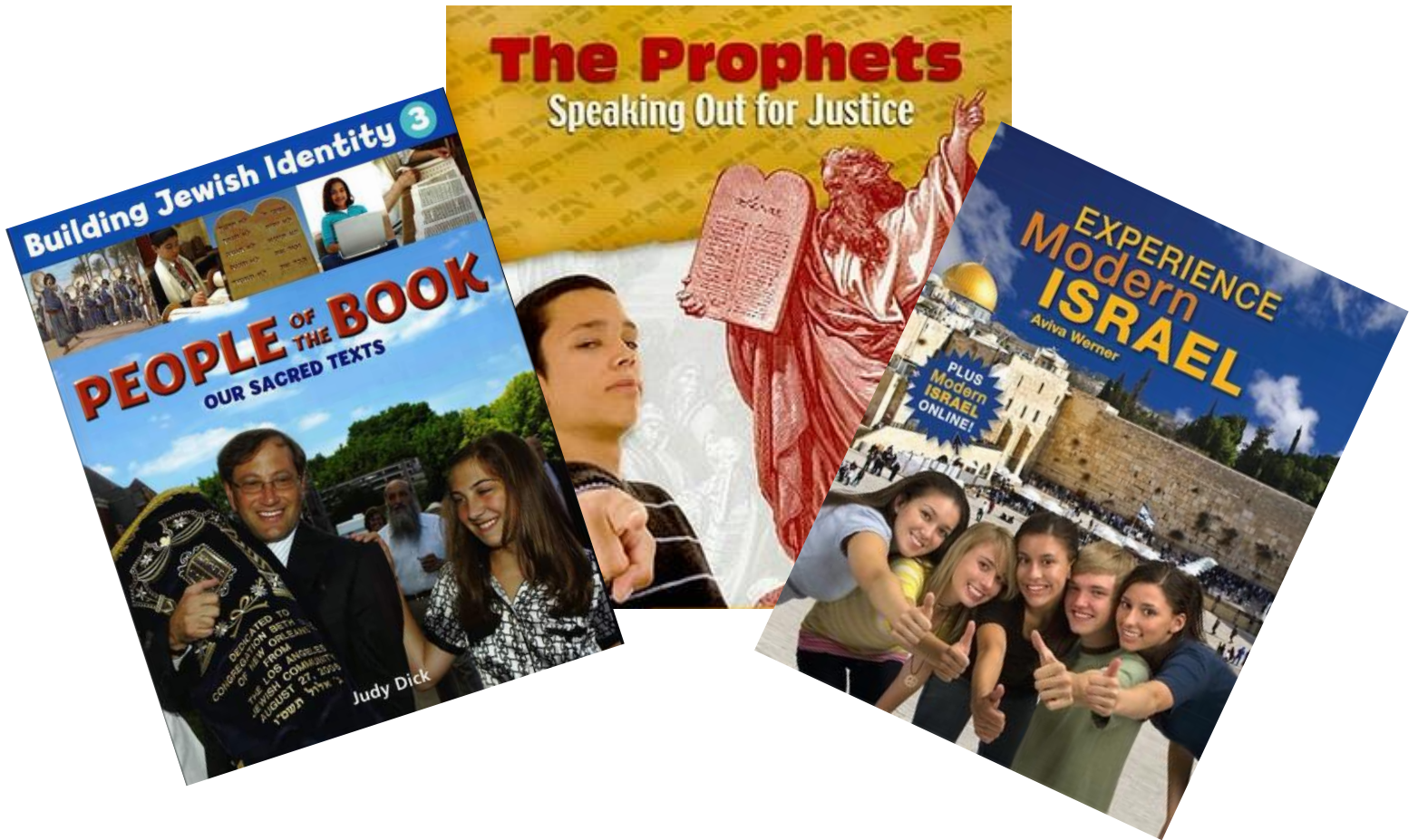


BM 1 & 2

HANDBOOK FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS



Introduction

Full details of our Bar/ Bat Mitzvah programme can be found in this year's course booklet. In this handbook, we want to provide a more detailed overview over the curriculum for students and parents. In the first term of this year, the class will learn about what it means to be the People of the Book. In the second term, the class will learn about modern day Israel with the final term focused on some of the important biblical prophets to explore how their words are relevant to us today.

Term Overview

Classes will be held on Saturday morning during term time. The Jewish Studies lesson for the BM class will run from 10 - 10:50am. If there is sufficient interest, we will also offer a Hebrew class from 11:15 - noon. On mornings when there is a family study session (five sessions through the year), there will not be a Hebrew class. Instead, we encourage families to attend the service together.

Term Dates

Autumn Term: 23 Sept. - 14 Oct. and 4 Nov. - 9 Dec.

Spring Term: 13 Jan. - 10 Feb. and 2 March - 23 March

Summer Term: 20 April - 18 May (no Cheder 4th May) and 8 June - 29 June

Useful Contacts

Cheder Headteacher: Abi Purkis, abi@arksynagogue.org

Cheder Admin Support: Mandy Blackstein, mandy@arksynagogue.org

Jewish Studies Curriculum

We supply our teachers with a detailed curriculum for each lesson - parents are welcome to contact Abi to receive a copy of the lesson plans. In this handbook, we are just sharing the topic of each lesson to allow students and parents to explore together what they are learning about.



Autumn Term

23 Sept	Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays: Yom Kippur
30 Sept	Jeremiah: Persistent Voice of Teshuvah Part I
7 Oct	Jeremiah: Persistent Voice of Teshuvah Part II
14 Oct	Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays: Rosh Chodesh
4 Nov	Family Study Session I
11 Nov	Isaiah: Righteous Spirit of Worship Part I
25 Nov	Family Study Session II
2 Dec	Isaiah: Righteous Spirit of Worship Part II
9 Dec	Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays: Hanukkah

Spring Term

13 Jan	Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays: The Jewish Calendar
20 Jan	Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays: Tu B'Shevat
27 Jan	Isaiah: Righteous Spirit of Worship Part III
3 Feb	Family Study Session III
10 Feb	Isaiah: Righteous Spirit of Worship Part IV
2 March	Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays: The Pilgrim Festivals I
9 March	Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays: The Pilgrim Festivals I
16 March	Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays: The Pilgrim Festivals I
23 March	Family Study Session IV



Summer Term

20 April	Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays: Yom Hashoah
27 April	Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays: Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut
11 May	Rediscovering the Jewish Holidays: Tisha B'av
18 May	God: An Introduction
8 June	God: An Exploration
15 June	Family Study V
22 June	Prayer: An Introduction
29 June	Prayer: An Exploration

Hebrew Option

We are offering an optional session each week to help students prepare for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. However, it will not be possible for the children to learn their portions solely by attending these sessions.