

SRE Curriculum
Scope and Sequence
Stage 0-3 Cycle A & B

The NSW Board of Jewish Education's (BJE) Jewish Journey curriculum is based on NESA outcomes 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

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The curriculum is aims to:

- Unfold and expand on the knowledge of Jewish customs, practices and rituals.
- Create and promote meaningful bonds with the Jewish community, its common rich history and way of life.
- Identify, Understand and implement Jewish values based on ancient wisdom by making them relevant to modern times.
- Promote knowledge of the State of Israel, its history, people, sites and its contribution to the world

* All units of study include some songs, crafts and workbook written activities.

Curriculum A: Term 1

Unit	Stage 0-1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Tu BiShvat (1 lesson)	Topics: Ecological awareness Trees within my environment 'If a tree could talk'	Topics: Tikun Olam Trees in Jewish culture Tu BiShvat customs	Topics: My obligation to the world Mitzvot relating to trees Commemorating with trees
Purim (2 lessons)	Topics: The story of Purim Basic Purim customs The impact of music on our mood	Topics: The story of Purim Achashverosh - the bystander The 4 Mitzvot of Purim	Topics: The reason behind Purim customs My mask - what I reveal and what I conceal about myself
Pesach (4 lessons)	Topics: The story of Exodus	Topics: The festival of Pesach as means to form belonging A deeper understanding of the meaning of Pesach Deeper meaning of the song Dayenu 'My own' 4 questions on Pesach	Topics: The order of the Seder. A deep and detailed explanation of the Pesach song 'Who knows one'

Curriculum A: Term 2

Unit	Stage 0-1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Yom HaAtzma'ut (1 lesson)	Topics: Why is Israel important to me Israel's flag and anthem	Topics: The importance of Israel to the Jewish community around the world Eliezer Ben Yehudah and the modern Hebrew	Topics: Torch lighting ceremony in Israel Important figures in Israel's modern history How the dead Hebrew language came back to life
The 3 Pilgrim (1 lesson)	Topics: Differentiate between the 3 pilgrim and other festivals The Mitzvah of travelling to the Holy Temple.	Topics: The concept of gratitude. The reason the Mitzvah to travel to the Holy Temple fell on these three festivals. Holy Temple versus the Kotel.	Topics: The historical event associated with each of the three pilgrim festivals, their agricultural significance, their Mitzvot and customs.
Shavuot (2 lessons)	Topics: The story of Ruth as a symbol of respecting parents	Topics: Perseverance in nature. Ruth' perseverance and her devotion to Naomi, The importance of perseverance as a tool to success	Topics: The concept of belonging as presented in Megillat Ruth. The agricultural and biblical reason for the festival
Counting of the Omer (2 lessons)	Topics: The anticipation of the Israelites to receive the Torah. The Mitzvah of the Jewish people to bring their first fruit to the Temple as a token of gratitude to HaShem	Topics: The 49 between Pesach and Shavuot dedicated to improve our ways. Chesed - the notion dedicated to the first of the seven weeks of Sefirat HaOmer.	Topics: The impact of slavery on the Jewish people, and consequently, their need for the 49 days to develop trust, and understand the need for social rules,
Shabbat (2 lessons)	Topics: Shabbat - The 4th Commandment 'Who is important on Shabbat' - the meaning behind Shabbat symbols.	Topics: Shabbat - the Jewish practice that connects us all Disconnect to Connect - Shabbat project slogan	Topics: Shabbat blessings Havdalah

Curriculum A: Term 3

Unit	Stage 0-1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Creation (1 lessons)	Topics: Creation – Presented with flashcards and videos	Topics: Creation, Acted out by students	Topics: The purpose of the particular order of the days of Creation. 'How would I have created the world'
Tikkun Olam (2 lessons)	Topics: What is Tikkun Olam and its place in students' lives	Topics: The meaning of Tikkun Olam 'I need to look after Earth, it is my home'	Topics: 'My image of a perfect world' 'The ripple effect' 'Can we actually make a difference?'
Rosh HaShanah (2 lessons)	Topics: The reason behind basic Rosh HaShanah symbols	Topics: Symbols, customs, why and how. "My own Rosh HaShanah symbol"	Topics: Lunar and leap year explained. The custom of Tashlich The correlation between the names of some Rosh HaShanah and the Hebrew language.
Yom Kippur (1 lessons)	Topics: The time for saying sorry to others and to HaShem and forgive those who apologise to us.	Topics: 6 kinds of apologies according to people's different personalities	Topics: Is saying 'sorry', and seeking forgiveness the same? Yom Kippur prayers – Adon HaSlichot , Kol Nidrei. "My next year in colour"
Sukkot (2 lessons)	Topics: Sukkot commemorates the small huts the Jewish people built throughout their travelling to the Land of Israel. The Mitzvah of shaking the Lulav	Topics: How a Sukkah is built The names and the characteristics of the 4 species that form the Lulav	Topics: The Mitzvah of welcoming guests to the Sukkah, The Four Species as a symbol of unity and acceptance of the different.
Simchat Torah (1 lesson)	'What's in the Torah' - presented through a story	The meaning of joy The unique Hebrew font of the Torah How Torah is made	The names and the content of the five books of the Torah

