

**12-14 years old**  
**Bar/Bat Mitzvah class**  
**Hebrew Primer Curriculum**  
**Jewish values/ Praying with Spirituality, Integrated Holiday and**  
**History Curriculum**

Sept. 19	Rosh Ha Shanah Celebration: The story of the binding of Isaac. Parent meeting
Sept. 26	The Shofar. The Covenant and its significance for Bar Mitzvah Students. Yom Kippur Yom Kippur: What is Tshuva – Repentance? How do we accomplish it? Story: “If not higher”
Oct. 3	Sukkot sukkah, 4 species, bracha for sitting in the sukkah, the harvest festival, the Pilgrimage holidays and Jewish calendar. Visit the Sukkah
Oct. 10	Simchat Torah Celebration: What does a Torah look like?: The job of a sofer. Mezuzah, Tefilin and the Shema prayer. Order of Torah readings in the year.
Oct 17	What is a Mitzvah? What is Bar/Bat Mitzvah? The Bar Mitzvah Game. Begin intensive Hebrew reading program.
Oct. 24	Hebrew reading and practice. Barchu: call to prayer.
Oct. 31	No school
Nov 7	Hebrew reading and practice. Ashrei.prayer. What is an AliyahL’ Torah? The brachot before and after the Aliyah. Hebrew reading and practice. Prayer review. Discuss ideas for d’var Torah. First draft due after Thanksgiving...
Nov. 14	Hebrew reading and practice. Review of brachot and barchu. Family geneology unit. In preparation for the Dvar Torah.. Story: ”Always Prayer Shawl.”
Nov 21	Off
Nov. 28	Off
Dec. 7	Hebrew reading and practice. Prayer Review. Collect Dvar Torah. Introduce tapes for Aliyah. Speeches
Dec. 14	Review of prayers. Hebrew review. Instructions for homework during winter vacation. Story of Hanukkah , customs. Hanukkah blessings including shehechyanu. Story: the escape. Hanukkah Celebration
Dec. 19	Off
Dec. 26	Off
Jan. 2	Prayer review. At this point, any student who cannot keep up with Hebrew reading must sign up for tutoring. Begin Shemone Esrei.
Jan. 9	Shemone Esrei. Prayer and Aliyah practice. Speeches
Jan. 16	Aleinu. Prayer and aliyah practice.

Jan. 23	.Adon Olam. Prayer and Aliyah review.
Jan. 30	Tu B'shvat : special relationship to the land of Israel; 7 species; "The Never Ending Greenness;" "Honi Hamaagel." Prayer review and Aliyah practice.
Feb. 6	Prayer and Aliyah practice.
Feb. 13	Prayer and Aliyah practice. Purim story and customs. "Esther's Story"
Feb 20	Prayer and Aliyah review.
Feb. 27	Prayer and Aliyah practice.
March 6	Purim story and customs Prayer and Aliyah practice
March 13	Prayer and Aliyah practice Speeches
March 20	Prayer and Aliyah practice Purim Celebration
March 27	Rehearsal Prayer and Aliyah practice
April 3	Prayer and Aliyah practice Pesach story and rituals
April 10	Rehearsals Speeches Story of Passover (Magid). What does the Haggadah look like?
April 17	Passover Seder rituals and symbols. Prepare for ceremony.