



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

TABLE ONE – OVERVIEW

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TABLE TWO ~ OVERVIEW WITH ADDITIONAL DETAIL AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

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(Avot: 4,1) Group Three - The Children of Yaakov - Avinu *מאמר חז"ל ג' & "איזהו עשיר השמח בחלקו" "Who is rich? One who is happy with his portion." (Avot: 4,1) Group Four - The Eser Makot *מאמר חז"ל ד' & "איך 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.] (Pesachim: 6b) Group Five - The Shivat HaMinim - The Arba'ah Minim *מאמר חז"ל ה' & "אל תפרוש מן הצבור" "Don't separate yourself from the community [unless the community is behaving badly]." (Avot: 2,4) Group Six - The Tefillot for Weekdays, Shabbat 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." (Avot: 2,4) Group Seven - The Tefillot for Weekdays, Shabbat and Yom Tov *מאמר חז"ל ז' & "אל תדין את חברך עד שתגיע למקומו" "Don't judge your friend until you are in his position." (Avot: 2,4)	Group One - Types of Mitzvot (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 (Shalosh Regalim & Yamim Nora'im) *מאמר חז"ל י"ב & "אם לא עכשיו אימתי" "If not now, when?" (Avot: 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." (Avot: 1:6) Group Four - The Five Megillot - 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!)." (Avot: 1,14) Group Five - The Aseret HaDibrot *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 Mishkan: The areas of the Mishkan and its Keilim *מאמר חז"ל ט"ז & "היום קצר והמלאכה מרובה" "The day is short, and there is so much to accomplish." (Avot: 2,15)	Group One - Sheva Mitzvot 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." (Shavut: 39a) Group Two - Shesh Zechirot (1. Yetzias Mitzrayim...6. Shabbat) (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.] (Avot: 2,5) Group Three - The Numbers of Mitzvot (7 B'nei Noach, 7 D'Rabbanan, 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." (Avot: 1,17) Group Four - Ten Mitzvot, 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." (Avot: 1,17) Group Five - Transmission of Torah: Sinai to Moshe, Moshe to Yehoshua, etc. (Avot: 1,1 / "The Jewish Fact Finder" p.29) *מאמר חז"ל כ"ה & "לא עליך המלאכה לגמור ואי אתה בן חורין להבטל הימנה" (and the song should be taught for this) "It may not be possible for you to finish the job, but that doesn't excuse you from doing as much as you can." (Avot: 2,16) Group Six - Who wrote these seforim? e.g. Mishnah, Kuzari, Mishneh Torah, Shulchan Aruch, Mesilat Yesharim, Tanya, Kedushat Levi, Aruch Hashulchan, Mishneh Berurah, Chofetz Chayim, Kaf HaChaim, Ben Ish Chai, Chazon Ish, Igeret 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.] (Vayikra: 19,14)	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." (Avot: 4,2) Group Two - Trei Asar (The 12 'Minor' Prophets) ("Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.12 / "The Jewish Fact Finder" p.49) *מאמר חז"ל ל"ב & "מרבח תורה מרבח חיים" "Increasing Torah knowledge increases life." (Avot: 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." (Avot: 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 Melachot (Creative activities forbidden on Shabbat) (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 Melachot: Chores, Zore'a, Kotzer, Me'amer, Dash, Tochen, Borer, Zoreh, Meraked, Lash, 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." 