



**Congregation Beth Shalom
Religious School**

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Shalom:

In 2009 we will be integrating our new classroom structure for Congregation Beth Shalom. Our curriculum is now based on the Chai Curriculum (using the conservative addendum as a guide) as well as Hebrew for Prayer programs. We will begin Sunday school August 30th and Hebrew School on **September 3rd. You can find a synopsis of the Chai program below.**

At CBS, we believe that family involvement is an essential element, and we look forward to working together to achieve our goals. Our fundraisers will be fun and informative and not intrusive into anyone's lives. We will need participation from everyone.

Our goal as a religious institution continues to be reflected in our mission statement:

Each child will develop a positive Jewish identity and a deep appreciation for their Jewish heritage through a combination of classroom study, school-wide activity, synagogue involvement and parent participation.

Our religious school program is for all students from Kindergarten through High School. We now have a growing adult education program . Please consult the CBS calendar for a listing of dates for these informative classes. Most will occur at the same time as Sunday School so you can attend a class while your kids are in school!

Attached are the forms you will need to fill out and return to the Religious School office.

- Registration Form / Fee Schedule
(includes confidential scholarship/tuition assistance info)
- Emergency Release / Insurance Form
- Parent Participation Form

The deadline to return these forms is September 3rd, 2009. In order to receive the DISCOUNT, please deliver or mail your completed forms to the synagogue office on or before the deadline.

There is also a School Calendar for you to print and keep handy. We will let you know when there are changes and post them here as well.

There will be a **mandatory** PARENTS meeting on the first day of Sunday school at **10:30am** in the sanctuary, when the students will meet their teachers. There will be a second PARENTS meeting on the first day of Hebrew School (September 3rd) at 4:30. We will meet for a short time to discuss school policies, the year ahead, and enjoy bagels and coffee!!

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention to this paperwork!

Sincerely,

Todd Aaronson
Religious School Director

Congregation Beth Shalom
Religious School Information
Phone 571-6060

Attendance Policy

To ensure that your child gains the maximum benefit from his/her Religious School experience, regular attendance and punctuality are imperative. Students demonstrating outstanding attendance will be recognized. **9:30 Club**-It is important for all students to be at Religious School on time to maximize their learning time. All students who arrive at school no later than **9:35** will be entered in our **9:30** club drawing each Sunday. Prizes will be drawn randomly each week to reward punctuality.

Discipline Policy

It is our firm belief that all students have a right to learn and teachers have a right to teach. Students who deny others these rights through inappropriate behavior will be removed from the classroom and their parents will be contacted.

Religious School & Shabbat/Holiday Attire

Please remember to dress your student in appropriate clothing for a hands on learning experience. **Pajamas are not acceptable attire for Religious school**, unless we have a special announced theme day. If you have somewhere to be following Religious School, please bring a change of clothes. When in the sanctuary for services, please dress with respect. We ask that shoulders should be covered and skirt lengths should be modest. Pants should be without holes and logo T-shirts are discouraged. On Shabbat and Holidays, we encourage everyone to dress in their best!

Student Safety

Please walk your child into his/her classroom each week. Not only will this send a valuable message to your student, but this will also keep him/her safe from walking into the parking area unattended and prevent your child from crossing in front of the other vehicles when being dropped off for class. Please note that students will remain with their teachers after religious school is over until a parent or guardian comes to pick them up. We have implemented emergency procedures in our religious school and we will have periodic drills during the year.

Tzedakah

We encourage your child to bring *Tzedakah* (charitable contribution) to Sunday and Hebrew school each week. This money will be dispersed yearly to worthy local and/or national organizations. The amount can be pocket change or any amount to fulfill this commandment.

Chai Curriculum Core

More Info can be found at <http://chai.urj.org/about/core/>

Each core level contains 27 complete one-hour classroom lessons in Torah, Avodah and G'milut Chasadim plus family education lessons. The CHAI lessons follow a curriculum model known as "backward design." This approach, and that of the CHAI curriculum is designed so that student learning will go beyond the specific classroom activities and will reach a deeper enduring understanding, establishing the basis for later Jewish learning and living.

Below are the enduring understandings, or "big ideas" on which the curriculum is built.

Torah: Torah is an ongoing dialogue between the text and its students. Torah is real in our daily lives; it goes with us wherever we are. Developing the skills to study Torah is essential to integrating Torah into our lives.

Level 1: I am part of the ongoing story of Torah and the Jewish people

Level 2: The Torah teaches me how to be part of the Jewish people.

Level 3: The laws and rules found in the Torah can help us to live a life filled with holy moments.

Level 4: With the promise of a holy land (Eretz Yisrael), we as a holy people (Am Yisrael) have a responsibility to work towards becoming holy by observing the brit (covenant).

Level 5: The prophets were focused on reminding the Jewish people how God wants us to live, and their messages are at the heart of Reform Judaism.

Level 6: Studying Jewish texts allows us to explore our relationship with God and reflect on the ways God is continuously revealed to others and to ourselves.

Level 7: My life is reflected in and reflects Torah.

Avodah: Avodah is the work we do to find sacred connections to God, community, and self. Engaging in the work of avodah can bring order, beauty, meaning and insight to our lives and our community.

