

Bet Curriculum (2nd Grade)

Jewish Identity

The 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 discover a common language for identifying our cherished symbols, life-celebrations and our bond to Israel.

Hebrew

Children in Bet build on the letter recognition of the previous year and begin phonetic decoding, putting vowels and consonants together. By the end of the year, second graders can read more than 200 prayer words. In addition, during the course of the year, students are introduced to a visual vocabulary of nearly 40 everyday words and many classroom Hebrew expressions.

Bible

Bet students discover the rhythm of the weekly Torah readings by studying the weekly portions of the Torah. In addition, the children are introduced to the *aggadic* treasury of lore and legend that the rabbis called "the Torah of the Heart" and the moral lessons they teach.

Holidays and Mitzvot

Bet students 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.

Prayer and Theology

Second graders are guided and encouraged to think and talk about God and to find a higher meaning for the things and creatures that inhabit our world. They learn what it means to be created in God's image.

T'filot: *Modeh Ani*, *Shema* (first line), *Ma Tovu* (first line), *Oseh Shalom*, *Torah Torah*, *Lasok B'divrei Torah*, *Adon Olam* (first paragraph), *Shalom Aleichem*, *L'Cha Dodi* (first line), *Birkat Hamazon* (beginning verses)

B'rachot (Blessings) for: Bread, wine, fruit, vegetables, water, pastry. *Berachot* for candle lighting on Shabbat, Chanukah, *Yom Tov* (any holiday), *Shehecheyanu*.

Sukkot – Lulav and Etrog.

Passover – the Four Questions

Texts and Teacher resources

Primer – The New Siddur Program, Behrman House. (and Workbook)

My Weekly Sedra – Torah Aura

Torah Talk - Torah Aura

Stories from Our Living Past – Behrman House

Let's Explore Being Jewish – Behrman House

Let's Celebrate – Behrman House

Let's Discover God – Behrman House

Music / Israeli Dancing

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

End of the Year Concert – a lovely program showcasing what the children have learned.