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(Avot: 4,20) ראשי תיבות: ב"ד Group Nine • Berachot Part Two: Shevach veHoda'ah (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?" (Avot: 1,14) ראשי תיבות: הקב"ה Group Ten • Brochos Part Three: Birchot HaMitzvot (e.g. netilat yadayim, tzitzit, mezuzah, shofar, Leshev BaSukkah, Al Achilat Matzah, hafrashat challah, tevilat keilim, ma'akeh, eiruv tavshilin, Ner Chanukah, Megillat Esther) *מאמר חז"ל י' & "אם אין קמה אין תורה" "Without food, there can be no Torah. Without Torah, there is no food." (Avot: 3,17) ראשי תיבות: וגו' B'al Peh: • All Sidrot in Chumash • The Massechtot in Zera'im • Borei Nefashot	Group Seven: • The Bigdei Kehunah *מאמר חז"ל י"ז & "מות וחיים ביד לשון" "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." (Mishlei: 18,21) ר"ת: יר"ש \ מוצש"ק Group Eight: • The Korbanot ("The Jewish Fact Finder" p.62) *מאמר חז"ל י"ח & "המליכין פני חבריו ברבים אין לו חלק בעולם הבא" "One who shames his friend in public has no portion in the World to Come." (Avot: 3,11) ר"ת: זצ"ל \ חז"ל Group Nine: • Kashrut: 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." (Avot: 4,21) ר"ת: ח"ק \ יו"ט Group Ten: • Gematria (1-20, other examples betw. 1-100 & of hundreds) • The Four Directions *מאמר חז"ל כ' & "זריזין מקדימין למצוות" "Those that are quick do the mitzvot at the earliest time possible." (Pesachim: 4a) ר"ת: מו"ר \ מ"מ Also covered in the General Yr.4 JLP: Shabbat Techeilet/Tzitzit/Tallit Jewish Life From Pesach to Shavuot B'al Peh: • All Sidrot in Chumash • The Massechtot in Zera'im and Mo'ed • Borei Nefashot • Al Hamichyah	Group Seven • Who were these Rishonim? e.g. Rif, Rambam, Ramban, Rashba, Rosh, Ran, Ritva, Rashi, Radak, Rabbag ("The Jewish Fact Finder" pp.40,41) *מאמר חז"ל כ"ז & "מדבר שקר תרחק" "Stay far away from untrue words." (Shemot: 23,7) ר"ת: ת"צ \ ת"ק \ שו"ת \ שליט"א Group Eight • What did these Acharonim write? e.g. Don Yitzchak Abarbanel, Rabbi Ovadya MiBertinura, Rabbi Yosef Karo, Rabbi Shlomo HaLevi Alkabetz, Rabbi Chaim Ben Attar, Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto, Rabbi Avraham Danzig, Rabbi Moshe Sofer, Rabbi Yosef Chaim of Baghdad, Rabbi Yaakov Chaim Sofer ("The Jewish Fact Finder" pp.42,43) *מאמר חז"ל כ"ח & "מוצא שפתיך תשמר ועשית" "Whatever you say, you will do - you must remember to fulfil your words." (Devarim: 23,24) ר"ת: ש"מ"ע \ ש"צ \ תשר"ק \ תש"ת Group Nine • The Ten Things Created on Erev Shabbat, Bein Hashemashot (Avos: Ch.5 / "Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.61) *מאמר חז"ל כ"ט & "מי שטרח בערב שבת יאכל בשבת" "One who prepares before Shabbat will have food to eat on Shabbat." (Avodah Zarah: 3a) ר"ת: תר"ת \ ת"ת \ אא"כ \ אוד"ע Group Ten • Measurements in Halachah - just Names and Definitions (and examples, for H.A.) ("Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.54) *מאמר חז"ל ל' & "מפני שיבה תקום" "Before the elderly, you should rise in respect." 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[One who keeps in mind the knowledge that the presence of Hashem is before him at all times will not sin.] (Tehillim: 16) ר"ת: כ"מ \ כמ"ש \ כ"ע \ כ"ש or כש"כ \ לה"ק Group Eight • Important Historical Events ("The Jewish Fact Finder" pp.93,94 - Pupils must put the events in order [just the events, not the dates]) *מאמר חז"ל מ' & "ואהבת לרעך כמוך" "Love your fellow as yourself." (Vayikra: 19,18) ר"ת: לה"ר \ ל"ת \ מדאו' \ מה"ת \ מל"ת Group Nine • Special Shabbatot ("Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.15 / "The Jewish Fact Finder" pp. 48,49) • 7 Mitzvot D'Rabbanan ("Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.21 / "Yedios BaTorah" p.16) *מאמר חז"ל ט"ט & "לפום צערא אנגרא" "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.] (Avot: 5,26) ר"ת: מק"א \ ס' \ ס' \ ס' \ ס' \ ס' Group Ten • Halachic Times of Day and Night ("Yedios Klalios b'Yahadus" p.53) *מאמר חז"ל מ' & "דעלך שני לחברך לא תעביר" "That which you dislike, do not do to your friend." (Shabbat: 31a) ר"ת: ס"ק \ עוה"ב \ עוה"ז \ עי"ש \ ע"כ Also covered in the General Yr.6 JLP: Special Tefillot Four Places in Eretz Yisrael Jewish Terms (e.g. Isru Chag, Mar'it HaAyin..) B'al Peh: • All Sidrot in Chumash • All of the Massechtot in Shas: Zera'im, Mo'ed, Nashim, Nezikin, Kodashim and Taharot • Borei Nefashot • Al Hamichyah • Asher Yatzar • Berachot on lightning, thunder, rainbow, blossom • Modim DeRabbanan