

# Shabbat School Curriculum

## Rainbow Connection

This is a monthly series of family based learning seminars and labs that introduce music, art and dance to our youngest learners and their families. Introductions to Jewish holidays, Hebrew letters, the land of Israel, making friends and more are all in store. Students touch, taste, smell and hear all that they can in these two fantastically designed, teacher driven, family lead learning experiences.

### Pre-K to 2nd Grade

The curriculum for the Shabbat school is based on a spiral model, where the students will work, at their age and developmental level, toward achieving the following goals:

#### 1. Goals:

- 1) Recognition of Aleph-Bet and all vowels as well as other everyday Hebrew vocabulary.
- 2) Identify Barchu, Shema, Mah Tov, Hiney Ma Tov and Mi Camocha
- 3) Identify and help to lead in basic rituals of the Shabbat table:
  - A) Kiddush (short)
  - B) Candle blessing
  - C) Hamotzi
- 4) Start to identify and recognize major stories and characters from the Torah, focusing on the books of Genesis and Exodus.
- 5) Identify and recognize major vocabulary terms and themes of the Jewish calendar (i.e. Holidays)
- 6) Recognize the land, people, and state of Israel as a focal point in Jewish Identity, in order to prepare for the celebration of Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

- 7) Recognize and learn to live Jewish values (see attached page)
- 8) Recognize areas and symbols of the synagogue (Torah, Sanctuary, Ner Tamid.....etc.)

## **God Talk**

Using a time tested system of trust building engaging in tikkun and an open and loving forum for students in third grade through fifth grade. Master Teacher Charlene Ehll encourages and strengthens students' spiritual development by inviting kids to question and explore spirituality, ritual, Jewish ethics, history and current events. Text: *You Be the Judge*, engages learners in interdisciplinary exercises that expand the mind and open the heart.