

# Formal Jewish Education & Modern Hebrew

At SMMIS we have always catered to a dynamic and inclusive community with multicultural needs and Jewish values at our core. Parents choose our school because they want their children to be immersed in difference without forsaking who they are. We are a Jewish school, based on Jewish ethical values, that welcomes students of all faiths, and those of none. We celebrate difference, and appreciate the background and cultures of all of our students.

In Primary School we offer two Jewish Education tracks for our students: a full immersive Jewish Education track, covering Jewish festivals, Torah Studies, and Middot (Jewish Values) and a Cultural track which is more of an Introduction to Judaism.

For students who join us from a range of backgrounds, ethnicities and faiths, they will gain a better understanding of the Jewish People and the ethical cultural values that we stand for, while celebrating their own culture. They will explore ways of integrating ideas of social justice, kindness, and mindfulness into their lives as they see fit.

Choosing either track of Jewish exposure at SMMIS, situates children within a truly multicultural environment. They are encouraged to understand where they come from, whilst celebrating the 30+ faiths and nationalities in our student body.

## Jewish Education options in Primary School

Jewish Education (TalAm) Programme	Jewish Culture
<p>For 4 lessons per week our students are immersed in a full comprehensive Jewish Education programme, taught in Hebrew:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tefillah</li> <li>• Chagim</li> <li>• Torah and Commentary</li> <li>• Parashat Hashavua</li> <li>• Halacha and Minhagim</li> <li>• Middot</li> </ul> <p>Hebrew as a Modern Foreign Language is taught for 3 lessons per week across three levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ulpan (Beginners)</li> <li>• TalAm: Full Immersion (Ivrit B'Ivrit)</li> <li>• Native Speakers (Ivrit)</li> </ul>	<p>For 2 hours per week, students of all faiths can learn about Judaism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Judaism</li> <li>• Social Action (Tikkun Olam)</li> <li>• Ethical Culture and Universal Values</li> </ul> <p>Students study Mandarin as a Modern Foreign Language 4 lessons per week.</p>

## Jewish Education in Secondary School

In 3 lessons per week all of our Secondary School students follow a curriculum that includes:

- Social Action (Tikun Olam)
- Jewish History
- History of Israel and Zionism
- Holocaust Studies

Jewish Students can choose to attend one alternative Jewish Education Enrichment lesson for more traditional text based study.

Hebrew is offered as a Modern Foreign Language over 3 lessons per week.

In addition Israeli students follow the Israeli syllabus to ensure they can reintegrate on their return home.

Mandarin is offered as a First or Second Language Modern Foreign Language and is taught for 3 lessons per week.