**Holidays and Values**

Unit 1: Yamim Noraim
Unit 2: Sukkot and Hakhnassat Orhim
Unit 3: Rosh Hodesh and the Jewish Calendar*
Unit 4: Hanukkah and Pirsumei D’Nisa
Unit 5: Shabbat and HaRatat Hatov
Unit 6: Pesah and Zeman Heruteinu

**Mini units**

Simhat Torah
Tu B’Shvat B’Aretz: Yeshuv Ha’Aretz
Purim and Ometz Lev
Shavuot

**My Story**

Unit 1: Zikaron: My Roots, My Memories
Unit 2: Brit: My Beginning, My Name
Unit 3: Berakhot: My Blessings
Unit 4: Tokhehah: Improving My Friendships
Unit 5: Ma’akhl Re’evim: Sharing My Talents with Others
Unit 6: Devekut: Developing My Relationship with God

**Our Story**

Unit 1: Kehilla Kedosha: Developing Our Classroom Community
Unit 2: Mikdash Me’at: Creating our Sacred Spaces
Unit 3: Arakhim: Living Our Values Together
Unit 4: Piyyutim: Connecting Our Communities Through Poetry and Song
Unit 5: Yisrael: A Modern Look at Our Ancient Home
Unit 6: Ahrayut: Our Responsibility Toward Others
Unit 7: Mi Dor l’Dor: Our Dinner Party Across Time

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- Builds on student’s prior knowledge and current experiences
- Empowers students to articulate positive Jewish identities
- Builds breadth and depth in students’ understanding and observance of Judaism
- Incorporates findings in educational research, such as the power of cooperative learning, the value of addressing multiple intelligences, and the importance of differentiating instruction whenever possible.

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To sample the Rosh Hodesh and Jewish Calendar units, please go to [http://bit.ly/EtgarYesodiSample](http://bit.ly/EtgarYesodiSample)

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