

Values-Based Curriculum Overview

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Teshuvah Taking responsibility for your actions (September- October)	SAMPLE CONTENT	 Connections between Teshuva, forgiveness, and making mistakes Vidui Text: Adam and Eve 	 The concept of <i>Chet</i> The four steps of <i>Teshuvah</i> <i>Tashlich</i> The concept of <i>Mitzvot</i> <i>Sukkot:</i> four species 	 Blessing for a New Month Text: Strive to be a worthy person Yehi Ratzon Formula Text: Kamtza & Bar Kamtza Avraham & Sarah 	 Text: Im ein ani li mi li Tashlich Al Chet Hineni- I'm here! Text: Wake Up to Teshuvah Standing up for Israel 		
		Recommended Tefilah : Mode Ani	Recommended Tefilah: Shema & Barekhu	Recommended Tefilah: Eilu D'varim	Recommended Tefilah: Torah Blessings		
B'Tzelem Elohim Honoring the image of G-d in ourselves (October- November)	SAMPLE CONTENT	 Text: Creation- Gan Eden Focus on celebrating differences amongst each other G-d as a role model in treating others with kindness 	 Text: Creation- Gan Eden Planning a Service Learning Project Shehecheyanu Modern society and image Israeli Hiker who helped a stranger 	 US Declaration of Independence Text: The Creation Story Service Activity Planning Diversity of Jewish people Moshe and his "slow speech" Your institution's Inclusion 	 Text: Creation Story Text: Noah and the flood Text: Abraham and Sodom Speaking out against slavery in the Civil War Tzedakah allocation 		
		Recommended Tefilah: Asher Yatzer	Recommended Tefilah: Modeh Ani	Recommended Tefilah: Avot V'Imahot	Recommended Tefilah: K'dushah		

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Gevurah Using one's inner and outer strength (November-December)	SAMPLE CONTENT	 Strength as spiritual courage, willingness to take risks and standing up for others Story of Hanukkah Anne Frank 	 Joshua as a Leader Eizehu Gibor (Pirkei Avot) Israeli Olympians Talmud: Rabbi Akiva Mitzvot, family and our community make us stronger 	 Story of Hannukah: Syrio Greeks & Hellenism Bullying Joseph & Reuven Text: Do Not Stand Idly By American Jews Standing Up for their Beliefs 	 Text: David and Goliath V'al HaNissim Military Story of Chanukah Rebirth of Israel Monuments of Israel American Jewish immigration Modern day Aliyah
	SAMPL	Recommended Tefilah: Hanukkah Blessings	Recommended Tefilah: Mi Chamocha	Recommended Tefilah: G'vurot	Recommended Tefilah: V'shamru
Achrayut Doing what you can to make the world a better place (January-February)	SAMPLE CONTENT	 Looking out for one another Love and protect family members Roles and responsibilities Personal Ten Commandments Healthy body Heal the world 	 Tu Bishevat Text: Love your neighbor as you love yourself Text: Maimonides on loving your neighbor Heroes of Israel Tzedakah and Wealth Distribution Pirkei Avot: You are not obligated to complete the task, nor are free to desist from it 	 Abraham Joshua Heschel & MLK Jr. Jewish Prophets Tochecha- Rebuking Israeli's & Tikkun Olam Kibbutzim Haftarah 	 Tu Bishevat & Stewardship of the Earth Text: Caring for the Natural World- Shmirat HaTevah Text: Do Not Waste- Bal Taschit Text: Love Your Neighbor As Yourself Text: Returning a Lost Object Gilad Shalit Prayer for the State of Israel
		Recommended Tefilah: Al Netilat Yadayim	Recommended Tefilah: Al Shlosha D'varim	Recommended Tefilah: V'ahavta	Recommended Tefilah: Aleinu

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HaKarat HaTov Seeking joy and being grateful (February-March)	SAMPLE CONTENT	 Always seek good in others Giving compliments Text: The Creation Story 	 Brachot over food Derech Eretz Text: Ten Commandments Text: Jealousy and Coveting Honoring our parents 	 7 species of Israel Purim: Achashverosh Modeh Ani Israeli's transforming adversity Mitzvah to be happy Psalms 133 and 136 (Thanksgiving and Hinei Mah Tov) 	 First Fruits- Bikurim Birkat Hamazon Obligations to others as a result of God taking us out of Egypt Making your bar/bat mitzvah express Hakarat HaTov Kashrut
	SAMF	Recommended Tefilah: Shecheyanu	Recommended Tefilah: Yotzer Or	Recommended Tefilah: Ashrei	Recommended Tefilah: Birkat Hamazon
Koach HaDibbur Understanding the power of words (March-April)	SAMPLE CONTENT	 Choosing your words carefully Story: A Pillow Full of Feathers Gossip and rumors 	 Text: Fulfilling promises Kol Nidre Order of the Seder Barekhu Haggadah 	 Blessings over foods Shema Text: Moses and the Burning Bush Symbols of the Seder Plate Lashon Hara & Rechilut (Gossip) Natan Sharanksy's Book of Psalms 	 Text: Entering Israel and the 12 spies Seder: Four Questions refresher Exodus as a Master Story American Anti-Slavery movement Seder: Phrases from our seder that talk about our obligation to others
		Recommended Tefilah: Shema	Recommended Tefilah: The Four Questions	Recommended Tefilah: Shabbat Brachot	Recommended Tefilah: Mourner's Kaddish

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Shalom Helping to create a calmer, more peaceful world (April-May)	SAMPLE CONTENT	 Shalom Bayit: Creating peace in the home Yom ha'atzmaut 	 Havdalah Text: Eizer K'negda – helpmate Text: The Temple Text: Shalom Aleichem & Shalom Bayit Text: Avraham models compromise Text: Ruth models risk taking Priestly Blessing 	 Seudat Shlishit Prayers for Peace Text: Pirkei Avot pursuers of peace Text: Solomon's quest for wisdom Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem Gilad Shalit's childhood story Biographies of Nobel Prize winners 7 species of Israel 	 Havdalah Text: Rodef Shalom (Pursue Peace) Text: Sh'lom Bayit (Peace in the Home) Text: Somekh Nofllim (Lifing up the fallen) Text: Love Your Neighbor as Yourself Tochecha/Rebuking injustice Golden Calf
		Recommended Tefilah: Oseh Shalom	Recommended Tefilah: Sim Shalom	Recommended Tefilah: L'kha Dodi	Recommended Tefilah: Havdalah Blessings

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