



Kitat Shalom

K+1st Grade Join us for a journey in the land of Hebrew letters. Each week we will explore a new letter in an experiential and hands-on way that involves different methods of learning. We will draw, write, color, move, sing, listen to music and make art projects- all around the weekly letter. During the year we will work with books which are approved by the Israeli Ministry of Education. The children will also create their own “notebook of letters” in which they will work every week.

Holidays: We will learn about the Jewish holidays and festivities as they are celebrated in Israel, including holiday traditions, stories and songs in Hebrew. We will dedicate one or two sessions to each holiday. We will celebrate each holiday in the classroom or with the Emek community.

Typical Class Structure (Not a Holiday Party or lesson): Opening activity: arts and crafts activity related to the letter of the week. Opening Circle: “Who came to Class today?” Singing the days of the week song and the letter song. Learning Table: learning and practicing the letter of the week in a variety of ways including multi-media, writing, working with books, and enjoying activities involving all the senses. Break for some movement and yoga in Hebrew. Closing Meeting: Summarizing the class with an activity such as reading stories and playing words and letters games. For your convenience, each week you will receive an email with details about what was taught in class and homework for the weekend so you can review what has been learned in the lesson and prepare homework assignments with the kids.

Goals:

1. The children will understand the alphabetic principle, be aware of the sounds of the Hebrew language, and recognize the letters by their names and sounds and will be able to write them.
2. The children will be able to identify and write their name in Hebrew and will be able to copy words in Hebrew.
3. The children will develop their ability to speak and understand Hebrew and enrich their vocabulary.

4. The children will develop their communication skills: they will be able to answer simple questions and present themselves in simple sentences.

5. The children will know about the holidays and will recognize the Israeli songs related to them.

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