



DESERT ISLAND
— TORAH —

How it Works

What you get, how it is structured, and how to bring it to your school, shul, camp or gap year programme,

- Six values and four lenses
- Learning tracks
- Licensing

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What You Get

Desert Island Torah began with a single question put to some of the finest educators in the world of Torah learning: If you could take only three pieces of Torah to a Desert Island, what would they be, and why? The question is a globally reaching podcast and the seed of the curriculum your institution licenses.

The curriculum translates that same demand for clarity and personal ownership into six units, each built around a core Jewish value, and each explored through four different lenses so that educators can choose the entry point that suits

their students. It's designed to be picked up by an institution with no additional Torah-content development required on your end - the sources, analysis, discussion-material and activities are all provided.

What's Included

- Full source material and analysis for all six units
- All four lenses per unit - Hashkafa, Core, Sefer and Thematic
- Discussion questions and classroom activities for each unit
- Access to the Desert Island Torah podcast library as a companion resource

Six Values

Tehillim (92:13) promises that tzadik katamar yifrach, the righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and the verse continues past the line everyone quotes: planted in the house of God, they still bear fruit in old age, full of sap and richness. A date palm has six clearly distinguishable parts: roots, trunk, fronds, flower cluster, fruit and crown, and each becomes a unit of the curriculum.

שָׁלוֹם

Shalom

How can I create peace?

חֶסֶד

Chesed

How can I show kindness?

תִּקְוָה

Tikva

What gives me hope?

אֲחֵרִיּוֹת

Achrayut

What am I responsible for?

כֹּחַ

Koach

Where does my strength come from?

תְּשׁוּבָה

Teshuvah

How can I reflect, repair and grow?

Four Lenses Per Value

Every one of the six values is explored through the same four approaches, so an educator can choose whichever entry point suits their group - or move through all four for a fuller unit.

I Hashkafa

What worldview, ethic, or relationship with God does this value shape? The conceptual “why.”

2 Core

Where does it appear in Tanakh, Talmud, the Siddur and Halakha?

3 Sefer

Which thinker speaks to it most directly, and how have they shaped it? One voice in depth.

4 Thematic

What characters, stories and themes within the value embody it in action?

Why It's Built This Way

- Educators can teach to the strengths of their own group - whether that's something more philosophy oriented or textual.
- Students who don't connect with one lens usually connect with another - the same value stays accessible across different learning styles.
- A full run through all four gives depth without requiring outside material.

Built to Flex Across Ages

The programme is delivered across schools, shuls, camps and gap year programmes, with material that flexes for learners from ages 12 through adult. Rather than rewriting content for each age group, the four-lens structure does most of the adapting: the Thematic and Hashkafa lenses tend to land well with younger or less textually confident groups, while Core and Sefer offer the depth that older or more advanced learners are looking for.

Typical Settings

- **Schools** - as a standalone values curriculum or woven into existing Jewish studies
- **Shuls and youth movements** - for youth groups, teen programming or adult education
- **Camps** - as themed learning across a session or summer.
- **Gap year programmes** - for a more text-intensive, independent version of the same units.

Exact session length and weekly cadence are agreed individually with each institution during onboarding, since a school timetable, camp schedule and a gap-year beit midrash block look very different in practice.

Licensing Tiers

Pilot-phase pricing for founding partner institutions.

Tier	Price	Best suited to
Standard	£300 /y	Single class, youth group or programme wanting full access to all six units
Partner	£600 /y	A whole institution rolling the curriculum out across multiple classes or age groups
Network	Custom	Umbrella organisations or movements licensing across multiple sites

All tiers include full access to the six-unit curriculum and its four lenses per value. Get in touch directly to confirm exactly what's included at each tier for your institution and current founding-partner pilot terms.

Getting Started

What happens after you reach out

I Initial Conversation

A short call to understand your institution, age groups and how you'd like to slot the curriculum into what you're already running.

2 Licensing Agreed

Choose the tier that fits your institution and confirm terms for your pilot year.

3 Materials Handover

Full access to the six-unit curriculum, source companions, and educator material for your team.

4 First Unit Launched

Most institutions start with one unit - Shalom is a popular starting point - before rolling out the full six.

5 Ongoing Support

As a founding partner, your feedback actively shapes how the curriculum develops.



Ready to Bring it to Your Institution?

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