

Aleph Curriculum (1st Grade)

Jewish Identity

The first grader continues on the theme of the previous year, learning more about the synagogue and its central role in our daily lives.

Hebrew

In addition to the Classroom vocabulary that is reinforced weekly, first graders begin the formal Hebrew education with "letter recognition." Each letter is introduced with a Hebrew vocabulary word that is Siddur and synagogue based.

Bible

Our first grader discovers 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.

Holidays and Mitzvot

The children 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.

Prayer

Modeh Ani

Shema (first line)

Ma Tov (first line)

Oseh Shalom

Torah Torah

Adon Olam (first paragraph)

Shalom Aleichem

B'rachot (Blessings) for:

Bread, wine, fruit, vegetables, water, pastry. *B'rachot* for lighting the candles for Shabbat, Chanukah, *Yom Tov*, (*any holiday*.) *Shehechyanu*, *Sukkot – Lulav and Etrog* Passover – the Four Questions, all blessings related to the Seder.

Texts and Teacher Resources

Reading Readiness – The New Siddur Program, Behrman House.

Teach Me Torah – Behrman House

Torah Talk - Torah Aura

Let's Discover the Synagogue – Behrman House

Let's Discover the Holidays – Behrman House

Mora Mora Teach Me Torah – ARE

New Prayer Curriculum and

Transliterated Brachot and Tefillot –

Yaffa Fuchs

Music / Israeli Dancing

Our **Aleph** program is enriched with weekly offerings of Jewish Music and Israeli Dancing. Our children learn a variety of Hebrew songs that are Holiday and Shabbat related from an experienced music and dance specialist.