

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CURRICULUM



Gan Alef

GOALS

Overview

- To introduce our four- and five-year old children to the Synagogue
- Familiarity with Jewish community, culture and heritage
- Understanding of the Jewish Calendar and Holiday cycle through active participation
- To have fun while learning as a small group and becoming a part of the Bolton Street Community

Torah

- Torah used as appropriate and relevant to the Holiday
- Familiarity with the mechanics of a Torah scroll and Yad

Hebrew

- The Alef Bet Song and some letter recognition

PRAYERS/SONGS

- Shabbat Blessings
- Bim Bam/ Shalom Alechem
- Hine Ma Tov
- Lecha Dodi
- David Melach

VALUES

- Tzedakah
- Relationships/community and family
- Environment

PROJECTS

Every class centers around a project relating to each Holiday throughout the year. Some examples would be: a Torah Scroll with a cover, Challah covers, Passover Pillows, Tzedakah cans and other Judaica. Baking is also an important component to our class and some examples would be, challah, matzah and hamentaschen. We also enjoy a lot of imaginary play such as taking a pretend trip to Israel or preparing the house for Shabbat.

TEXTS

Each class is enriched by a story that reinforces the theme of the holiday.