KITAH GIMMEL (3RD)

Text Tales: A deeper dive into Torah and the lessons we learn

Topics: Torah stories (Genesis), holidays, Hebrew reading, Tefillah, Israel

Tefillah: Ein Keloheinu, Adon Olam, V’shamru—finish learning all parts, Aleinu—begin learning, Holiday songs and prayers

Big Ideas:
● We learn lessons about how to live our lives, including values and mitzvot, through Torah. Every time we study Torah, we can learn something new.
● Every year as we go through the Jewish calendar, we celebrate the same holidays, but we can learn or think about them in different ways.
● Israel is the Jewish homeland; even though we don’t live in Israel, it is important for us to recognize our religious connection.
● Reading Hebrew allows us to participate in synagogues and be part of the Jewish community all over the world.
● Praying in community is an important way Jews connect to God.

Essential Questions:
● What can I learn from Torah?
● How do I connect to Jewish holidays?
● Why does Israel matter to me?
● How do I best communicate with God?

Objectives:

Students will learn how to...
● Mark Jewish time using the sun/stars, moon; calendar.
● Ask thoughtful questions about Torah stories and characters.
● Make connections between Torah, holidays, and Israel.
● Make personal connections between their lives and Torah, holidays, and Israel.
● Read Hebrew and to follow along in the siddur (prayer book).

Students will understand that...
● The major stories of Sefer Breishit (Genesis)—including the characters, basic plots, and mitzvot that we can apply to our own lives.
● The structure of the Jewish calendar.
● The stories, customs, and traditions associated with 3 Jewish holidays.
● The Biblical and religious connections to Eretz Yisrael (the Land of Israel).
● Praying together, in Hebrew, is one way we communicate with God.
Students will believe that...

- We read the Torah every year because we can always learn new ideas or be reminded of old ones.
- The characters in the Torah show us how we should (and shouldn’t) live our lives.
- Jewish holidays are personally meaningful to us because...
- We have ancient, Biblical connections to Eretz Yisrael, and we are part of the chain connecting Israel and Torah.
- They can have a connection with God.