



Teshuvah: Taking responsibility for your actions (September-October)

תשובה

3rd Grade

Family

- Connections between Teshuva, apologizing, forgiveness, and making mistakes
- Ten Days of Awe
- Vidui
- Text: Jonah
- Text: Adam and Eve
- Text: Proverbs 16:32
- High Holidays in Israel

4th Grade

Self

- The concept of Chet
- The four steps of Teshuvah
- Tashlich
- The concept of Mitzvot
- Sukkot: four species
- Hiddur Mitzvah
- Shofar Symbolism
- Shema & V'ahavta
- Yetzer Tov & Yetzer Ra

5th Grade

Peers

- Teshuvah
- Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur Rituals
- Hachnasat orchim
- Avraham & Sarah
- Tashlich & Vidui
- Text: Pirkei Avot
- Yehi Ratzon Formula
- Sukkot: Four Species and inclusiveness

6th Grade

Community

- Text: Im ein ani li mi li
- Tashlich
- Heshbon hanefesh
- Al Chet
- Hineni I'm here!
- Text: Wake up to teshuvah
- Text: Na'aseh v'nishma
- Bereshit, Creation story
- Burning Bush
- Akeidah

7th Grade

World

- -Jewish repentance
- Shofar
- The value of *tzedek* and its relation to *teshuvah*
- Text: Tzedek, tzedek, tirdof
- Mitzvah portfolio: teshuvah project
- Text: Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel



B'Tzelem Elohim: Honoring the image of God in ourselves (October-November)

בצלם אלהים

3rd Grade

Family

- Text: Creation Gan Eden
- Blessing: She'asani B'tazlmo
- Focus on celebrating differences amongst each other
- God as a role model in treating others with kindness
- Tzedek

4th Grade

Self

- Text: Creation Gan Eden
- Blessing: Asher Yatzar
- Service learning project
- Modern society and image
- Israeli Hiker who helped a stranger
- Taking care of our bodies

5th Grade

Peers

- Diversity of Jewish people
- Understanding differences
- Save a Child's Heart in Israel
- Story of Kamtza & Bar Kamtza
- Genesis 1 & 2
- Rabbi Joshua and the Emperor's Daughter
- Service Activity
- Moshe & Aaron

6th Grade

Community

- Text: Bereshit and Pirkei Avot
- Disability awareness and inclusion
- Birkhot Hashachar: Partners with God
- G'milut hasadim
- Prioritizing mitzvot
- Zerizut
- Derech Eretz

7th Grade

- Kedusha: How to act as God's "partners on earth."
- Torah and Talmud text on B'tzelem Elohim
- Circles of responsibility:
 "Kol Yisrael Aravim ze la zeh"
- Text: Rabbi Abraham Ioshua Heschel
- Mitzvah Portfolio project





Gevurah: Using one's inner and outer strength (November-December)

גבורה

3rd Grade

Family

- Strength as spiritual courage, willingness to take risks, standing up for others
- Chanukah and how it is celebrated in Israel
- The strength of the Jewish People
- Anne Frank's strength

4th Grade

Self

- Joshua as a Leader
- Pirkei Avot: Eizehu Gibor?
- Israeli Olympians
- Talmud: Rabbi Akiva
- Mitzvot, strength from family and our community
- Helping others through acts of *gevurah*

5th Grade

Peers

- Story of *Chanukah*: Syrio Greeks & Hellenism
- Hillel, Shammai, and candle blessings
- Bullying
- Text: Do not stand idly by
- Joseph & Reuven
- Theodore Herzl
- Selflessness and courage

6th Grade

Community

- Text: David and Goliath
- V'al Hanissim
- Text: *Pirkei Avot* Who is strong?
- Military Story of Chanukah
- The symbolism of the chanukiah
- Modern day aliyah
- Gevurah website building project and panel discussion

7th Grade

World

- Gibbor as a hero
- Text: Deborah, a biblical hero
- Heroes of Israel: Shlomo Mula
- Israeli soldiers close-up
- Jewish Partisans and Holocaust survivors
- Gevurah website building project and panel discussion



Achrayut: Doing what you can to make the world a better place (January-February)

אחריות

3rd Grade

Family

- Looking out for one another
- Text: The story of Joseph
- Personal Ten Commandments
- Tikkun Olam
- Healthy body: Sh'mirat haguf
- Israel's innovations making a difference

4th Grade

Self

- Tu Bishvat
- Text: Love your neighbor as you love yourself
- Heroes of Israel
- *Tzedakah* and wealth distribution
- Text: Pirkei Avot You are not obligated to complete the task, nor are free to desist from it
- Story: "Honi the Circle Maker"
- Hillel

5th Grade

Peers

- Abraham Joshua Heschel & MLK Ir.
- Story of Reb. Zusya
- Text: Jeremiah & Amos What is a prophet?
- Clara Lemlich: Standing up for others
- Story of Judah & Joseph
- Kibbutzim