Curriculum A: Term 4

Unit	Stage 0-1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Bible stories (3 lesson)	Topics: Avraham and Sarah – The way of living now and then. Avraham and his father’s statues HaShem tells Avraham to leave home Avraham and Sarah’s travelling	Topics: Sarah’s life presented through a imaginary interview with a modern reporter. Eliezer Yitzchak and Rivkah presented through a story ‘At the Well’ – The importance of the well in biblical times Yaakov and Eisav HaShem’s promise to Yaakov	Topics: Avraham’s character traits drawn upon 5 incidents in his life
The Role of Tradition (1 lesson)	Topics: How traditions develop within families. Traditions associated with Jewish festivals	Topics: Debate – My favourite Rosh HaShanah tradition	Topics: Why are traditions important? Differentiate between traditions developed by families and those connecting Jewish people around the world
Jewish Symbols (2 lessons)	Topics: What is symbol Jewish symbols 1. Synagogue 2. Kippah 3. Magen David 4. Challah 5. Siddur	Topics: Jewish festival symbols	Topics: Jewish symbols 1. Yiddish 2. Ladino 3. Klezmers 4. Chelm and the Jewish humour
Chanukah (4 lessons)	Topics: The miracle of Chanukah , its symbols and songs.	Topics: The story of the Maccabim How to light the Chanukiyah Maccabiyah games in Israel	Topics: What is miracle Differentiate between the 2 miracles of Chanukah Rabbi Sacks talks about Chanukah

Curriculum B: Term 1

Unit	Sateg 0	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
A brief introduction to my Judaism (1 lesson)	Topics: Jewish symbols we share that make us Jewish	Topics: What makes me Jewish	Topics: Universal Jewish symbols connecting us all. 'My own Jewish symbol'	Topics: The power of a prayer 'Shema', its religious and Tikkun Olam aspects.
Bible story: Yosef (2 lessons)	Topics: The story of Yosef leading to the Jewish people leaving the Land of Israel and residing in Egypt	Topics: Making connections between colours and the emotions of the characters in the story of Yosef	Topics: Guilt and relief in the story of Yosef	Topics: The notion of jealousy in the story of Yosef, and its outcomes. Putting the figures in the story of Yosef on a 'modern' trial.
Purim (2 lessons)	Topics: The story of Esther supported by songs	Topics: The story of Esther role-play	Topics: The story of Esther presented through a modern interview of its characters The 4 Mitzvot of Purim	Topics: The notion of leadership based on the characters of Megillat Esther.
Pesach (2 lessons)	Topics: The sequence of the Pesach story Seder – Symbolic rituals performed in the same order by all.	Topics: The story of Exodus told using flashcards and songs	Topics: The notion of freedom as presented in the Pesach story. What freedom means to me	Topics: How was Pesach celebrated in ancient times Diversity of traditions and customs on Seder night The 15 steps of the Seder 'My own' steps for Seder night

