

TEMPLE BETH RISHON
HEBREW SCHOOL CURRICULUM SUMMARY: 2011-12

Kindergarten/1st Grade – Sunday 10 am – 12 noon (Jennifer Levy – teacher, Alissa Weinraub – assistant teacher)

Introduce Hebrew Letters, Basic Hebrew Words and Concepts
Shabbat and Holidays
Arts and Crafts (related to *Shabbat* and Holidays)
Games such as *Shimon Omer* “Simon Says”
Music 2x per month in Sanctuary on *bima* “pulpit” with Cantor Annelise
Story 2x per month in Sanctuary on *bima* with Rabbi Olshansky

2nd Grade – Sunday 10 am – 12 noon (Amy Soled-Wasserman)

Hebrew Alphabet, Enhanced Reading Readiness
Shabbat and Holidays using self-contained lessons
Basic Blessings and Prayers
Music 2x per month in Sanctuary on *bima* “pulpit” with Cantor Annelise
Story 2x per month in Sanctuary on *bima* with Rabbi Olshansky
Some Arts and Crafts – less than Kindergarten/1st Grade

Aleph (3rd grade) – Sunday 10 am-12 noon, Tuesday, 4:15 – 6:15 pm (Hagit Barnir and Iris Bibergal)

Hebrew Alphabet and Basic Words
Shabbat and Holidays
Tu B'Shevat and Nature
Torah Stories with related Game Book
Modern Israel via “Scavenger Hunt”
Music 2x per month (Sunday with Cantor Annelise, Tuesday with Cantor Mamber)

Bet (4th grade) – Sunday 10 am-12 noon, Tuesday 4:15-6:15 pm
(Tsiipi Borovsky, Linda Kates/Galia Baruch, Karen Lelonek/Sherry Glassman)

Shabbat Evening Prayers and Passover *Haggadah*
Review of Hebrew Alphabet as needed
Holidays as appropriate
Bible Stories from Prophetic Period, Parallel Historical Readings
Modern Israel
Music 2x per month (Sunday with Cantor Annelise, Tuesday with Cantor Mamber)

Gimel (5th grade) – Sunday 10 am-12 noon, Thursday 4:15-6:15 pm

Hebrew (Galia Baruch)
Shabbat Evening Prayers using CD and downloadable tracks from TBR Website
Holidays as appropriate
Passover *Haggadah* – key elements

Bible/History (Jennifer Perl)

Prophetic Period as History/Post-Biblical Jewish History (up to modern times)

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Life Cycle (Iris Bibergal)

Birth and Naming
Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation
Jewish Weddings
Death and Funerals

Additional Features

Assemblies – Ethics Sessions with Rabbi Emert
Music – one Sunday per month in Sanctuary with Cantor Annelise

Dalet (6th grade) – Sunday 10 am-12 noon, Thursday 4:15-6:15 pm

Or Tuesday 4:15-6:15 pm , Thursday 4:15-6:15 pm

Religion (Orit Zezion, Tsipi Borovsky)

Shabbat morning prayers, Blessings after *Haftarah* (started in late summer)
“My Torah Portion,” based on “God Cast” – teach to class

History (Sandra Dermon, Tsipi Borovsky)

Fall – Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust
Spring – Creation of Modern State of Israel

Additional Features

Assemblies – Ethics Sessions with Rabbi Emert
Music – one Sunday per month in Sanctuary with Cantor Annelise
(Tuesday/Thursday students will have music in class with Tsipi Borovsky)

Hey (7th grade) – Thursday 4:15-6:15 pm

Jewish Ethics and Values – Based on Modern Films (Sherry Glassman)

Clips from Modern Movies and TV Shows as “Discussion Triggers”
Issues Relevant to Lives of Adolescents
Jewish Teachings About: self-esteem, peer pressure, living up to one’s potential, etc.

Putting the Mitzvah in Bar/Bat Mitzvah (Juliet Barr) – Fall Semester

Concept of *Mitzvah* – obligation vs. “good deed”
Class-wide/Grade-wide *Tikkun Olam* “Repairing the World” Project – Fall Semester

Power of Words (Juliet Barr) – Spring Semester

Lashon Hara “Evil Speech,” Lying, “The Crown of a Good Name”
Welcoming Guests, Speaking Up for Others, Bullying, etc.