



## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW SECOND GRADE

Our Second Grade curriculum focuses on the stories of our most sacred text, Torah. Students will learn the stories from the Torah, analyzing the characters who teach us important lessons about relationship, responsibility, and being your best self. They will re-enact the tales of Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, Moses, and more!

Our Second Grade students will also explore the physical Torah during their study and learn about the parts of the scroll that is in our ark. Together, they will engage in conversations about why this text is so important to the Jewish people. These foundational stories of our people will help our students to create a solid foundation to their Jewish identity.

Throughout the year of Torah, we will focus on the following goals:

- To study important Torah stories and have students engage with the text
- To explore Torah using multiple creative approaches
- To teach of Jewish values through Torah stories

While we do not begin formal Hebrew study until Third Grade, we recognize that for language acquisition and reading skills to be successful, a child must first engage with a language on an auditory and oral level. Our students will begin to interact with Hebrew words that are core to our Jewish lexicon and show Hebrew as a living language. Additionally, throughout the year, students will participate in Hebrew immersion games and activities that will begin to acclimate them to the Hebrew language.

During our PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade program, students will focus on the following goals in Hebrew:

- To introduce students in our PreK-2 to the Hebrew language - both orally and some written
- To have students become comfortable using Hebrew words and phrases that are common in our school/community (BRIT, TEFILAH, SHABBAT, TZEDAKAH, TIKKUN OLAM, etc.)
- To have students see Hebrew as a living language and begin to connect to it