

# The Torah School General Knowledge Curriculum

## Key Stage 2 - Juniors

The table below lists the topics to be covered in each of the Junior classes. Although there is plenty to be covered by each class, this table represents the minimum requirement and the teacher is free to teach additional units once the curriculum has been satisfactorily completed.

The source for the topics listed here was the “Jewish Child’s Memo Books”\*. The “Memo Books” were chosen as a guide for constructing this curriculum following a review of several general Jewish knowledge texts.

The Memo Books were judged to have the most comprehensive and appropriate coverage for our purposes.

As the main source for topics to be covered, the Memo Books can now

serve as a resource both for the teacher and the pupil.

However, as is clear in the table, the curriculum does not simply follow the order of topics as presented in the Memo Books.

Topics have been selected from throughout the books according to suitability for the four year groups. Book and Page Number are provided in the table for easy reference.

The Memo Books do not have to be used in the delivery of the units. Teachers are free to devise their own methods of delivering the curriculum.

It is recommended that ample opportunity is given to pupils for working independently or in pairs.

Teachers are also encouraged to facilitate coverage of this curriculum through pupils’ own creative efforts, rather than through “chalk and talk.”

Nevertheless, certain units listed here are references to material in the Memo Books which has been presented in a particular format. Examples are “The Fame is in the Name” (1/22), “Pairs” (3/16) and “Doubles” (2/19). It was considered that teachers may find these formats useful, but they may adapt them as they wish.

A topic may appear in more than one year group. This is in order to provide the opportunity to cover a large topic thoroughly, or to review and add detail and depth.

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Topics are generally referred to here with similar names to those they have in the Memo Books.

Yr. 3	Book / Page	Yr. 4	Book / Page	Yr. 5	Book / Page	Yr. 6	Book / Page
The Three Avot (Fathers)	1 / 1	Mitzvot	1 / 6	The Shema Yisrael	1 / 10	Avraham’s Ten Trials	2 / 10
The Three Daily Tefillot (Prayers)	1 / 2	The Chagim	1 / 8	The Camp of Israel	1 / 15	The 24 Holy Books (of “Tanach”)	2 / 24
The Aleph-Bet	1 / 3	The Six Fast Days	1 / 13	The Cave of Machpelah	1 / 19	Shisha Sidrei Mishna (The Six Orders of the Mishna)	3 / 6
The Four Imahot (Mothers)	1 / 4	The Aseret HaDibrot (Ten Commandments)	1 / 20	Calendar	1 / 23	The Nine Notables (Special Shabbatot)	3 / 9
The Five Chumashim	1 / 5	Techelet (“A Skyblue Thread” - for Tzitzit)	1 / 24	The Importance of the Shivat HaMinim (Seven Species of Fruit)	2 / 8	“Do You Know the Siddur?”	3 / 18

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Days of the Week	1 / 7	Queen Shabbat	2 / 3	The Map of Eretz Yisrael; her Rivers, Mountains and Towns	2 / 11, 11b	Eretz Yisrael; Regions, Geography, Weather, Produce	3 / 20 20b
Berachot (Blessings)	1 / 9	The Five Megillot (Scrolls)	2 / 5	Sefer Tehillim (The Book of Psalms)	2 / 14	Keriat HaTorah (When do we read from 2 Sefarim, 3 Sefarim; Kri / Ketiv)	4 / 3
The Sons of Yaakov	1 / 12	"Blessings.... Which? (II)"	2 / 9	"The Tent of Meeting" (The Mishkan)	2 / 15	"Similar - Hebrew Word Game"	4 / 7
The Ten Makot (Plagues)	1 / 17	"The Tent of Meeting" (The Mishkan)	2 / 15	Its Halls and Furniture	2 / 16	"Garments of Splendour" (Names of the Begadim)	4 / 8
The Fame is in the Name	1 / 22	Jewish Terms	2 / 17	Rashi Writing	3 / 2	Furniture of the Mishkan	4 / 22
Gematria (The Number Value of Letters)	2 / 2	"Doubles"	2 / 19	"Blessings.... Which?"	3 / 11	"Jewish Terms You Must Know (V)"	5 / 13
The Days of Creation	2 / 6	Kosher Food	2 / 20	Jewish Terms (II)	3 / 19	Abbreviations and Contractions of Words (Not all - select from these)	5 / 21
The Shivat HaMinim (Seven Species of Fruit)	2 / 7	"The Fame is in the Name (II)"	2 / 22	Keriat HaTorah (Rosh Chodesh / Chagim)	4 / 3	Terumot uMa'asrot (Agricultural Contributions)	5 / 26-27
Birkat HaMazon (Grace After Meals)	2 / 21	"Opposites"	3 / 5	"Similar - Hebrew Word Game"	4 / 7	Shabbat - The 39 Melachot	6 / 8-9
The Arba'ah Minim (Four Species taken on Succot)	3 / 4	At the Seder Table	3 / 22	"Garments of Splendour" (How Many Worn by Kohen Hediot / Kohen Gadol)	4 / 8	The Six Types of Muktzeh	6 / 10
Pairs	3 / 16	Keriat HaTorah (Mon./Thurs./ Shab.)	4 / 3	Furniture of the Mishkan	4 / 22		
		Kosher Food (II)	4 / 6	Shabbat - The 39 Melachot	6 / 8-9		