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Jewish Literacy Programme
New General Knowledge Curriculum
for fortnightly tests (other weeks, vocab. tests)

TABLE ONE – OVERVIEW

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(Avos: 4,1) Group Three - The Children of Yaakov - Ovinu *מאמר חז"ל ג' & "איזהו עשיר השמח בחלקו" "Who is rich? One who is happy with his portion." (Avos: 4,1) Group Four - The Eser Makos *מאמר חז"ל ד' & "אין מוקדם ומאוחר בתורה" "The Torah was not necessarily written in order of when each incident took place." [At times, you may find something that happened earlier mentioned later.] (Pesochim: 6b) Group Five - The Shivas HaMinim - The Arbo'oh Minim *מאמר חז"ל ה' & "אל תפרוש מן הצבור" "Don't separate yourself from the community [unless the community is behaving badly]." (Avos: 2,4) Group Six - The Tefillos for Weekdays, Shabbos and Yom Tov *מאמר חז"ל ו' & "אל תדין את חברך עד שתגיע למקומו" "Don't judge your friend until you are in his position." (Avos: 2,4) Group Seven - The Tefillos for Weekdays, Shabbos and Yom Tov *מאמר חז"ל ז' & "אל תפריש מן הצבור" "Don't separate yourself from the community [unless the community is behaving badly]." (Avos: 2,4)	Group One - Types of Mitzvos (Positive & Negative, Man/Man & Man/Hashem, Torah & Rabbinic, Fixed Time Positive) *מאמר חז"ל י"א & "אם אשכחך ירושלים תשכך ימיני" "If I forget you, Yerushalayim, may my right hand lose its strength." (Tehillim: 137) Group Two - The Chagim: Their Dates (Sholosh Regolim & Yomim Noro'im) *מאמר חז"ל י"ב & "אם לא עכשיו אימתי" "If not now, when?" (Avos: 1:14) Group Three - The Chagim: The Different Names for Each *מאמר חז"ל י"ג & "הוי דן את כל האדם לכף זכות" "Give every person the benefit of the doubt." (Avos: 1:6) Group Four - The Five Megillos - The Six Fast Days *מאמר חז"ל י"ד & "הוי מקבל את כל האדם בסבר פנים יפות" "Greet every person with a pleasant face (smile!)." (Avos: 1,14) Group Five - The Aseres HaDibros *מאמר חז"ל ט"ו & "הזורעים בדמעה ברנה יקצורו" "Those who plant with tears will cut with joy." [Although you may suffer while you work hard instead of having fun, later you will have the joy, when you benefit from your hard work.] (Tehillim: 126) Group Six - The Mishkon: The areas of the Mishkon and its Keilim *מאמר חז"ל ט"ז & "היום קצר והמלאכה מרובה" "The day is short, and there is so much to accomplish." (Avos: 2,15)	Group One - Sheva Mitzvos B'nei Noach ("The Jewish Fact Finder" p.104, "Yedios Batorah" p.4) *מאמר חז"ל כ"א & "כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה" "All of Klal Yisroel are responsible for one another." (Shavuos: 39a) Group Two - Shesh Zechiros (1. Yetzias Mitzrayim...6. Shabbos) (Siddur / Yedios Klalios BaTorah p.10) *מאמר חז"ל כ"ב & "לא הבישן למד" "One who is quickly embarrassed won't be very successful in his learning." [He will be too shy to ask when he doesn't understand.] (Avos: 2,5) Group Three - The Numbers of Mitzvos (7 B'nei Noach, 7 D'Rabbonon, 248 Positive, 365 Negative, 613 Total) (Yedios BaTorah p.17) *מאמר חז"ל כ"ג & "לא המדרש עיקר אלא המעשה" "The learning isn't the main thing, but rather putting into practice what you learned." (Avos: 1,17) Group Four - Ten Mitzvos, from the field to the table: ("Yedios BaTorah" pp.50,51) *מאמר חז"ל כ"ד & "לא מצאתי לגוף טוב משתיקה" "I haven't found anything that is better for a person than staying quiet." (Avos: 1,17) Group Five - Transmission of Torah: e.g. Mishnah, Kuzari, Mishneh Torah, Shulchan Aruch, Mesilas Yeshorim, Tanya, Kedushas Levi, Aruch Hashulchan, Mishneh Berurah, Chofetz Chayim, Ben Ish Chai, Chazon Ish, Igeres Moshe (Rav Moshe Feinstein) (Yedios Klalios BaTorah pp.31-36) *מאמר חז"ל כ"ו & "ולפני עור לא תתן מכשל" "Before the blind do not put a stumbling block." [If someone doesn't know better, do not take advantage of him. Don't mislead someone.] (Vayikro: 19,14) Group Six - Who wrote these seforim? e.g. Mishnah, Kuzari, Mishneh