

# CURRICULUM

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS and ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

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<b>Shorashim (K-2)</b>	<p>What does it mean to be Jewish?</p> <p>Who is in my Jewish community?</p> <p>What are the basic symbols, places and people of Jewish life?</p> <p>What are Jewish holidays and Shabbat, and how do we celebrate them?</p> <p>How do my Jewish acts connect me to the Jewish story and the Jewish people?</p> <p>How is my life connected to Torah values and the cycle of the Jewish year?</p> <p>What are Jewish stories?</p> <p>What is Israel?</p>	<p>The synagogue and community are my home.</p> <p>Jewish holidays center around certain themes.</p> <p>Torah stories teach us about what it means to be Jewish and our history.</p> <p>Hebrew is the language that Jews from all over the world can use to communicate.</p> <p>The Jewish concept of values and mitzvot can be observed.</p> <p>We use blessings to mark special moments and to say thank you.</p> <p>Israel is a Jewish state.</p>
<b>Nitzanim (3rd-4th)</b>	<p>How can I find space in my everyday habits for connection to being Jewish?</p> <p>How can Torah help me live a meaningful Jewish life?</p> <p>How can I understand and express my relationship with God or the Jewish people?</p> <p>How do I connect to Jewish holidays and Shabbat? Why do I celebrate them?</p> <p>What can I learn from Torah?</p> <p>Why does Israel matter?</p> <p>What is prayer?</p>	<p>Judaism has meaningful rituals, expectations and customs.</p> <p>Mitzvot can be both ethical and ritual, and observing them helps me to make my life more holy.</p> <p>Reading Hebrew allows us to participate in synagogues and be part of the Jewish communities everywhere.</p> <p>Tefillah is a personal and communal experience.</p> <p>Israel is the Jewish homeland.</p>
<b>Alim (5th-7th)</b>	<p>How does ritual help me connect with my Jewish community?</p> <p>How can participation in Jewish life help me grow spiritually, communally and morally?</p> <p>What is my role in the Jewish community?</p> <p>How does prayer help me with my role in the Jewish community?</p> <p>What makes a good Jewish leader and how can I become a good Jewish leader?</p> <p>What are our historical connections to the Land of Israel?</p>	<p>Judaism has meaningful rituals, expectations and customs that allow me to form a Jewish identity.</p> <p>Reading Hebrew allows us to participate in synagogues and be part of the Jewish communities everywhere.</p> <p>We have many leaders in the Torah from whom we can learn.</p> <p>I can have a unique role in the Jewish community.</p> <p>Israel gives Jews from all over the world a homeland.</p> <p>Tefillah is a personal and communal experience.</p>