KITAH ALEPH (1솔)
What are our foundational Jewish stories? A chance to learn about our ancestors

Topics: Torah stories (Exodus), holidays, Aleph-Bet, Tefillah, community and Israel
Tefillah: Havdallah blessings, Mah Tovu, V’Dibarta Bam, Mi Chamocha—2nd verse, Adonai S’fatai, L’Cha
Dodi chorus, Holiday songs and prayers

Big Ideas:
- We are all part of the Jewish community.
- Jews celebrate special holidays and read special stories in the Torah.
- Hebrew is the language that Jews speak, including in Israel.

Essential Questions:
- What does it mean to be Jewish?
- What are Jewish holidays and how do we celebrate them?
- What are Jewish stories? How do we learn about them?
- Who is in my Jewish community?
- What is Israel?

Objectives:
Students will learn how to...
- Identify letters of the Aleph Bet.
- Use Hebrew for common greetings, holiday-related vocabulary, to refer to people in the synagogue, and when discussing Israel.
- Celebrate major Jewish holidays (calendar split between Gan and Kitah Aleph)
- Navigate the synagogue—including who is in the synagogue, where things are, and what happens in the synagogue.

Students will understand that...
- Each Jewish holiday has its own story, mitzvot, and ways that we celebrate it.
- Torah stories teach us about what it means to be Jewish, focusing on Sefer Shemot (Exodus).
- Hebrew is the language that Jews from all over the world can use to communicate.
- Israel is a Jewish country.

Students will believe that...
- It is fun to be Jewish!
● We do “Jewish things” with family, friends, and the Jewish community.
● Israel is a Jewish country, and it is for all Jews, everywhere.
● We can learn more about Judaism by reading Torah stories.