

Twenty-eight complete lesson plans provide students with stimulating, interactive hands-on activities to explore and engage with these Jewish values and holidays.

Jewish Values

הַכָּרַת הַטּוֹב
Hakarat Hatov
Recognizing the Good

הַכְּנִסַּת אֹרְחִים
Hachnasat Orchim
Welcoming Guests

בְּקוֹר חוֹלִים
Bikur Cholim
Visiting the Sick

תּוֹדָה
Todah
Thanks

צְדָקָה
Tzedakah
Giving to Help Others

אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל
Eretz Yisrael
The Land of Israel

בַּל תַּשְׁחִית
Ba'al Tashchit
Do not be wasteful
or destroy

אִמְץ לֵב
Ometz Lev
Courage of the Heart

שְׁלוֹם בַּיִת
Shalom Bayit
Peace in the Home

הַשְּׁבַת אֲבֵדָה
Hashavat Aveyda
Finding Lost Objects

בְּצַלֵּם אֱלֹהִים
B'tzelem Elohim
In God's Image

Holidays

רֵאשׁ הַשָּׁנָה
Rosh Hashanah

יוֹם כִּפּוּר
Yom Kippur

שִׂמְחַת תּוֹרָה
Simchat Torah

סֻכּוֹת
Sukkot

שַׁבָּת
Shabbat

חֲנֻכָּה
Chanukah

פֶּסַח
Pesach

פוּרִים
Purim

ט"ו בְּשֵׁבַט
Tu B'shvat

יוֹם הָעֲצְמָאוֹת
Yom Ha'atzmaut

שָׁבוּעוֹת
Shavuot

Kindergarten

Students explore Jewish values and holidays through the senses. Young children experience the sights, sounds, tastes and feels that connect us to Jewish tradition and learning.

עִבְרִית Hebrew

Through consistent exposure, students will be able to use greetings and simple vocabulary including:

- טוב / לא טוב Good/Not Good
- אָנִי פֹה / לא פֹה I am Here/Not Here
- שְׁלוֹם Hello
- יוֹם Day
- בֹּקֶר טוֹב Good Morning
- סְלִיחָה Sorry
- תוֹדָה Thank You
- סְבִיבוֹן Dreidel
- בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים Welcome
- יוֹם הוֹלָדָת Birthday

תְּפִלוֹת Prayers

- מוֹדָה אָנִי Prayer Upon Waking
- גְּטִילַת יָדַיִם Handwashing Blessing
- לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שַׁבָּת Shabbat Candle Blessing
- קִדּוּשׁ Kiddush
- בּוֹרָא פְּרִי הָעֵץ Blessing the fruit of the tree
- עוֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם Oseh Shalom
- מָה נִשְׁתַּנָּה Four Questions
- עַל בְּעוֹר חֻמֶּץ Blessing for Removing Chametz

Referenced Books

King David & Akavish the Spider
By Sylvia Rouss

Ten Tzedakah Pennies
By Joni Klein-Higger

The Sabbath Lion
By Harold Schwartz

Sara Finds a Mitzvah
By Rebeka Simhaee

New Year at the Pier
By April Halprin Wayland

Grace's Night
By Lynn Taylor Gordon

Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel
By Sylvia A. Rouss

The Best Four Questions
By Rachelle Burk

Shira at the Temple: A Yom Kippur Story
By Galia Sabbag

The Shabbat Box
By Lesley Simpson

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat
By Simms Taback

Chrysanthemum
By Kevin Henkes

Chicken Soup By Heart
By Esther Hershenhorn

All Kinds of Strong
By Sharon Baker

The Purim Story
By Sylvia Rouss

On One Foot
By Linda Glaser



First Grade

Students will continue to explore Jewish values and holidays through the senses. A variety of hands-on activities and choices give teachers options to personalize the learning.

עִבְרִית Hebrew

Over the course of the year, students will learn a number of Hebrew words and simple phrases related to the values and holidays including:

- שְׁלוֹם Hello
- בֹּקֵר טוֹב Good Morning
- טוֹב Good
- לֵהִתְרַאוֹת See You Later
- שָׁנָה טוֹבָה A Good Year
- סְלִיחָה Sorry
- בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים Welcome
- צְדָקָה Charity/Justice
- נֵר Candle
- נֵרוֹת Candles

תְּפִלוֹת Prayers

הֵנָּה מָה טוֹב How Good To Be Here

מוֹדֵה אָנֹכִי Prayer Upon Waking

שְׁמַע Shema

מָה טוֹבוֹ How Good Are Your Tents

לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה Chanukah Candle Blessings

בְּרִכָּה לְמַעַן יִשְׁתַּבְּחוּ בְּרִיּוֹת מְשָׁנָה Blessing for Making People Different

בְּרִכָּה לְבוֹרֵא מִיַּי מִזֻּנּוֹת Blessing for Cakes and Cookies

בְּרִכָּה לְפְרֵי הָעֵץ Blessing for Fruit of the Tree

Referenced Books

How the Rosh Hashanah Challah Became Round
by Sylvia B. Epstein

The Hardest Word: A Yom Kippur Story
by Jacqueline Jules

Tamar's Sukkah
by Ellie B Gellman

Nachshon Who Was Afraid to Swim
by Deborah Bodin Cohen

First Rain
by Charlotte Herman

The Forever Garden
by Laurel Snyder

Cakes and Miracles
by Barbara Diamond Goldin

A Hen for Izzy Pippik
By Aubrey Davis

The Sneetches
by Dr. Seuss

The Tortoise and the Hare Race Across Israel
by Laura Gehl

The Art Lesson
by Allison & Wayne Marks



Second Grade

ShalomLearning's second grade curriculum explores Jewish values and holidays through literature and art. Each lesson includes an introduction to an artist, author or musician. Students create an original piece of work connected to the theme of the lesson in the style of the artist.

עברית Hebrew

Throughout the curriculum students will learn all the letters of the Aleph-Bet and two Hebrew words for each letter including:

- אורחים Guests
- אהבה Love
- דבר Speak
- דלת Door
- בקור חולים Visiting The Sick
- בקר טוב Good Morning
- תורה Torah
- תודה Thank You
- צדקה Charity/Justice
- חנוכה Holiday of Chanukah

תפילות Prayers

- מוֹדָה אֲנִי Prayer Upon Waking
- מָה טוֹב How Good Are Your Tents
- הֲנִיּה מָה טוֹב How Good To Be Here
- מִי שְׁבֵרֵךְ Prayer for Healing
- שְׁמָעָה Shema
- מָה נִשְׁתַּנֶּה Four Questions
- לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָה Chanukah Blessings

Referenced Books

Mysterious Guests
by Eric A Kimmel

Shanghai Sukkah
by Heidi Smith Hyde

Baxter, the Pig Who Wanted to Be Kosher
by Laurel Snyder

Pearl Moscovitz's Last Stand
by Arthur Levine

A Big Quiet House
by Heather Forest

It Could Always Be Worse
by Margot Zemach

Mrs. Katz and Tush
by Patricia Polacco



Other Artists/Authors Explored in this Curriculum:

Mordechai Rosenstein
Yitzchok Mouly
Shel Silverstein
Sol LeWitt
Frank Gehry
Jordana Klein
Gary Rosenthal

David Yohanán
Rae Antonoff
Hanoch Piven
Hillel Smith
David Najar
Dan Nichols
Gali Atari