

Gan Curriculum (Kindergarten)

Jewish Community

Children in Gan are introduced to the concept of Jewish community through the study of the Synagogue via its symbols and architecture.

Hebrew

Children in Gan develop Hebrew language through prayers, songs and games. They learn to recite the Hebrew Alphabet, name ritual objects and concepts associated with holidays. They develop a classroom vocabulary that is reinforced regularly.

Bible

Children in Kindergarten are introduced to the classic Torah (first five books of the Bible) stories through read-aloud Torah books and family review lessons. Main concepts and values are discussed in twenty-four stories from “creation” to “the families of Israel enter the land of Israel”.

Holidays and Mitzvot

Children in Gan are introduced to the basic Jewish Holidays as they occur, learning the customs and traditions associated with Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Shabbat, Chanukah, Tu B’shvat, Purim, Pesach, Yom Ha’atzmaut, Lag B’Omer, Shavuot. Through art, music, cooking and story telling, the children prepare for each holiday and bring ideas and projects home to enhance the celebration of each holiday.

Prayer

Modeh Ani
Shema (first line)
Ma Tovu (first line)
Torah Torah
Adon Olam (first paragraph)
Haggada – Four Questions

Children in Gan learn to recite the **Berachot** (blessings) for: Bread, wine, fruit, vegetables, water and pastry. They learn the *Berachot* for lighting the candles for Shabbat, Chanukah, *Yom Tov*, (any holiday) and the *Shehechyanu*, *Sukkot* – *Lulav* and *Etrog*

Texts and Teacher Resources

Aleph Bet Story Book
Let’s Discover the Aleph Bet – Behrman House
A Child’s Garden of Torah – Torah Aura
Torah Talk – ARE
Building Jewish Life(Blue) – Torah Aura
Let’s Celebrate – Behrman House
Prayer Curriculum and Transliterated Tefillot – Yaffa Fuchs

Music / Israeli Dancing

Our **Gan** 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.