6th Grade

Community

- Tu Bishevat: Stewardship of the earth
- Text: Caring for the natural world Shmirat hatevah
- Text: Do not waste Bal tashchit
- Text: Love your neighbor as yourself
- Text: Returning a lost object
- Gilad Shalit
- Prayer for the State of Israel

7th Grade

- Individual vs. community needs
- Text: Ethical behavior towards animals
- Creating a food policy based on ethical treatment of animals
- Kol Yisrael Aravaim ze la zeh
- Tu Bishvat
- Shmita: Let the land rest
- How to be an activist
- Mitzvah portfolio: advocacy poster





HaKarat HaTov: Seeking joy and being grateful (February-March)

הכרת הטוב

3rd Grade

Family

- Always seek good in others
- Giving compliments
- Text: Creation story God saw that it was good!
- -Modeh Ani and being thankful
- Birchot Hashachar
- Shehecheyanu
- Purim
- Ruth
- Text: Talmud "Say little and do much"

4th Grade

Self

- Food brachot Derech Eretz
- Text: Ten Commandments -You shall not covet
- Honoring our parents
- 4 Mitzvot of Purim
- Story: "David and the Spider"
- Hakarat hatov and sacred objects: Genizah

5th Grade

Peers

- Tu Bishvat: environmental awareness
- Judging favorably: seeing the good in others
- Hakarat hatov and Happiness
- Purim
- Jewish names for Jacob & Leah's children
- Stories of Nachum Ish Gamzu
- Birchot Hashachar

6th Grade

Community

- First Fruits Bikurim
- Prayer: Birkat Hamazon
- Obligations to others as a result of God taking us out of Egypt
- Making your bar/bat mitzvah express Hakarat hatov
- Kashrut
- Four Mitzvot of Purim

7th Grade

World

- Rabbi Akiva All for the best!
- "gam zu le'tovah"
- Sameach behelko and its relation to *Hakarat hatov*
- The Gratitude Letter Project
- Text: Pirkei Avot Enjoy the fruits of your labor
- Prayer: Birkat Hamazon
- Purim

Koach HaDibbur: Understanding the power of words (March-April)

כוח הדיבור

3rd Grade

Family

- Choosing your words carefully
- Story: "A Pillow Full of Feathers"
- Lashon Hara Gossip and
- Story of Moses and his speech
- Dr. Martin Luther King
- Body language
- Theodore Hertzl
- Passover
- Identifying negative speech

4th Grade

Self

- Text: Fulfilling promises
- Asking good questions
- Words and electronic media
- The story of modern Hebrew
- The Four Questions
- Dayeinu
- Anava: Humility
- Text: Pirkei Avot Actions speak louder than words

5th Grade

Peers

- Pesach: Four questions
- Elijah
- Symbols of the seder plate
- Lashon hara: Hurtful Speech
- Mishlei & Pirkei Avot sources
- Changing our speech Elohai Netzor
- Chametz and matzah: The chametz in our words

6th Grade

Community

- Applying rules of lashon hara
- Written torah vs. oral torah
- Persuasive writing
- Passover Seder: V'hee She'Amda
- Exodus as a master story
- King Solomon & Nachmanides
- Parshat Metzorah Vayikra 14:1-15:33

7th Grade

- Passover: We retell the story
- Freedom of speech
- Moses and Korach: Speaking out
- Koach hadibbur and social media
- It's not just about speaking: Being a good listener
- Text: Numbers 12 Miriam's affliction
- Words can create and words can destroy





Shalom: Helping to create a calmer, more peaceful world (April-May)

שלום

3rd Grade

Family

- Shalom: Hello, goodbye, and Peace
- Shalom Bayit: Creating peace in the home
- Yom Ha'atzmaut
- Resolving conflicts, mention of Israel conflict
- Oseh Shalom
- Text: *Pirkei Avot* Hillel and Rabbi Shimon ben Gamliel

4th Grade

Self

- Bikur cholim
- Text: Eizer k'neada helpmate
- Jerusalem and Shalom
- Shabbat as a path to wholeness and peace
- Chassidic story: "The Field of Brotherly Love"
- Text: The Temple
- Text: Shalom Aleichem & Shalom Bayit
- Prayer: Birkat Habayit

5th Grade

Peers

- Havdallah
- Yom Hazkiron & Yom Ha'atzmaut
- Holocaust and Israel
- Shavout and Sefirat Ha'omer
- Theodore Hertzl: The founding of the State of Israel
- Hatikvah
- Shavuot: Ruth and Boaz
- Jewish peacemakers
- Songs of Peace

6th Grade

Community

- Text: Rodef Shalom (Pursue Peace)
- Text: Shalom Bayit (Peace in the home)
- Shavuot & the story of Ruth
- Israel technology
- Aaron & the golden calf
- Review, wrap up and reflections

7th Grade

- Shalom and shleimut.
- Prayer for Peace: Sim Shalom
- Concept: Save one person, as if you have saved the world.
- Text: Babylonian *Talmud* Sanhedrin 37a
- Shavuot & the story of Ruth
- Jchoice.org philanthropy project
- Review, wrap up, and reflections



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