Curriculum B: Term 2

Unit	Stage 0	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Israel Innovations (1 lesson)	Topics: What are innovations Pride in the State of Israel in view of its development of unique innovations	Topics: What are innovations Pride in the State of Israel in view of its development of unique innovations	Topics: The many areas of innovations developed in Israel	Topics: The many areas of innovations developed in Israel
Yom HaAtzma'ut (1 lesson)	Topics: The meaning of Israel's 'birthday' Israeli flag	Topics: What does celebrating Yom HaAtzma'ut have to do with us in Australia Israel's anthem and emblem	Topics: Why we should care The Voting on 29 th November	Topics: Israel's Remembrance Day
Israel (1 lesson)	Topics: Where is Israel and how to get there	Topics: What's special about Israel	Topics: Archaeology sites in Israel	Topics: Shared Jewish history in biblical times Israel's landscape Ben Gurion's dream - 'Make the desert bloom'
Shavuot (2 lessons)	Topics: Basic explanation of the 10 Commandments 'Do not lie' - the consequences of not obeying that rule	Topics: The concept of 'trust' Manna from the sky - a lesson for life	Topics: The Israelites anticipation to receive the Torah Why rules are needed	Topics: The Golden Calf Materialism - the modern golden calf
Noah's Ark and the Tower of Bavel (3 lessons)	Topics: The story of Noah's Ark acted out by students The need for common language demonstrated with Lego blocks	Topics: The story of Noah's ark followed by discussion initiated by teacher's guiding questions Verbal versus non-verbal communication	Topics: The dove's experience in each of the three incidents it was sent out from the Ark. Biblical measurements for building the Ark Is unity a positive or a negative concept	Topics: Noah's perseverance building the Ark despite being mocked by others. Endangers animals and how to protect them Some Rabbinical explanations of the reason the Tower of Babel was built. (Source Chabad.org)

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<p>Bible Stories - The 12 Spies (2 lessons)</p>	<p>Topics: The story presented through power point presentation with guided questions and answers</p>	<p>Topics: Different responses to identical situations based on our assumptions The impact of what we say on others The importance of trust</p>	<p>Topics: Seeing the same in different ways What do you see – a debate The Israelites state of mind upon reaching the Land of Israel The story of the 12 tribes – in play format</p>	<p>Topics: Sayings/quotes linked to some of the situations described in parts of the story and tie them with our own life experiences. The characters in the story on a ‘modern’ trial.</p>
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Curriculum B: Term 3

Unit	Stage 0-1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Jewish Wisdom (2 lessons)	Topics: What are 'sayings' What some witty Jewish scholars' sayings teach us about life	Topics: Lashon HaRa - The negative impact of gossiping Hakarat HaTov, Gratitude	Topics: King Shlomo proverb Rambam, Laws of Character Traits - and how to acquire them
Jewish diversity (2 lesson)	Topics: What is diversity Basic explanation of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity in nature • Human diversity • Jewish diversity 	Topics: The reason behind Jewish diversity Jewish festivals and how they are celebrated differently around the world.	Topics: No matter what you look like, no matter where you come from, you are part of one, big Jewish family
Rosh HaShanah (2 lessons)	Topics: Special events throughout the Jewish year Basic explanation of the meaning of Rosh HaShanah symbols	Topics: Sequence of events in the as they occur in the Jewish calendar versus chronological sequence of these events.	Topics: Which event marks the beginning of the Jewish history 2 other new beginnings of the year aiming to calculate the age of trees and the number of years the kings ruled.
Yom Kippur (1 lessons)	Topics: The purpose of the 10 days between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.	Topics: The many ways we address HaShem Yom Kippur and the act of giving	Topics: Rambam's 'Eight Levels of Giving'
Sukkot (1 lesson)	Topics: The trees of the four species The characteristics of the 4 species	Topics: Sukkot – the time to Rejoyce Dwelling in the humble Sukkah as a symbol of our ability to rejoice in a modest way. Shaking the Lulav	Topics: The Mitzvah of welcoming guests The 7 Ushpizin Character traits of Avraham, Moshe and Aharon

Curriculum B: Term 4

Units	Stage 0-1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Simchat Torah (1 lesson)	<p>Topics: Why is the Torah important to the Jewish people</p> <p>Why learning the Torah is a never-ending process</p>	<p>Topics: The art of writing a Torah scroll Some of the stories in the book of BeReshit The more you read – the more you learn</p>	<p>Topics: The name and the content of each of the 5 books of the Torah.</p>
Israel (4 lessons)	<p>Topics: Where is Israel The story of Tel Aviv Jerusalem – the Kotel and the gates around the old city</p>	<p>Topics: Israel Project Unique facts about Israel, its food, sport, wildlife and places of interest.</p>	<p>Topics: UNESCO project UNESCO sites in Israel Criteria for the sites being chosen, their location and detailed description</p>
Chanukah (3 lessons)	<p>Topics: Chanukah symbols explained through a story</p>	<p>Topics: How should a Chanukiyah be lit - Hillel and Shammai dispute</p> <p>What is a Kosher Chanukiyah</p>	<p>Topics: Light – how it presents itself in the Jewish culture</p>