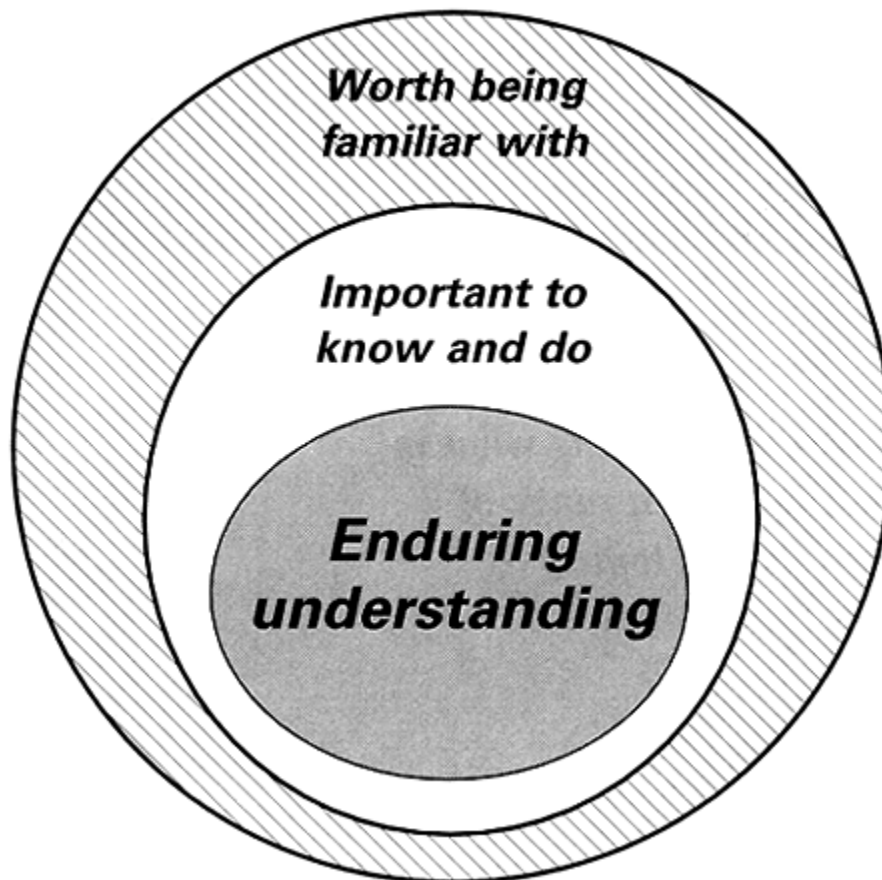


## **ICM Religious School 2008-2009 (5769) Curriculum (under development)**

The curriculum gives the students an enduring understanding of their Jewish identity.

### **Judaic Curriculum: Enduring Understanding: What the Student Needs to Know**

Our Judaic curriculum works alongside the Jewish calendar to make connections to Jewish identity. Through learning about the holidays, Shabbat, Jewish values and how Jews observe the lifecycle, students will be inspired to connect with Jewish ways of being in the world. Hebrew is an important part of this. Given the time constraints, the Hebrew curriculum is designed to give students familiarity with the building blocks of Hebrew (letters, vowels, and sounds) to eventually shape words and meanings, especially in Jewish liturgy.



## Regular Lesson Structure

Each class will follow a set format:

- Set induction
- Lesson
- Reading (not Hebrew reading)

## Curriculum by Calendar

September 10th: **Special Opening Curriculum**

1<sup>st</sup> period: Photos with families and art project: Collage reflecting Jewish identity (to be posted in the school)

2<sup>nd</sup> period: Regular class orientation to the school year, including reviewing school rules

September 17th: **Rosh Hashanah**

1<sup>st</sup> period: Hebrew (younger)  
*Teshuvah* (focusing insights on age appropriate *Teshuvah*) (older)

2<sup>nd</sup> period: *Rosh Hashanah* stations in social hall (younger)  
Hebrew (older)

September 24th

1<sup>st</sup> period: Hebrew (younger)  
Blessings for rituals around *Rosh Hashanah*

2<sup>nd</sup> period: Jewish values for the High Holy Days (younger)  
Hebrew (older)

October 1st: **NO SCHOOL**

October 8th: **NO SCHOOL**

October 15th: **Celebrating Sukkot in the School**

1<sup>st</sup> period: Hebrew (younger) words for Sukkot in Hebrew  
Meaning of guests in the *Sukkah*

2<sup>nd</sup> period: Sit in the *Sukkah* and tell a story about *Sukkah* and ask the children who they would invite in (younger)  
Blessing about the *Sukkah* (older)

October 22nd: **Celebrating *Simchat Torah* in the School**

1<sup>st</sup> period: Special program: All School unrolling of the Torah, explaining how the Torah is read from year to year

2<sup>nd</sup> period: Play for creation story (younger)  
Hebrew (older)

October 29<sup>th</sup>: Regular curriculum

1<sup>st</sup> period: Hebrew (younger)  
Introduction to Lifecycle (older)

2<sup>nd</sup> period: *Ben adam l'chavero*: The mitzvah of good behavior to other human beings  
Hebrew (older)