

Jewish SRI Curriculum Overview

UJEB is the sole provider of Jewish SRI in Victoria. We are responsible for the writing and implementation of the curriculum in the classroom. All classes run for the duration of half an hour. The UJEB syllabus has a strong focus on Jewish identity, history, culture and tradition. The curriculum is built around the Jewish calendar year, ensuring students are fully aware of the traditions and customs pertaining to the festival at the time it falls.

Students from Prep – Year 6 cover the same topics, however the aim of the lesson, discussion points and subsequent lesson plan cater for each year level. As the students progress through school the emphasis moves from the “What?” and “How?” to the “How can I relate to this?”, “What does it mean to me?”, “What is my connection to the topic?” and “What aspect do I see as relevant?” The students have the opportunity to analyse and internalise different aspects of Judaism.

For each topic there are dual aims of a) building knowledge and b) building participation skills. For example when teaching Pesach we teach the story, but also teach the younger students the “Ma Nishtana” so they can participate in their family Seder.

Our aim is to educate the children through engaging and interactive activities. We wish to ensure Jewish learning is a positive experience and one that will pique the students’ interest, initiating the students’ lifelong thirst for Jewish knowledge. We foster the importance of community involvement whether that be now, in five years’ time or further down the track as they evolve into mature members of the Australian Jewish community and Australian society as a whole.

We are strong proponents of multiculturalism and see the UJEB classes as being vital in building the children’s Jewish knowledge and identity so that they can be proud active members of Australian society with the confidence and empowerment of also knowing about their Jewish heritage.

Each of the topics for the year is listed below. A full sample term of topics, aims and discussion points is listed below for Term III.

For any further questions, please contact us via the website www.ujeb.org.au

SAMPLE CURRICULUM

TERM 1 7 weeks

- WEEK 1 FEBRUARY 8TH Jewish Lunar Calendar
- Week 2 February 15th Tefilla – Prayer 1 Modeh Ani
- Week 3 February 22nd Tefilla -Prayer 2 Shema
- Week 4 February 29th Mitzvah of Tzedakah - Charity
- Week 5 March 7th Purim Story 1
- Week 6 March 14th Purim Story 2 **Monday 14th Labour Day**
- Week 7 March 21st Purim Traditions and activity

School Holidays 25th March – 10th April

TERM 2 11 weeks

- Week 1 April 11th Pesach Story
- Week 2 April 18th Pesach Traditions, Seder songs
- Week 3 April 25th Pesach Holiday **Monday 25th Anzac Day**
- Week 4 May 2nd Sefirat HaOmer - Yom HaShoah Yom HaZikaron
- Week 5 May 9th Israel 1– Yom HaAtzmaut – Yom Yerushalayim
- Week 6 May 16th Israel 2 Land and People
- Week 7 May 23 Lag BaOmer
- Week 8 May 30th Shavuoth 1 Receiving the Torah
- Week 9 June 6th Shavuoth 2 The Ten Commandments
- Week 10 June 13th Mitzvot 1 Kibud Horim Honor and Respect
- Week 11th June 20th Mitzvot 2 Kosher Diet

School Holidays June 25th – July10th

TERM 3 10 weeks

Week 1 July 11th Jewish Symbols 1 Sefer Torah - Mezuzah - Tefillin

Week 2 July 18th Jewish Symbols 2 Kipa, Talit, Tzitzit , Candlesticks

June 13th – Queen’s Birthday

Week 3 July 25th The Weeks of Mourning

Week 4 August 1st – The Synagogue

Week 5 August 8th The Temple - The Nine Days -Tisha B’Av

Week 6 August 15th Bible Stories 1 Avraham and Sara

Week 7 August 22nd Bible Stories 2 Yitzchak and Rivkah

Week 8 August 29th Bible Stories 3. Yaakov Rachel ,Leah, 12 sons

Week 9 September 5th Month of Elul - Rosh HaShana

Week 10 September 12th Rosh HaShana

School Holidays September 17th – October 2nd

TERM 4 10 weeks

Week 1 October 3rd Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur

Week 2 October 10th Yom Kippur

Week 3 October 17th Succot

Week 4 October 24th Simchat Torah

Week 5 October 31st CREATION [**Tuesday November 1st Melbourne**

Week 6 November 7th Shabbat 1

Week 7 November 14th Shabbat 2

Week 8 November 21st Chanukah 1

Week 9 November 28th Chanukah 2

Week 10 December 5th **Assembly**