

The Ark Synagogue Cheder 2024/25

RECEPTION - YEAR 2

HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS



Introduction

Our objective for Cheder education for our youngest years is to introduce students to the basics of Jewish life - learning about the Jewish Festivals, exploring Jewish home and synagogue practices, engaging with popular biblical stories and picking up some Hebrew terminology. The children will enjoy age-appropriate children's books and expressing their creativity through arts and crafts.

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Term Overview

Classes will be held on Saturday morning during term time. In general, the morning will start with a short cheder assembly at 10am in the Osorio Hall - parents are warmly invited to attend alongside their children. The Jewish Studies lesson will run from 10:15 - 11am. This will be followed by an optional introduction to Hebrew class from 11:15 - noon. Unless older siblings are also enrolled in the cheder, we ask that parents stay in or around the synagogue during class time until we can confirm that the children have fully settled in.

Term Dates

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Sat 14 Sep '24	Sat 18 Jan '25	Sat 26 Apr '25
Sat 21 Sep '24	Sat 25 Jan '25	Sat 3 May '25
Sat 28 Sep '24	Sat 1 Feb '25	Sat 10 May '25
Sat 05 Oct '24	Sat 8 Feb '25	Sat 17 May '25
Sat 19 Oct '24	Sat 1 Mar '25	Sat 7 Jun '25
Sat 9 Nov '24	Sat 8 Mar '25	Sat 14 Jun '25
Sat 16 Nov '24	Sat 15 Mar '25	Sat 21 Jun '25
Sat 23 Nov '24	Sat 22 Mar '25	Sat 28 Jun '25
Sat 30 Nov '24	Sat 29 Mar '25	Sat 5 Jul '25
Sat 7 Dec '24		

Jewish Studies Curriculum

We supply our teachers with a detailed curriculum for each lesson - parents are welcome to contact Rabbi Lea to receive a copy of the lesson plans. In this handbook, we are just sharing the topic of each lesson to allow parents to engage with their children about what they have learnt. You will also see what books the children will be reading in class.

Autumn Term

Sat 14 Sep '24	Welcome to Cheder (Book: Sammy Spider's First Day of School, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 21 Sep '24	Shabbat and Synagogue (Book: Sammy Spider's First Shabbat, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 28 Sep '24	Rosh Hashanah (Book: Sammy Spider's First Rosh Hashanah, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 05 Oct '24	Yom Kippur (Book: Sammy Spider's First Yom Kippur, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 19 Oct '24	Sukkot (Book: Sammy Spider's First Sukkot, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 9 Nov '24	Simchat Torah (Book: Sammy Spider's First Simchat Torah, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 16 Nov '24	Bible: God and Creation (Pamphlet: Teach Me Torah 1: God and Creation, Behrman House)
Sat 23 Nov '24	Bible: Adam and Eve (Pamphlet: Teach Me Torah 1: Adam and Eve, Behrman House)
Sat 30 Nov '24	Bible: Noah (Pamphlet: Teach Me Torah 1: Noah, Behrman House)
Sat 7 Dec '24	Chanukkah (Book: Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah, Kar Ben Publications)

Spring Term

Sat 18 Jan '25	Bible: The Tower of Babel (Pamphlet: Teach Me Torah 1: The Tower of Babel, Behrman House)
Sat 25 Jan '25	Jewish Values (Book: Sammy Spider's First Mitzvah, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 1 Feb '25	Bible: Abraham & Rebecca (Pamphlets: Teach Me Torah 1: Abraham & Rebecca, Behrman House)
Sat 8 Feb '25	Tu B'Shevat (Book: Sammy Spider's First Tu B'Shevat, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 1 Mar '25	Bible: Esther (Pamphlet: Teach Me Torah 2: Esther, Behrman House)
Sat 8 Mar '25	Bible: Joseph (Pamphlet: Teach Me Torah 1: Joseph, Behrman House)
Sat 15 Mar '25	Purim (Book: Sammy Spider's First Purim, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 22 Mar '25	Bible: Miriam, Moses and Pharaoh (Pamphlets: Teach Me Torah 2: Miriam and Moses & Moses and Pharaoh, Behrman House)
Sat 29 Mar '25	Pesach (Book: Sammy Spider's First Passover, Kar Ben Publications)

Summer Term

Sat 26 Apr '25	Shabbat: Decorate your own kiddush cup (Book: The Shabbat Box, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 3 May '25	Bible: Jacob and Esau (Pamphlet: Teach Me Torah 1: Jacob and Esau, Behrman House)
Sat 10 May '25	Bible: Ruth and Naomi (Pamphlet: Teach Me Torah 2: Ruth and Naomi, Behrman House)
Sat 17 May '25	Shavuot (Book: Sammy Spider's First Shavuot, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 7 Jun '25	Shabbat: Decorate your own candle sticks (Book: The Shabbat Box, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 14 Jun '25	Bible: David and Goliath (Pamphlet: Teach Me Torah 2: David and Goliath, Behrman House)
Sat 21 Jun '25	Shabbat: Decorate your own challah cover (Book: The Shabbat Box, Kar Ben Publications)
Sat 28 Jun '25	Israel (Book: Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel, Kar Ben Publications)