

Congregation Beth Shalom
Beit Sefer – Hebrew School Program
Registration Packet 2017 - 2018 / 5778

Welcome to a wonderful year of learning and Jewish celebration! Our program meets on **Sunday mornings from 9:30am – 12:30pm**, late August through May, for all children entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. A complete calendar is attached – please mark these dates and consider posting them on your fridge. Our teachers are experienced, professional Jewish educators who are dedicated to making learning fun and meaningful. Rabbi Shalom Bochner serves as our Educational Director and directly teaches our Bnai Mitzvah class.

The curriculum is based on exposure to a wide variety of Jewish topics. This year we'll focus on Jewish culture, traditions, holidays and home rituals, and continue gaining competency in Siddur (prayerbook) Hebrew. Each session includes a lively discussion of various Jewish topics and concludes with sharing, singing and stories. Parents, grandparents, and other adults are strongly encouraged to participate in our multi-generational sessions and Adult Ed classes and family discounts are offered for those who do so.

Our program includes kosher and healthy snacks and free time for socializing and sports. Generous scholarships are available; we want everyone interested to have a Jewish education. Our tuition works out to be less than \$24 per session (about \$7.50/hour) and includes all textbooks, materials, snacks and staff; now that's a bargain! There is also a \$50 discount for having two or more children in the program. Let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to learning with you and your family!

Parent's Name/s: _____

Child's /Children's name/s: _____

Grade Level/s entering in Fall 2017: _____

Birthday/s: _____

Hebrew Name/s: _____

Allergies, medications, and/or medical conditions: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

In case of an emergency-contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Name of insurance company: _____

Name of insured: _____

Policy or Group Number: _____

Please note: Parents will be responsible for the cost of any medical emergencies and health situations involving their child.

Yes _____ / No _____ My child/children are in compliance with all state regulations regarding vaccinations as required of students enrolled in a public school or publicly-funded educational program.

Tuition

CBS Member rate: \$600 (per student for the entire school year)

Non-member rate: \$900 (per student for the entire school year)

\$50 discount for 2 or more children

\$50 “early bird” discount for paying in full before August 1st.

Registration forms and tuition arrangements must be received before students attend the program. Forms may be completed at the Beit Sefer Hebrew School Kick-Off in late August. There will be a \$75 additional charge for registrations received after the 2nd session of the program.

Family Education Discount: If you want to learn alongside your children, there is a \$72 discount per family when at least one parent / grandparent commits to attending on Sundays.

Volunteer / parent commitment: Every family is expected to fully help out with Café Shalom and other school events and fundraising programs. These include a Shabbat morning Service and a Friday night Service each followed by a parent-sponsored Oneg or lunch. If you are not able to be involved in these ways, there is an additional \$100 fee added per family.

If you are requesting to receive scholarship funds, check this box [] and our Educational Chair will be in touch shortly. Scholarships are based on financial need, are only available for CBS members, and are limited to available budgeted funds. All families who receive scholarships will be expected to cover at least a part of their tuition costs.

I'd like to make an additional contribution to the school. Thank you! As a non-profit membership organization, we rely on donations and contributions.

Amount that you would like to pledge: _____

Please let us know if you would like to be billed for the tuition over the 9-month school year together with your synagogue dues. Billing is only available for members of CBS. We also accept checks, cash, and credit card payments. Tuition may be paid quarterly (August, November, and February) and is due before the classes for that quarter begins.

Please indicate how you will pay the tuition costs: _____

We are aware that due to custody arrangements some students are only able to attend every other session. The costs of our program including staff, books, supplies and refreshments do not allow us to pro-rate tuition for those that can't attend every week. Other than absence due to custody arrangements, all students are expected to attend every session other than when they are ill with a fever. The success of our program relies on students regularly attending and making up for missed work when they are absent due to illness.

Tuition Calculation

\$600 per students for a CBS member

\$900 per students for a non-member

- \$50 for one or more siblings also attending
- \$50 for paying in full before August 1st
- \$72 if a parent or grandparent commits to attending on Sundays
- + \$75 for registrations received after the 2nd session
- + \$100 if unable to help and participate in Café Shalom and other school fundraisers
- + _____ Additional donation
- _____ Scholarship amount approved by the CBS Education Chair
- _____ My family tuition total based on the calculation above

CBS Beit Sefer (Hebrew School) Standards

An Important Note Regarding Attendance

Our school is a one-day-per-week program. While consistent attendance is optimal for the learning process and community building within the class, we understand that students may occasionally have illness. When students miss class, please contact the teacher or a reliable fellow classmate to find out what your child missed and how they can cover this material independently.

Come Prepared: Students should report to school **on time** with all necessary supplies and a positive attitude.

Kavod – Respect: Students are expected to respect the rights and dignity of themselves, fellow students, teachers and staff, the synagogue building, the curriculum and the time that we have together. Teachers and staff will role model this respect.

Tardiness: When students arrive on time, they show respect to the teacher, the program, and the other students. When they arrive late, they disrupt the whole learning process. Please help your child to arrive on time.

Dress: Boys will wear a kippah (yarmulke) when they are attending Hebrew School, and are encouraged to bring their own. Girls are encouraged to wear kippot as well. Clothing will be respectful of our sacred space and texts.

Parent Volunteer Info: Café Shalom is our biggest fundraiser for our Beit Sefer (Hebrew School) program. This event usually occurs on a Sunday in early May before Mother's Day. **We need you!** Café Shalom is the primary financial support for our Hebrew School budget and the only way to ensure total success of this event is to have each family participate and bring their friends and neighbors. In addition, we will need family support for special events such as Shabbat morning and Friday night Hebrew School Services, and field trips and other fundraising activities.

Snacks: Healthy, kosher snacks will be provided by the school. Please do not bring additional food without checking in with the Education Director first.

Visitors: Visitors are welcome and must be cleared with the Education Director before the visit. A parent/guardian with a signed form must accompany the visitor.

Classroom Visits: We are delighted to have you visit your student's class during the school year. Please make arrangements directly with your child's teacher when scheduling classroom visits.

Pick Up Procedure: For our kid's security and for yours, during dismissal, please park your car, come in and say hi, and then pick up your child. **Safety is very important for us;** please follow these guidelines. If you wish to pick up your child earlier, please make sure to tell the Teacher or Education Director

I have read the CBS Beit Sefer - Hebrew School Standards and have reviewed them with my child/children. I would like to enroll my child/children for the 2017-2018 school year and agree to support these standards in our program, comply with all policies, and will cover the agreed-upon tuition costs.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____