Level 1: My Jewish acts help me discover the beauty and order of sacred time and my place in the Jewish story.

Level 2: Jewish stories, celebrations and rituals help me understand and express my relationship with God.

Level 3: Through avodah we can make our lives and the world more kadosh (holy).

Level 4: Keva and kavanah, the fixed order of worship and the personal intention we bring to prayer, are complementary aspects of Jewish worship, combining to help us make sacred connections.

Level 5: The practice of prayer can help me grow through personal reflection, can increase my connection to the Jewish people, and can strengthen my relationship with God.

Level 6: Avodah is the work we do, by exploring our personal and communal role in Revelation, to find sacred connections to God, community and self.

Level 7: The message and power of Jewish prayer can help me understand and define myself as an individual and as an authentic member of the Jewish community.

G'milut Chasadim: We have a responsibility to perform personal acts of g'milut chasadim to make the world a better and holier place.

Level 1: I am a part of the ongoing story of the Jewish people when I perform acts of g'milut chasadim.

Level 2: We make the world a better place by performing acts of g'milut chasadim in our everyday lives.

Level 3: Each individual act of g'milut chasadim can make the world more kadosh (holy).

Level 4: We have a responsibility to perform acts of g'milut chasadim for the people we encounter in our daily lives.

Level 5: We are all part of K'lal Yisrael and have a responsibility to actively support and sustain the Jewish community through acts of g'milut chasadim.

Level 6: We can experience God in our world, in others and within ourselves by engaging in acts of g'milut chasadim.

Level 7: Our development as emerging Reform Jewish adults and authentic members of the Jewish community is closely linked to our ethical behavior (middot) and the performance of acts of g'milut chasadim.

CHAI for Conservative congregations - Rabbi Krishef from Grand Rapids, MI has created a guide that goes through the curriculum page by page and explains adaptations so that CHAI can be used in Conservative or combined schools. CBS has a copy of this program and continues to use it appropriately.

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Religious School Tuition per child is as follows:	<u>Member Tuition*</u>	<u>Non-member</u>
Sunday School (K – 7 th grade)	\$200	\$350
Hebrew School (3 rd grade – B'nai Mitzvah)	\$200	\$350
Confirmation Classes (Pre-Confirmation 8 th /9 th grade, Confirmation 10 th grade, Post-Confirmation 11 th /12 th grade)	\$ 100	\$175

I would like to be considered for scholarship credit towards tuition. Please call me at # _____ between the hours of ____ and _____ to discuss.

2 or more children reduce 10% off your total fee.

Take off an additional \$5.00 for Religious School Registration Forms postmarked by September 3rd, 2009

Family Last Name: _____

Grade Level:	Child's Name:	Hebrew Name:	Birth Date:	Tuition Amount:
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Additional comments or considerations:

Total Tuition:	\$ _____
Less 10% for 2 or more children:	_____
Less \$5.00 for early registration:	_____
Total Due:	- _____
Deposit (min.10% of total):	_____
Amount Enclosed:	_____
Balance Due:	_____

I would like to be billed for tuition over the 9 month school year, together with my synagogue dues payment.

Parent Signature: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I have read the Congregation Beth Shalom Religious School Standards and have reviewed them with my child/children. I would like to enroll my child/children for the 2009-2010 religious school year and agree to support these standards in our Religious School.

Parent Signature: _____

*** For other financial arrangements, please contact Laura Biewer at 571-6070.**

Emergency Release/Insurance Form 2009-2010 – 5769

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ D.O.B. _____

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Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ D.O.B. _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent's Names: Mother: _____ Father _____

Business Phone: _____

In case of an emergency-contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship _____

Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Health notes

(allergies): _____

As our current policy does not provide for health and emergency coverage, parents will be responsible for medical emergency and health situation involving their child.

In case of an accident or emergency, I want Congregation Beth Shalom to follow this procedure:

1. Contact parent or emergency contact (if parent is unavailable)
2. If parent cannot be contacted, take child to

(Emergency facility)

Name of insurance company: _____

Name of insured: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Policy or Group Number: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

If there is a court order regarding custody of this student, it must be filed in the synagogue office and kept current.

Congregation Beth Shalom Parent Volunteer – Sign-Up Form

Café Shalom is our biggest fundraiser for the Religious School. This event occurs in May every year. Please plan your schedule now so that you can help with our community event. **We need you!** Café Shalom is the primary financial support for our Religious School budget. The only way to ensure total success of this event is to have each family unit participate. Please check the activities in which you (parents and older children) would be interested. (Write names next to activities).

Co-Chair Event
Sponsorship
Bake Shop
Volunteer Coordinator
Entertainment
Saturday Set-up 12 – 5 pm
Sunday Shift 8am – 12 noon
Sunday Shift 12 noon – 4 pm
Sunday Clean up
Monday Wrap Up
Publicity
Raffle

In addition, we will need volunteers for special events, field trips and other fundraising programs (movies at the State Theater, Purim, Sukkot, etc). Please let us know what your specialty is and how you would like to help us this year! Each family will be requested to assist with at least one fundraiser and Café Shalom.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Email _____