



GAN EDEN

The American-Israeli Preschool in Manhattan
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SCHOOL CURRICULUM

תוכנית לימודים שנתית

September	October	November	December	January
Gan Eden Year Opening	Sukkot & Simchat Torah	Planting and Harvesting	Fire and Safety	Water & The Water Cycle
Transition & Friendship	The creation of the world	The food we eat	Light and Darkness	Trees and Flowers העץ
Introduction to Holidays	Me, My Body & the 5 senses	Thanksgiving	Chanukah workshop	The Family Tree
Rosh Hashanah ראש השנה	Hygiene- I am clean!	Me & My Family	Chanukah חנוכה	Martin Luther King day
Yom Kippur יום כיפור	Columbus Day	Different types of families	Math & Science חשבון	Environment and Recycling
Intro to Sukkot סוכות	The Farm נושא החווה	Shapes & Colors	Winter-The Season חורף	Tu Be'Shevat ט"ו בשבט
Fall- The Season סתיו	Trip to the farm	Parent Teacher Conferences	Happy The New Year	Winter- Visit to Central Park

February	March	April	May	June
Planting נטיעות	Purim Workshop	The story of Passover	Parent Teacher Conferences	Summer - The Season
The Book הספר	Purim- Megillah story	Passover Seder סדר פסח	Yom Yerushalayim	Media and Communication
Authors and Poets	Purim-World Costumes	Spring- The Season אביב	Jerusalem in the Arts	Fire Safety & Fire Station Visit
Creative Writing	Recognition of other Cultures	Spring-Trip to Tulip Garden	Love Week	Father's Day יום האב
My favorite Books	Children of the world	Personal Independence	Mother's Day יום האם	Traffic Symbols and Safety
Opposites הפכים	Mutual Respect	יום העצמאות לישראל	Shavuot חג השבועות	Graduation
Introducing Purim פורים	Spring cleaning	Lag Ba'omer לג בעומר	Prepare for Graduatio	Summer-Visit to Central Park

Our curriculum is child centric. Though we have predetermined themes, we explore many interests which arise from our students. In our predetermined units, we begin with the child and the individual. Incorporated in this unit are the themes of personal identity, the five senses, and hygiene. We then expand into the individual in relation to the family. In this unit we explore the family tree, types of families, professions and mothers and fathers days. The topic of the family leads to it's relation to the community. We discuss how community workers serve our community and acquire hands-on experiences by visiting community centers such as the firehouse, the library, the bakery and the senior citizen home. Our second primary pedagogical domain is the Jewish calendar. We learn about all Jewish holidays, events in the Bible, as well as rituals and traditions. Included in this unit are guest speakers, visits to the synagogue, and our Friday welcoming of the Shabbat.

The Gan Eden curriculum thus is built according to the two aforementioned themes, both of which are closely connected. Family trees for example are related to TuBishvat's tree planting, and fostering of independence is connected to the Israeli Independence day.

In addition to the themes indicated above, the school has a separate math and literacy curriculum which provides a solid foundation of skills for your child to build upon as their education progresses.