

**Kol Shalom Mitzvah Program
First Year Class Syllabus**

Session#	History	Culture/Customs	Bible	Yiddish	Other
1	Make timeline scroll, what is a legend?, Moses and 10 Commandments	Sukkot	Torah definition, Genesis, What happened on each of the days	ai-yi-yi ben/bas khaver chutzpah daven Adoshem	
2	Living in Canaan, Deborah and the Judges, Samuel and the early prophets	Origins of kosher eating restrictions in Leviticus, issues relating to keeping kosher	Leviticus	Eretz Yisroel farblondjet farchadat gesundheit Hadassah kosher	Write letter to friend in tribe that didn't make it into Canaan
3	(skip ahead because of holiday season) Historical Jesus, Jesus as a Jew, origins of Christianity; (back to timeline) Samuel as king of Israel, Saul, David, Solomon, Division into Judea and Israel		Deuteronomy, Ten Commandments	Habdala- kibbutz kibitz kvell latke meshugge	
4	Major prophets: Elijah, Amos, Isaiah, Micah, Ezekial	What is a mitzvah? How do Jews decide what rules to keep, custom vs. superstition, role of rabbi, cantor	Temple Sermon of Jeremiah (ch. 7); Origins of ethical behavior	megillah midrash mezuzah mohel nuchshleper	

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5	Israel during Roman times, vassal states, Pietists, Hellenists, Maccabees, Zealots, destruction of second Temple, 70 CE, Hillel, Shammai, Essenes		Book of Proverbs	nebbish nosh oy! rebbe Sephardic shabbes	Meaning of diaspora, What is the Talmud?, Council of Nicea, Who was Mohammad, Who was Maimonides?
6	Jews in the Dark Ages, the Crusades, the 3 slanders, the Inquisition, Jews in Moslem Turkey and Greece, Jews and the Renaissance, Luther, ghetto life	Jewish lunar calendar, start of holidays at sunset, shabbat	Book of Esther (Purim)	shlemiel shlep shmegegge shmooz shofar shtetl	Kabbalah movement, Spinoza, Sabbatai Zevi
7	Napoleonic and liberal revolutions in Europe, economic impact on Jews, development of capitalism; Jews enter America, early developments, start of Reform movement in 1800's	Role of synagogue, mezusah	Story of Job	shul, shivah, simcha, Talmud, teffillin, trayf	
8	18 th century hardship in Europe, Poland, Pale of Settlement, czars, pogroms, rebirth of Zionism, Theodor Herzl	What makes someone Jewish? Major denominations of Judaism, compare and contrast Humanistic Judaism.	Ecclesiastes Ch 1-4, Turn, Turn Turn		

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9	WW 1, Chaim Weizmann, Balfour Declaration, Bund movement and Russian Revolution, immigration to U.S., labor movements, unionism, Hadassah,	Jewish concepts of sin, messiah		tallis, tsuris, tzaddik, tzedaka, yarmulkah. zetz	Write paragraph describing character of Jewish people as defined by their history
10	(not given most years): WW II, Warsaw Ghetto, Holocaust, Exodus ship incident, creation of Israel				