



SRE Curriculum Years K-6
Scope and Sequence
30-40 minutes per week

The NSW Board of Jewish Education's (**BJE**) curriculum is based on the Board of Studies KLAs across all curriculum areas. When planning the curriculum it is BJE's intention to offer SRE complimentary to all other subjects offered throughout the school day. Therefore there are aspects of English, Math, HSIE, Science and Technology and Creative Arts woven throughout the SRE curriculum which is linked to the student's Jewish identity and faith. The BJE curriculum is offered over a two year cycle which scaffolds the students learning linking this to their age and stage of development and is structured on a yearly program.

The BJE classes range from streamed to composite so the workbooks that are provided for each student is geared to promote as much learning as possible with the teacher acting as the facilitator for that learning.

The curriculum is aimed to promote the following:

Knowledge: It is intended that student's gain a deeper knowledge about the Jewish festivals, bible stories, Jewish symbols, Shabbat and prayer and have a connection to their heritage and culture.

Understanding: BJE assumes that students have little understanding so it scaffolds the learning to promote a deeper understanding of the Jewish culture and faith and its deep roots to the Torah (Old Testament).

Skills: Students will be encouraged to ask further questions and decipher what their connection to Judaism is. Further skills include problem solving, higher order thinking, self-awareness, empathy, decision making, social awareness, team building and co-operation, reading, writing, drawing and creating.

Cycle A: Term 1

Units	Year K	Years 1 - 2	Years 3 - 4	Years 5 - 6
Getting to know you (1 lesson)	Topics: Meet the teacher and the other children in the class	Topics: Meet the teacher and the other children in the class	Topics: The meaning of the morning prayer	Topics: The meaning of the morning prayer
Purim (2 lessons)	Topics: The Purim story	Topics: The Purim story	Topics: The term 'veNahafoch Hu'(opposites)	Topics: The term 'veNahafoch Hu' (opposites)
Bible story – Joseph (2 lessons)	Topics: The story of Joseph Feelings and emotions using colours	Topics: The story of Joseph Feelings and emotions using colours	Topics: The story of Joseph Feelings and emotions using colours	Topics: The story of Joseph Feelings and emotions in the story using De Bono hats
Pesach (Passover) (3 lessons)	Topics: The Pesach story through pictures Seder songs (Pesach meal): <input type="checkbox"/> 'Mah Nishtanah' <input type="checkbox"/> One is HaShem	Topics: The Pesach story through pictures Seder songs (Pesach meal): • 'Mah Nishtanah' • One is HaShem	Topics: The Pesach story via 'chat' Evidence to support the exodus Seder songs (Pesach meal): • 'Mah Nishtanah' • One is HaShem	Topics: The Pesach story via 'chat' Evidence to support the exodus The concept of Freedom Seder songs (Pesach meal): • 'Mah Nishtanah' • One is HaShem <input type="checkbox"/>
Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israel independence) (2 lessons)	Topics: Israeli symbols and inventions	Topics: Israeli symbols and inventions	Topics: Israeli symbols and inventions Connections between students and Israel	Topics: Israeli symbols and inventions Connections between students and Israel

This will be achieved through storytelling, drama, songs, craft and workbook activities

Cycle A: Term 2

Units	Year K	Years 1 - 2	Years 3 - 4	Years 5 - 6
Shavuot (Pentecost) (3 lessons)	Topics: The Commandments	Topics: The Commandments	Topics: The Commandments	Topics: Conveying The Commandments in positive and negative ways
Innovations and Symbols (2 lessons)	Topics: Symbols relating to Israel and innovations by Israelis	Topics: Symbols relating to Israel and innovations by Israelis	Topics: Symbols relating to Israel and innovations by Israelis	Topics: Symbols relating to Israel and innovations by Israelis
Our history, culture (Tel Aviv and Israel's North) (4 lessons)	Topics: Historical versus modern places in Israel	Topics: Historical versus modern places in Israel Famous Presidents	Topics: Historical versus modern places in Israel Famous Presidents Cities in Israel Famous celebrities Places of interest	Topics: Historical versus modern places in Israel Famous Presidents Cities in Israel Famous celebrities Places of interest

