



Sixth and Seventh Grade Sunday Curriculum

Mitzvah Theme: Bal Tashchit - Environmental Conservation

Hebrew

Reading	*Writing (optional)	Vocabulary (enrichment)
Continue practicing reading for fluency and accuracy	Add expanded vocabulary	Add holiday words: On Chanukah we play dreidel, On Sukkot we sit and eat in the Sukkah, On Rosh Hashana we hear the Shofar, On Tu B'shavat we pray for rain for the trees

Torah

Learn	Obtain	Activity
<p>Biblical ethics through study of Judges and later Parshiot in the Torah</p> <p>Introduce what the Talmud is and importance in Judaism</p> <p>Underpinnings of command to not waste found in Deuteronomy 20:19-20 Commentaries on this commandment and how</p>	<p>Historical understanding of the challenges faced by the prophets</p> <p>An ability to make connections to modern day issues</p> <p>Extract ethical values from stories</p> <p>Connection between environmental conservation and Jewish values</p>	<p>Personalized discussions and study from which the students gain values and beliefs</p> <p>Through questions and discussions, students will formulate views and values.</p> <p>3D Talmud</p> <p>Project-based hands on crafts</p> <p>Sidra scenes (acting)</p> <p>Help with paper recycling in school</p> <p>Clean up a park</p> <p>Make suggestions of how students and the synagogues</p>

they expanded its parameters		can better conserve energy and other resources
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Holidays

Learn	Obtain	Suggested Activities
<p>Jewish laws associated with each holiday</p> <p>Texts associated with these laws</p> <p>Biblical origins of each holiday and how observance and meaning of them has changed until now</p> <p>Ethical obligations of each holiday</p> <p>Different customs among Sephardim and Ashkenazim</p>	<p>A deeper understanding of the laws dictating the holidays observance</p> <p>Exposure to various rabbinic texts</p> <p>Knowledge of Biblical description of each holiday</p> <p>Flavor of the cycle of the Jewish year and how each holiday can help us become a better person</p>	<p>Study specific obligations regarding construction of a Sukkah. Build different model Sukkot according to those specifications</p> <p>Re-enact Biblical holiday observance</p> <p>Cook recipes for Jewish holiday foods from around the globe</p> <p>Create Hebrew calendar with each holiday listed</p>

Prayer

(Each child will learn prayers at their own pace with the goal of mastery. Please see your child's individual prayer chart)

Ma Tovv, Sh'ma, Shabbat Blessings: Kiddush, Candles, Ha'motzi; Ma Nishtana, V'ahavta, Friday Night Kiddush, Birchot Hashachar, Avot, Gevurot, Kedusha, Aleynu

Torah service rituals, choreography and prayers

- Blessings, practice an aliyah
- The structure of the service
- The number of Aliyot
- The roles of the Hagbah & Gelilah, Chazzan, and Shaliach Tzibor

Resources

The Prophets: Speaking Out for Justice, The History of the Jewish People (Volumes 1 and 2), Let's Talk – Hebrew for Teens, Jewish J Girl and Boys guides, Great Debates, Shalom Ivrit, Volumes 1, 2 and 3, New Siddur Program Volumes 1, 2 and 3, Zot HaTorah, Local Shalichah or Shlichah