

# Beth El Religious School

## What to Expect in Your Child's Kittah Bet (2nd Grade)

### Curriculum:

#### JEWISH IDENTITY AND ISRAEL

Your second grader is ready to explore the building blocks of being Jewish by learning about the Jewish people's way of behaving toward each other and God. They will also learn about the Jewish homeland. They discover a common language for identifying our cherished symbols, life-celebrations and our bond to Israel.

#### HEBREW

Your child is ready to build on the letter recognition of the previous year and begin phonetic decoding, putting vowels and consonants together. By the end of the year, your child should be able to read and build a visual vocabulary of nearly 40 everyday words and many classroom Hebrew expressions.

#### HOLIDAYS AND MITZVOT

Your child will explore the Jewish holidays with special emphasis on the symbols, rituals and blessings. Family participation and holiday projects help to create a vital link between the classroom and the home.

#### BIBLE

Your child will discover the rhythm of the weekly Torah readings by studying the weekly portions of the Torah.

#### PRAYER & THEOLOGY

Your child will be guided and encouraged to think and talk about God and to find a higher meaning for the things and creatures that inhabit our world. He/she will learn what it means to be created in God's image.

#### PRAYER GOALS

Your child will be learning many new prayers this year. These prayers will be routinely reviewed each and every week, so not to worry. The prayers are learned through familiar melodies and by rote. A list is provided below. Recordings, transliteration and translations of all these prayers can be obtained from the Beth El website ([www.bethelsnj.org](http://www.bethelsnj.org)).

#### T'FILLOT (PRAYERS)

*Modeh Ani, Ma Tovu (1st line), Hallelu (song), Shema & V'Ahavta (1st paragraph), Taking Out the Torah: Vay'hi binso'a ha-aron, Shema, Echad, & Gadlu, Torah Blessings, Eitz Chayim, Adon Olam (refrain)*

#### BERACHOT (BLESSINGS)

*Bread - Ha'Motzih; Wine - Ha-'Gafen  
Cake - Mezonot; Candy, other - Sh'Hakol  
Fruit - Ha'etz; Vegetables - Ha'Adama  
Shabbat Candles - L'hadlik Ner Shel Shabbat  
Havdallah: Wine - Borey p'ri ha-gafen, Besamim (spices) - Borey Miney V'samin, Esh (fire) - Borey M'orei ha-esh. Chanukah, Sheheche-ya-nu, Pesach: Ma Nishtanah, Matzah, Maror*

#### MUSIC

Your child will learn many new songs in Hebrew and/or English each week with Cantor Leon Sher.

#### CHUGIM

Every Sunday all grades will participate in *chugim* (clubs). Each grade will rotate every week to a different activity such as Jewish art, Jewish cooking, Jewish nature, and more.