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Cycle A: Term 3

Units	Year K	Years 1 - 2	Years 3 - 4	Years 5 - 6
Shabbat (Sabbath) (2 lessons)	Topics: Items used for Shabbat Song 'Lecha Dodi'	Topics: Items used for Shabbat and Havdalah (conclusion of Shabbat)	Topics: Items used for Shabbat and Havdalah (conclusion of Shabbat) Explain where the name Havdalah comes from	Topics: Items used for Shabbat and Havdalah (conclusion of Shabbat) Explain where the name Havdalah comes from
Rosh HaShanah (Jewish New Year) (2 lessons)	Topics: Recognition of symbols	Topics: Understanding the symbols	Topics: Understanding the symbols Blessings for Rosh HaShanah	Topics: Blessings for Rosh HaShanah Significance of symbols and how they connect to the New Year
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) (2 lessons)	Topics: The custom of tashlich (casting sins) Song 'Adon HaSlichot'	Topics: The custom of tashlich (casting sins) Song 'Adon HaSlichot'	Topics: The custom of tashlich (casting sins) Song 'Adon HaSlichot' Difference between asking for forgiveness and forgiving others	Topics: The custom of tashlich (casting away sins) Song 'Adon HaSlichot' Positive feelings
Sukkot (Tabernacle) (2 lessons)	Topics: Reasons for the festival Materials used for building a Sukkah (booth) The four species	Topics: Reasons for the festival Materials used for building a Sukkah (booth) The four species	Topics: Reasons for the festival Constructing a Sukkah The four species and their characteristics The three Regalim	Topics: Reasons for the festival Constructing a Sukkah The four species and their characteristics The three Regalim
Simchat Torah (Feast of Tabernacle) (2 lessons)	Topics: Why we celebrate this festival The first story of the Torah Name two items the sofer (scribe) requires	Topics: Why we celebrate this festival The first story of the Torah All items required by a sofer (scribe) for his work	Topics: The cyclical nature of reading the Torah The first and last story of the Torah The custom of praying three times a day How a sofer (scribe) writes a Torah scroll	Topics: The cyclical nature of reading the Torah The first and last story of the Torah The custom of praying three times a day How a sofer (scribe) writes a Torah scroll

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Cycle A: Term 4

Units	Year K	Years 1 - 2	Years 3 - 4	Years 5 - 6
Bible Story: Creation (1 lesson)	Topics: The sequence of creation The importance of recycling	Topics: The sequence of creation The importance of recycling	Topics: The sequence of creation How we can take care of the environment	Topics: The sequence of creation How we can take care of the environment
Bible Stories: Three mothers and four fathers (5 lessons)	Topics: The patriarchs and matriarchs Comparing biblical and modern times	Topics: The patriarchs and matriarchs Comparing biblical and modern times	Topics: The patriarchs and matriarchs Comparing biblical and modern times Important personal qualities of the patriarchs and matriarchs	Topics: Identifying the patriarchs and matriarchs Comparing biblical and modern times Identify the important qualities of the patriarchs and matriarchs
Chanukah (Festival of Lights) (4 lessons)	Topics: The miracles of the festival The symbols of the festival	Topics: The miracles of the festival The symbols of the festival	Topics: The miracles of the festival The symbols of the festival The song 'Maoz Tsur'	Topics: The miracles of the festival The symbols of the festival Song 'Maoz Tsur' The story of Chanukah The letters of the sevivon (dreidel)

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Cycle B: Term 1

Units	Year K	Years 1 - 2	Years 3 - 4	Years 5 - 6
Getting to know you (1 lesson)	Topics: Meet other children in the class Becoming familiar with prayer	Topics: Meet other children in the class Prayers	Topics: Meet other children in the class The reasons for prayer	Topics: Meet other children in the class The reasons for prayer (using De Bono thinking hats)
Bible story: 12 spies (2 lessons)	Topics: The story of the 12 spies Feelings associated with new beginnings Trust	Topics: The story of the 12 spies Feelings associated with new beginnings Trust	Topics: Relating the story to personal experiences Making choices and decisions Perceptions	Topics: Relating the story to personal experiences Making choices and decisions Perceptions
Purim (3 lessons)	Topics: The Purim story Purim Mitzvot Purim customs	Topics: The Purim story Purim Mitzvot Purim customs	Topics: The Purim story Purim customs Characteristics of the main people in the story The meaning of bravery	Topics: The Purim story Purim customs Characteristics of the main people in the story The meaning of bravery
Pesach (Passover) (3 lessons)	Topics: The Pesach story The 15 steps of the Haggadah (Passover text) The meaning of the Haggadah 'Mah Nishtanah'	Topics: The Pesach story The 15 steps of the Haggadah (Passover text) The meaning of the Haggadah 'Mah Nishtanah'	Topics: The Pesach story The 15 steps of the Haggadah (Passover text) The meaning of the Haggadah The reasons for Pesach 'Mah Nishtanah'	Topics: The Pesach story The 15 steps of the Haggadah (Passover text) The meaning of the Haggadah The reasons for Pesach The four sons 'Mah Nishtanah'

