

STAGE 3 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

For students in Years 5 & 6

TERM 1:

A Brief Introduction to My Judaism

- Sing the prayer 'Shema' and discuss the importance of the act of 'listening' in Tikkun Olam

Bible Story - Yosef

- As a group, students put the figures of the story of Yosef on trial, following a deeper understanding of their actions.

Purim

- Discuss the concept of leadership in Megillat Esther

Pesach

- Plan a hypothetical Seder based on the events the Israelites experienced while slaves in Egypt.

TERM 2:

Israel's Innovations

- Learn about Israel's innovations to gain affiliation with the modern State of Israel

Yom HaAtzma'ut

- Associate feelings of respect and gratitude with Israel's Remembrance Day

Israel

- Learn about Herzl's dream to establish a State for the Jewish people, and Ben-Gurion's dream to make the Negev bloom

Shavuot

- Learn about the Golden Calf in the Torah and associate it with the excessive value put on material things nowadays

Noah's Ark and the Tower of Bavel

- Discuss the character of Noah as presented in the story of Noah's Ark
- Reveal some interesting facts about the role of carrying pigeons in war times
- Explore some Rabbinical explanations of the reason the Tower of Babel was built

The 12 Spies

- Analyse segments of the story of the 12 Spies connecting them to famous quotes/sayings

TERM 3:

Jewish Wisdom

- Rambam, Laws of Character Traits and how they apply to everyday lives

Jewish Diversity

- Learn what the Jewish people have in common as a basis to understand diversity and differences

Rosh HaShanah

- Learn about 3 different beginnings of a year in Judaism

Yom Kippur

- Learn about Rambam's 8 levels of giving

Sukkot

- Learn about the Seven Ushpizin and the Mitzvah of welcoming guests.

TERM 4:

Simchat Torah

- Learn about important historical figures in the Torah, and how they shaped modern Jewish principles, also make the connection between the Hebrew word 'to Teach' and the practice of learning Torah

Israel

- Learn the difference between the State of Israel and its Nation, discuss life in a kibbutz vs in modern cities, and learn the significance of Masada and the Dead Sea

Chanukah

- Learn about Yehuda Maccabee and the values he fought for, learn the Chanukah story in relation to modern historical principles, and understand the difference between Sevivons (dreidels) in Israel vs the rest of the world

End of Year Recap

- Revise all topics taught over the year, and prepare for the next stage in the Jewish Journey