Torah, Shulchan Aruch, Mesilas Yeshorim, Tanya, Kedushas Levi, Aruch Hashulchan, Mishneh Berurah, Chofetz Chayim, Ben Ish Chai, Chazon Ish, Igeres Moshe (Rav Moshe Feinstein) (Yedios Klalios BaTorah pp.31-36) *מאמר חז"ל כ"ז & "עשה לך רב וקנה לך חבר" "Make for yourself a teacher [whose advice you will seek and follow] and acquire a good friend." [Both are necessary to remain on the proper path.] (Avos: 1,6)	Group One - The 24 Books of Tanach ("Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.12 / "The Jewish Fact Finder" pp. 48,49) *מאמר חז"ל ל"א & "מצוה גוררת מצוה" "One mitzvah leads to another mitzvah." (Avos: 4,2) Group Two - Trei Osor (The 12 'Minor' Prophets) ("Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.12 / "The Jewish Fact Finder" p.49) *מאמר חז"ל ל"ב & "מרבבה תורה מרבבה חיים" "Increasing Torah knowledge increases life." (Avos: 2,8) Group Three - The 6 Orders (sections) of the Mishna - The Four Sections of the Shulchan Aruch *מאמר חז"ל ל"ג & "סיג לחכמה שתיקה" "A fence (protection) for wisdom is silence." (Avos: 3,17) Group Four - The Four New Years - The Four Exiles ("The Jewish Fact Finder" pp.100,101) *מאמר חז"ל ל"ד & "עבדו את ה' בשמחה" "Serve Hashem with joy." (Tehillim: 100) Group Five - The 39 Melochos (Creative activities forbidden on Shabbos) (See Yr.6 JLP at www.torahschool.co.uk, "Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.16, "The 39 Avot Melacha of Shabbath" - Rabbi Baruch Chait) Part One: The First 11 Melochos: Choreish, Zorea, Kotzer, Me'amer, Dosh, Tochein, Borer, Zoreh, Meraked, Losh, Bishul/Ofeh *מאמר חז"ל ל"ה & "על שלשה דברים העולם עומד: על התורה ועל העבודה ועל גמילות חסדים" "The world stands on three things: Torah, Tefillah, and acts of kindness." (Avos: 1,2) Group Six - The 39 Melochos (Creative activities forbidden on Shabbos) (See Yr.6 JLP at www.torahschool.co.uk, "Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.16, "The 39 Avot Melacha of Shabbath" - Rabbi Baruch Chait) Part Two: Some More Melochos: Melabein, Kosher / Matir, Tofer / Kore, Koseiv / Mocheik, Boneh / Soser, Mechabeh / Mav'ir, Makeh BePatish, Hotzo'oh Meireshus leReshus *מאמר חז"ל ל"ו & "עשה לך רב וקנה לך חבר" "Make for yourself a teacher [whose advice you will seek and follow] and acquire a good friend." 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Pupil's Hebrew name				Group Nine • Special Shabbosos ("Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.15 / "The Jewish Fact Finder" pp. 48,49) • 7 Mitzvos D'Rabbonon ("Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.21 / "Yedios BaTorah" p.16) מאמר חז"ל ל"ט & לפום צערא אגרא "The reward is according to the effort and pain that was spent in doing the good deed." [The harder one works and the more one suffers for doing the right thing, the greater his reward.] (Avos: 5,26) ר"ת: מק"א \ ס' \ סי' \ ס"ל \ סע'
Hebrew date	Group Nine • Brochos Part Two: Shevach veHodo'oh (e.g. thunder, lightning, rainbow, seeing a fruit tree in blossom) מאמר חז"ל ט' & אם אין אני לי מי לי "If I am not going to improve myself, who will?" (Avos: 1,14) ראשי תיבות: הקב"ה	Group Nine: • Kashrus: Animals, Fish, and Birds מאמר חז"ל י"ט & הקנאה והתאווה והכבוד מוציאין את האדם מן העולם "Jealousy, desire, and seeking honour take a person out of the world." (Avos: 4,21) ר"ת: ח"ק \ יו"ט	Group Nine • The Ten Things Created on Erev Shabbos, Bein Hashmoshos (Avos: Ch.5 / "Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.61) מאמר חז"ל כ"ט & מי שטרח בערב שבת יאכל בשבת "One who prepares before Shabbos will have food to eat on Shabbos." (Avodoh Zoroh: 3a) ר"ת: תר"ת \ ת"ת \ אא"כ \ אוה"ע	Group Ten • Halachic Times of Day and Night ("Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.53) מאמר חז"ל מ' & דעלך שני לחורך לא תעביד "That which you dislike, do not do to your friend." (Shabbos: 31a) ר"ת: ס"ק \ עוה"ב \ עוה"ז \ עי"ש \ ע"כ
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