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Cycle B: Term 2

Units	Year K	Years 1 - 2	Years 3 - 4	Years 5 - 6
Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel independence) (2 lessons)	Topics: The flags and emblems of Israel compared to those of Australia	Topics: The flags and emblems of Israel compared to those of Australia	Topics: The flags and emblems of Israel compared to those of Australia The concept of independence	Topics: The flags and emblems of Israel compared to those of Australia The concept of independence
Shavuot (Pentecost) (3 lessons)	Topics: Relationship of Shavuot and agriculture The seven species	Topics: Relationship of Shavuot and agriculture The seven species	Topics: Relationship of Shavuot and agriculture The seven species The significance of celebrating Shavuot in modern times	Topics: Relationship of Shavuot and agriculture The seven species The significance of celebrating Shavuot in modern times
Our history, culture (Jerusalem and Israel's South) (4 lessons)	Topics: Historical versus modern places in Israel Places of interest	Topics: Historical versus modern places in Israel Places of interest	Topics: Historical versus modern places in Israel Places of interest Differentiating ancient and modern times	Topics: Historical versus modern places in Israel Places of interest Differentiating ancient and modern times

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Cycle B: Term 3

Units	Year K	Years 1 - 2	Years 3 - 4	Years 5 - 6
Rosh HaShanah (Jewish New Year) (3 lessons)	Topics: Sequence of events The New Year symbols The reason of blowing the Shofar	Topics: Sequence of events The New Year symbols The reason of blowing the Shofar	Topics: The Jewish timeline and cycle of events The sound of the shofar (ram horn) and its significance	Topics: Investigate the Jewish timeline and cycle of events The sound of the shofar (ram horn) and its significance
Tisha Be'Av (9 th Av) (1 lesson)	Topics: Anniversary of the destruction of the Temple The story of Kamtza and Bar Kamtza	Topics: Anniversary of the destruction of the Temple The story of Kamtza and Bar Kamtza	Topics: Anniversary of the destruction of the Temple The story of Kamtza and Bar Kamtza The moral of the story of Kamtza and Bar Kamtza	Topics: Anniversary of the destruction of the Temple The story of Kamtza and Bar Kamtza The moral of the story of Kamtza and Bar Kamtza
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) (3 lessons)	Topics: Examine our wrongdoings Identify the ways we can make others happy	Topics: Examine our wrongdoings Identify the ways we can make others happy Festival customs	Topics: The machzor (festival prayer book) The importance of saying sorry The customs of Yom Kippur The meaning of charity The song 'Avinu Malkenu'	Topics: The ten days between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur The customs of Yom Kippur The song 'Avinu Malkenu' The eight levels of tzedakah (charity)
Sukkot (Tabernacle) (3 lessons)	Topics: The four species	Topics: The four species	Topics: The four species The concept of hospitality to guests	Topics: The four species The concept of hospitality to guests Relationship of the four species to the Jewish people
Celebration of Rosh HaShanah (1 lesson)	Topics: Rosh HaShanah symbols and their relationship to the festival	Topics: Rosh HaShanah symbols and their relationship to the festival	Topics: Rosh HaShanah symbols and their relationship to the festival	Topics: Rosh HaShanah symbols and their relationship to the festival

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Cycle B: Term 4

Simchat Torah (Feast of Tabernacle) (2 lessons)	Topics: The meaning of Simchat Torah The story of Adam and Eve	Topics: The meaning of Simchat Torah The story of Adam and Eve	Topics: The meaning of Simchat Torah The story of Adam and Eve The concept of taking responsibility for one's actions	Topics: The meaning of Simchat Torah The story of Adam and Eve The concept of taking responsibility for one's actions
Jewish symbols (3 lessons)	Topics: Recognising Jewish symbols in their environment	Topics: Recognising Jewish symbols in their environment	Topics: Recognising Jewish symbols Differentiating between idols and symbols	Topics: Recognising six Jewish symbols Differentiating between idols and symbols
Festival symbols (2 lessons)	Topics: Matching symbols to Jewish festivals: Purim, Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot	Topics: Match symbols to Jewish festivals: Purim, Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot	Topics: Match symbols to Jewish festivals: Purim, Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot	Topics: Match symbols to Jewish festivals: Purim, Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot
Chanukah symbols (Festival of Lights) (3 lessons)	Topics: Chanukah symbols	Topics: Chanukah symbols	Topics: What the Chanukah symbols represent	Topics: What the Chanukah symbols represent

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