

JEWISH HISTORY

6th GRADE

The students will:

- Understand the history of the two Kingdoms of Israel and Judah.
- Examine the conflicts, collaborations, and politics that led to the destruction of the First Temple.
- Discuss the expulsion of Judea to Babylon,
- Learn about the Persian empire and its contribution to the return to Judea and the building of the Second Temple.
- Discuss the establishment of the Chashmonaim dynasty during the Hellenistic rule.
- Analyze the decline of the Hellenistic regime, and the rise of the Roman Empire.
- Analyze the relations between the Romans and the Jews.
- Explore the construction of the glorious second Temple and the role of King Herod.
- Discuss the roots of Christianity.
- Learn about the Jewish rebellion against the Romans, Rabbi Akiva and Bar Kochva.
- Discuss the destruction of the Second Temple and the expulsion of the Jews from Israel.
- Examine the new development of Yeshivot in the Diaspora and Israel.
- Understand the establishment of the Oral Torah in the Mishna and Talmud.
- Explore the Jewish Golden Age in Spain and its decline.

7th GRADE

The students will:

- Explore the lives of European Jews around the years 1743-1933.
- Understand the historical background and the events that allowed the Holocaust to take place.
- Examine major figures from the time of the European Enlightenment and their struggles with the gentile regime at the time.
- Discuss the rise of Anti-Semitism in Europe.
- Analyze fascinating research about European Anti-Semitic phenomena.
- Examine the connection between modernism and the horrors of the beginning of the twentieth century.
- Learn actual facts about the Holocaust.
- Focus on the Holocaust texts as a preparation for meetings with Holocaust survivors.
- Listen and see multimedia footage of Holocaust content.

8th GRADE

The students will:

- Explore the lives of European Jews between the years 1881-1914.

- Learn about major figures and events connected to Anti-Semitism and the Zionist movement.
- Examine the early immigration and its outcome.
- Discuss the outcome of the First World War and its outcome, as well as the demographic changes in the Middle East that followed it.
- Understand the British Mandate in Palestine and how it led to the establishment of the State of Israel.
- Value the tremendous difficulties with which the young state dealing in its first decade.
- Examine the State of Israel from a political perspective.
- Discuss the wars fought by the State of Israel.
- Evaluate various newspaper articles to examine the connection between history and recent events.