

## 7th Grade (Kita Zayin) Siddur Curriculum

### Overview

In Grade 7 (Kita Zayin) the objective is to round out students' basic Jewish education while they prepare for their transition to the status of *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*. In addition students are motivated to continue their engagement with the synagogue in the future. This is achieved by developing comfort in the synagogue on their Bar/Bat Mitzvah as well as in years to come. Strengthening skills such as chanting prayers, trope (cantillation) and blessings would provide a foundation for a life time of synagogue engagement. To practice in their skills, students are invited to the Bimah several times in the months before their special day, and lead parts of the Torah service and the chanting of Adon Olam. The teacher and students discuss the meaning of prayers.

**Notes to Parents:** This curriculum contains the knowledge, skills and attitude Jewish students are expected to learn. It provides the learning objectives that students are expected to meet; the units and lessons that teachers teach; the books, materials, technology and readings used in a course; and the assessments methods used to evaluate student learning.

Some units have a large amount of material that on a given year may be modified in consideration of the Jewish calendar, lost school days due to weather (snow days), and give greater flexibility to the teacher to accommodate students' pre-existing level of knowledge and skills.

### Goals

- Students will be able to chant the Torah Service fluently
- Students will be able to chant additional prayers fluently
- The students will recall the name, sound and symbol of Trope (cantillation)
- Students will understand the meaning of prayers

### Text

- Each student has a personalized binder that contain all his/her required prayers and blessing, as well as Trope.
- The binder has a copy of Torah and Haftarah text
- The binder had a line by line translation of the prayers and blessings from the students' textbook *Journeys Through the Siddur* (Torah Aura publication)
- The binder has a copy of the Musaf Service
- The binder has a copy of the weekday morning service

### List of Prayers & Blessings

(Page number in parenthesis)

Tallit and Tefillin blessing (p. 4)  
Kaddish Shalem (p. 158 or 506)  
Aleynu (p, 160 or 510)  
Friday night Kiddush (p, 318)  
Opening the Torah Service  
    Ein Kamocha, Vayhi binsoa (p. 394)  
    Bay Ana Rachetz, shema, echad, gadlu (p. 398)  
Closing the Torah Service  
    Ashrei (p. 420 - 422)  
    Mizmor (p. 422 or 260)  
Ein Keloheinu (p. 508)  
Adon Olam (p. 514)  
Kiddush for Shabbat morning (p. 734)  
Birkat Hamazon (card)  
Torah Blessing for Aliyah (a copy from the Bimah)  
Blessing before & after the Haftarah  
Torah Trope (4 sheet of music and symbols)  
Haftarah Trope (4 sheets of music and symbols)

### Change Control

August 12, 2014

Notes to Parents

June 2, 2015

Listed detailed content of the new binders (e.g. added the translation from *Journeys* textbook)

Added Shabbat Kiddush (p. 734)