

The Torah School General Knowledge Curriculum

Key Stage 1 - Infants

This table outlines categories and topics for the study of General Jewish Knowledge in the Infant classes.

The units have been arranged for the different year groups in a pattern that begins with the simple and descriptive and moves towards the more sophisticated and conceptual.

This outline is designed to be a guide and support for the teaching of general knowledge to the infant classes in a way that is systematic, thorough, and interesting.

Teachers should use this scheme of work as the general basis for their planning, but they need not feel obligated to cover every category and every topic. They may wish to focus on certain units and leave others altogether, or supplement certain categories with additional topics of their own choosing.

It is recommended that the teaching and learning involves as much variety and creativity as possible. The children's interest should be stimulated and sustained with regular reference to their own experiences and with activities that

are challenging, engaging and enjoyable.

Many of these topics will make the greatest impact when taught with the support and reinforcement of practical demonstrations, and the harnessing of multiple intelligences through, for example, arts and crafts, role play, music, games and group work.

Reception	Yr. 1	Yr. 2
Jewish People	Mitzvot We Do at Home	Mitzvot We Do for Ourselves
Rabbi Chazzan Sofer STAM Baker Shochet Butcher Fishmonger	Modeh Ani when we wake up Shema in the morning and at night Boys put on their Tzitzit when they get dressed Girls light the Shabbat candles with their mummies Kibbud Av VaEm - How do you help your parents? We say Berachot before and after eating and drinking	Learning Torah Tefilla Berachot We look after ourselves by eating healthily and playing safely We learn to swim

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Jewish Things	Mitzvot We Do at School	Mitzvot We Do for Others
<p>Sefer Torah, Tefillin, Mezuzah</p> <p>Siddur, Machzor</p> <p>Tzedaka Box</p> <p>Shabbat Candlesticks</p> <p>Kiddush Cup, Challa Cover</p> <p>Havdalla Set</p> <p>Kippa, Tzitzit</p> <p>Matza, Seder plate (Ke'ara)</p> <p>Omer Chart</p> <p>Arba Minim, Succah</p> <p>Shofar</p> <p>Megilla</p> <p>Menorah, Dreidel</p>	<p>We say Tefillat Shacharit every morning</p> <p>We Say Birkat HaMazon after lunch</p> <p>We learn Torah</p> <p>We are polite to our teachers</p> <p>We help each other and share our things</p> <p>We give Tzedaka</p>	<p>Kibbud Av VaEm</p> <p>Gemilut Chassadim</p> <p>Hachnassat Orchim</p> <p>Bikur Cholim</p> <p>Tzedaka</p>
Jewish Foods	Mitzvot We Do When We Are Out	Mitzvot We Do During the Week
<p>Challa, Salt</p> <p>Kosher Wine</p> <p>Meat and Fish on Shabbat</p> <p>Apple and Honey</p> <p>Honey Cake</p> <p>Matza</p> <p>Cheesecake, Blintzes</p> <p>Doughnuts, Latkes</p> <p>Hamentaschen</p>	<p>We say Tefillat HaDerech when we go on a long journey</p> <p>We always buy kosher food and eat in kosher restaurants</p> <p>We behave very well and make a Kiddush Hashem!</p>	<p>We wash our hands and say "Al Metilat Yadayim" in the morning</p> <p>We say Shacharit, Minchah and Maariv</p> <p>We say Berachot before and after food</p> <p>We wash our hands and say "Al Metilat Yadayim" before eating bread</p> <p>We say Birkat HaMazon after a meal with bread</p> <p>Boys wear tzitzit</p> <p>We put up a Mezuzah on the doorpost, with a Berachah</p> <p>We can go to a Chatuna to make the Chatan and Kallah happy</p> <p>We can go to a Brit Milah</p>

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		Mitzvot We Do on Shabbat
<p>Page 3</p>		<p>Lighting the Shabbat candles Kiddush (and Havdalah) Two Challot Three meals Singing Zemirot Going to Shul Learning Torah</p>