



# ETGAR YESODI

curriculum overview | designed for grades 3-5

## 3rd Grade

### Holidays and Values

- Unit 1: Yamim Noraim
- Unit 2: Sukkot and Haknassat Orhim
- Unit 3: Rosh Hodesh and the Jewish Calendar\*
- Unit 4: Hanukkah and Pirsumei D'Nisa
- Unit 5: Shabbat and HaKarat Hatov
- Unit 6: Pesah and Zeman Heruteinu

### Mini units

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

## 4th Grade

### 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'akhil Re'evim: Sharing My Talents with Others
- Unit 6: Devekut: Developing My Relationship with God

## 5th Grade

### 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

To sample the Rosh Hodesh and Jewish Calendar units, please go to <http://bit.ly/EtgarYesodiSample>

Etgar Yesodi is a 3rd—5th grade curriculum developed by the Jewish Theological Seminary. It is educationally appropriate for 3rd through 6/7 graders. It is designed to connect powerfully with students because it:

- 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.

Family involvement signals to children the worthiness of the enterprise of Jewish study and enculturation. This curriculum provides opportunities for parents to participate in a variety of ways: by adding their wisdom of experience to the students' studies and sharing experiences that invite dialogue on significant issues. The curriculum also integrates Jewish life beyond the confines of the classroom through community service. It is easily adapted to remote/online and hybrid teaching.

The cost for schools to utilize the Etgar or Etgar Yesodi curriculum is \$125 per grade per year for JEA members and \$225 per grade per year for non-members.

Training can be arranged on a pay-per-use basis. Limited technical support is offered through the Jewish Educators Assembly.

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## Family Involvement



## Costs

