

## Curriculum Planner Guide

(פ. אבות א:ב) שמעון הצדיק היה משירי הכנסת הגדולה. הוא היה אומר: על שלשה דברים העולם עומד: על תורה ועל העבודה ועל גמילות-חסדים

(Ethics of the Fathers 1:2) Shimon the righteous was among the remnants of the great assembly. It was his custom to say: "The world rests upon three pillars -

upon **Torah**, upon **Divine Conversation**, and upon **Acts-of-Loving-kindness**

When planning the semester, we balance the curriculum by offering at least one subject block (series of sessions) from each of the following three categories:

### Torah subject blocks (text and stories)

- ◆ *Humash* stories
- ◆ *Navi* stories
- ◆ Introduction to the classical Jewish Library (*Tanakh, Midrash, Agada, Zohar, Mishnah, Talmud*)

### Divine Conversation subject blocks (ritual skills)

- ◆ *B rakhot* for Shabbat candles and Friday night festive meal
- ◆ *B rakhot Havdalah - Besamim, Me orei, HaMavdil*
- ◆ *B rakhot* for Hanukkah and Festivals (Yom Tov)

(Required) ◆ Weekly T'filah Ritual (Each student will create a personal prayer book from a card size picture album. Over time students will add the appropriate text cards into their books as the B'rakhot and T'filah - below - are taught).

1. *Hatov Vehemetiv* (Ask someone to share good news)
2. *Sh kakha Lo B Olamo* (Appreciate the beauty of all in the group and/or trees and shrubs outdoors)
3. *Sh ma*
4. *V Ahavta*
5. *La asok B Divrei Torah* (Teach this *B rakha* first. However, always conclude the ritual with it. Immediately after the Circle recites *La asok*, begin teaching the lesson in order to avoid *B rakha L Vatalah*)

### Acts-Of-Loving-Kindness subject blocks (ethics)

- ◆ *G milut Hasadim*, Acts-Of-Loving-Kindness - caring for other people (**Jewish Values**, Torah Aura p. 19 and **Midot a Stairway of Virtues**, Ron Isaacs, Torah Aura, p. 39) (Days of Owe-Yom Kippur)
- ◆ *Hakhnasat Orhim* - caring for the homeless (**Midot a Stairway of Virtues**, Ron Isaacs, Torah Aura, p. 43) (Sukkot)
- ◆ *Tzedaka* - "But you shall surely open wide your hand..." Duet. 15:8, caring for the needy (**Jewish Values...** Torah Aura p. 109) (Purim)
- ◆ *Gerim* - "Do not oppress the stranger...since you too had been strangers in the land of *Mitzrayim*" Ex 22:20, caring for minorities (Pesah)
- ◆ *Bal Tashit* - "Do not destroy her (the city's) trees" Duet. 20:19, caring for the environment (**Basic Judaism for Young people**, Volume 3 Bherman House p. 21) (Tu B'shvat)
- ◆ "*Kabed Et Avikha Vet Imekha*", Honor your father and your mother Ex. 20: 12 - caring for the elderly (**Jewish Values**, Torah Aura p. 67) (Rosh- HaShanah)