

WHAT TO EXPECT IN KITTAH ALEPH (FIRST GRADE)

CURRICULUM

Jewish Identity

Your child will delve more thoroughly into the concept of Jewish community, learning more about the synagogue and its central role in our daily lives.

Hebrew

Your child will begin a more formal Hebrew education with "letter recognition." Each letter is introduced with a Hebrew vocabulary word that is Siddur and synagogue based. He/she will also learn how to print this letter. Your child will have a textbook/workbook.

Holidays and Mitzvot

Your child will learn the traditional holiday stories, rituals and values through music, arts and crafts projects, cooking and other hands-on activities. They learn about Passover and the various Seder skills involved. Shabbat is learned in detail and is reinforced throughout the year.

Bible

Your child will discover important Biblical heroes and stories of the Torah and the Prophets through a medium that enables readers and non-readers alike to understand the important concepts. Through role playing and creative projects, your child will learn the lessons 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).

Modeh Ani,
Ma Tov (1st line)
Hallelu (song) ,
Shema (1st line)
Taking Out the Torah:
Torah Torah (song),
Eitz Chayim Hi,
Adon Olam (refrain)

Berachot (Blessings)

Bread – Ha'Motzi 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.

Jewish Cooking

Your child will learn about Jewish culture and the Jewish holidays through a Jewish cooking class from a professional chef every other week.

Remember!

***If you want to know what's going on every week at Beth El Religious School,
read Rabbi Marshall's Corner.***