

# SAMPLE LESSON GUIDE

BEGINNINGS: FROM CREATION TO  
THE EDGE OF THE WILDERNESS

## Class Summary

Overview of the Torah, including its basic narratives, personalities, and themes. Exploration of the concept of “brit” (covenant) as a basic motif of the Torah. Building classroom community and reviewing administrative and learning requirements.

## Objectives

Students will:

- 1) Begin to build a class community.
- 2) Understand class expectations.
- 3) Be introduced to the basic narratives, personalities, and themes of the Torah.
- 4) Understand the concept of “brit” as an overarching theme of the Torah, and as an entrance point to understanding what it means to be Jewish.

## Key Vocabulary

Torah	Brit
Genesis	Mitzvah
Exodus	Abraham
Leviticus	Jacob
Numbers	Moses
Deuteronomy	Sinai
Tzelem Elohim	Promised Land

