

We are excited to be having out Kitah Gimmel class use the Jewish Educators Assembly's Etgar Yesodi Curriculum on Holidays and Values.

The curriculum links Jewish values, moral development and spirituality with experiential learning, technology and family involvement. The curriculum seeks to connect children with the textual, ritual and artistic sources of Jewish life, while encouraging their curiosity, imagination and expression. The goal is for children to emerge with a "vocabulary" of Jewish life that goes beyond words, and which informs their sense of what Judaism contributes to their lives, and what they can contribute to the world around them.

The Curriculum integrates Torah, Avodah and Gemilut Hasadim throughout its six units and four mini units.

- Unit 1: Yamim Noraim
- Unit 2: Sukkot and Hakhnassat Orhim
- Unit 3: Rosh Hodesh and the Jewish Calendar*
- Unit 4: Hanukkah and Pirsumei D'Nisa
- Unit 5: Shabbat and Hakarat Hatov
- Unit 6: Pesah and Zeman Heruteinu

- Mini units
- Simhat Torah
 - Tu B'Shvat B'Aratz: Yeshuv Ha'Aratz
 - Purim and Ometz Lev
 - Shavuot

Prayer: At the end of this year, students will exhibit fluency and competency with the following prayers, as well as an understanding of their basic themes and how to apply the prayers' meaning to their lives:

- All of the previous prayers
- Shema
- Veahavta
- Mi Chamocha

Hebrew: Students will continue to work on letter and vowel recognition, being able to correctly name and produce the sounds of all the Hebrew letters and vowels. They will accurately be able to identify and pronounce most letter-vowel blends, divide syllables appropriately and read sentences accurately but with some hesitation.