. 13 (all 2 nd grade students attend on Sunday) S: Family Chanukah Service/Dinner – Fri., Dec. 3
3 rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life cycle • Torah, Avodah and Gemilut • Hasidim (Level 3) These pursuits – study, worship and deeds of loving kindness – provide the framework in which Jews build their relationships with G-d, with one another and with the world. A study of life cycle events.	Alef: Learn to read block and write in script the Hebrew alphabet. Modern Hebrew vocabulary reinforced through partnership with Israeli students. Hebrew play.	Brit (covenant), Gemilut Hasadmin (acts of loving kindness), Teva (protecting the environment), Lashon Ha-Ra (gossip) and Kedushah (holiness).	Prayer: Shehecheyanu, Yotzer (Creation), and Nissim B'chol Yom (Blessings For Daily Miracles) Holiday: Life cycles; environment. Alef: Shabbat and Passover Blessings	FEP: The Great G-d Hunt – Sat./Sun., Nov. 13/14 S: Family Chanukah Service and Dinner – Fri., Dec. 3 Alef E: Siyum Alef Ceremony (completion of Hebrew Alphabet study) – Sun., May 15
4 th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Sacred Books: 5 Books of Moses, Prophet and Writings, Talmud • Avodah: Connections to G-d (Level 4) Building familiarity with our Bible, coming to an understanding of how the words of Torah impact our lives and guide our decisions.	Bet: Reinforces material from Alef while introducing additional reading in the context of reform liturgy prayers. Build Hebrew grammar and vocabulary reinforced with communication opportunities with Israeli partners and Hebrew Ulpan class.	Rodef Shalom (seeking peace), Talmud Torah (studying Torah), Vikuach (arguments) and V'ahavta L're'acha Kamocho (love one's neighbor)	Prayer: V'Ahavta (Love of G-d), Kiddush and creating silent prayers. Holiday: Text; literature. Bet: Blessings over food, holidays, Sh'ma and V'Ahavta.	E: 4.5.6 Kick-off Youth Group Event at TEKO-Fri./Sat., Oct. 1/2 FEP: Introduction to Talmud study – Sun., Jan. 8/9 S: Purim Service/Dinner – Fri., Mar. 18 Bet E: Lead school Purim activity
5 th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Jewish History • Avodah – Connections to G-d (Level 5) • Diversity in our Jewish Community Study of ancient history, including the land of Israel, starting with the Matriarch's and Patriarchs through the Crusades. Understanding of the diversity within our Jewish community via a study of personal family history.	Gimel: Advancement of reading level, grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary. Mini-units about Israel in conjunction with Religious School curriculum, partnership with Israeli students and Hebrew Ulpan class.	Brit (covenant), Hachnasat Orchim (welcoming the stranger/hospitality), Nedivut (generosity) and Yisrael (Israel).	Prayer: Amidah, Aleinu and Kaddish. Holiday: Israel; ancient history. Gimel: Kiddush and Birkat Hamazon	E: 4.5.6 Kick-off Youth Group Event at TEKO-Fri./Sat., Oct. 1/2 FEP: Brit-Covenant – Sun., Oct. 10 (all 5 th grade students attend on Sunday) S: Simhat Torah Service/Dinner – Fri., Sept. 29 Gimel E: Lead Passover Program and Hebrew Store
6 th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewish History: Middle Ages to the Present • HaShoah • Prayer Service Leadership • Historical Jewish Figures • Avodah – Connections to G-d (Level 6) Interactive, cooperative community exploration of Jewish history from Middle Ages to World War II, American Jewish history and the birth of Israel. Intensive focus on the Shoah.	Dalet: Hebrew language, reading skills and interpretation of key prayers and the order of services. Culminates with students leading a Shabbat service for the congregation.	Zachor (remembrance), Pikuach Nefesh (saving a life), Sameach B'chelko (contentment with your lot), Heshbon Ha-Nefesh (accounting of the soul).	Prayer: Revelation and Torah Service Holiday: Middle Ages to modern history. Dalet: Yotzer, Geulah, Kaddish, Shaharit Service	E: 4.5.6 Kick-off Youth Group Event at TEKO-Fri./Sat., Oct. 1/2 FEP: Shoah-Holocaust – Sun., May 1 S: Sixth Grade Recognition and Hebrew School Dalet Graduation Service/Dinner – Fri., May 13 Dalet E: Lead school Chanukah activity. Dalet Graduation.
Modified Hebrew Program for students with special needs		Gimel: Letter, vowel recognition, blessings and holiday materials. Dalet: Reinforce material from previous year and build on mechanical reading skills.			Gimel E: Lead Passover Activity Dalet E: Lead Chanukah Activity. Dalet Graduation.
7 th /8 th Grades Na'aseh V'niOshma	2 year cycle of themes including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuing Peace • Saving a Life • Mitzvah Heroes • Caring for the Dead • Israel/Zionism • Guarding Your Tongue • Special Needs Inclusion • Feeding the Hungry • Taking Care of the Environment • Visiting the Sick • Holocaust 	Hey/B'nai Mitzvah: Bar/Bat Mitzvah class meets one day/week. Preparation of prayers, Torah and Haftarah includes working with a teacher and Cantor as well as meeting with Rabbi and practicing with peers.			FEP: 7 th Grade – Family Mitzvah Day, Sun., Feb. 6 FEP: 8 th Grade – Sun., Jan. 9
9 th Grade Kallah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Building • Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll • Tikkun Olam • Personal Theology • Interfaith Issues • Advocacy • Personal Development 				FEP: 9 th Grade – Sat., Feb. 13 at Temple Israel.
10 th Grade Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God, Torah, Israel: An Advanced Exploration and Confirmation of Our Jewish Beliefs and Practices 				FEP: 10 th Grade – Wed., Feb. 24, Family Education and Trip Orientation.

Kindergarten through 6th Grade Religious School meets Saturday or Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Pre-Kindergarten meets only on Saturday mornings. 7th and 8th Graders meet an average of two Sundays per month from 12:00 – 2:30 p.m., while 9th Graders participate in retreats at Camp TEKO and community events with peers. 10th Grade Confirmation students meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. In addition to the curriculum themes outlined above, students have continuous, age appropriate experiences with Jewish values, Israel study, prayer, holidays, and rituals at all grade levels. **Family education programming provides opportunities for parents and students to learn together and get to know our clergy.** A Friday evening or holiday family service component is included for each grade.