

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN KITTAH GIMMEL (3RD GRADE)

### CURRICULUM

#### **ETGAR YESODI — Holidays and Mitzvot/ Ethics and Values / Torah**

Etgar Yesodi is a curriculum, developed by the Jewish Theological Seminary that 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.

#### **Hebrew**

The third grader reviews phonetic decoding skills previously learned and practices reading fluency. Kittah Gimmel students learn the themes of key prayers and how to recognize simple Hebrew roots, prefixes and suffixes.

#### **Prayer & Theology**

Your child will be guided and encouraged to think and talk about Gd 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 Gd's image.

#### **Chag HaSiddur**

The Gimmel year will prepare the students to take their rightful place in K'lal Yisrael (the community of Israel) by formally introducing the students to the Saturday morning service and preparing them to receive their first Siddur, (prayer book) in a special ceremony called Consecration or Chag HaSiddur.

#### **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.

#### **T'fillot (Prayers)**

Modeh Ani, Mah tovu, Hallelu,  
Shema & V'ahavta, Vayehi Binsoa  
Haaron, Ein Kamocha, Shema, Echad, Gadlu,  
Beh Ana rachetz, Aliya, Eitz Chayim  
Hi, Mizmor L'david

#### **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, Chanukah,  
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 holidays and culture through a Jewish cooking class every other week with a professional chef.

### **Remember!**

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