



JEWISH KIDS CLUB – OVERVIEW FOR 2021-22

Chabad of Milford-Hebrew Congregation of Woodmont's **Jewish Kids Club** is dedicated to providing a positive environment that is sure to engage the mind and heart, thereby forming an everlasting positive connection to Judaism. We therefore go to great lengths to create a warm and exciting atmosphere, incorporating art projects, songs, and games into all of our lesson plans. We are committed to making each lesson relevant and interesting. Our hands-on learning style allows the children to experience authentic Judaism. With this in mind, we have prepared a full and thorough curriculum including the following subjects:

1. **Hebrew Reading** Our Hebrew reading curriculum - Aleph Champ – is the latest educational breakthrough. It's been proven to work in dozens of Hebrew schools worldwide! Modeled after the karate/martial arts motivational philosophy of color-coded levels and testing, it provides excitement and inspiration, leading the student into a winning cycle of learning. Each child is encouraged at his/her level and will have time to practice on an individual basis. Ivrit (Hebrew language) vocabulary words will be introduced and reviewed as well.
2. **Torah, Jewish History, and Israel** The children will be introduced to the characters and stories of the Bible. An overview of Jewish history starting with Creation to the giving of the Torah to modern day Israel will be taught through interactive stories and art projects. The students will gain an appreciation for our heritage and culture that has been preserved throughout the ages. They will learn the content of the Torah Portions of Bereishit (Genesis) and Sh'mot (Exodus), with an emphasis on practical lessons that can be applied to the modern day. They will also gain an appreciation for the uniqueness of Israel, our homeland.
3. **Jewish Values & Ethics** Students will learn that our religion is based on a G-d-given set of values and morals. Values such as honoring parents and the elderly, kindness, giving, honesty, lashon tov (positive talk), and Midot Tovot (positive character traits) will be discussed.
4. **Mitzvot** In addition to the above-mentioned Mitzvot such as tzedakah and respect, our curriculum will focus on a variety of Mitzvot that children can fulfill in their daily lives. The Shema prayer, brachot (blessings), Mezuzah, kosher, and more will be explored.
5. **Shabbat & Holidays** Hands-on lessons for each Jewish holiday will fill the calendar as we begin with learning about the High Holidays and continue throughout the entire school year. By the end of the year, the students will have a deeper understanding and appreciation of each holiday, its traditions and customs. Hand-crafted Menorahs, Seder plates, Graggers, Matzah baking, and more will bring our holidays to life and enable the children to bring home a taste of Jewish life. The origins of Shabbat and its traditions will be covered as well.