

Congregation Beth Shalom
Beit Sefer (Hebrew School) Program
Registration Packet 2018 - 2019 / 5779

Welcome to another wonderful year of learning and Jewish celebration! Our program meets on **Sunday mornings from 9:30am – 12:30pm, August 26 through May 19**, for all children entering **Kindergarten through 7th grade**. The complete calendar is attached – please mark these dates and post the schedule on your fridge.

Our **curriculum:** is focussed on learning Hebrew, Torah study and discussion, and this year's topic: Jewish (super) heroes, modern and Biblical! We celebrate all of the Jewish holidays and build a warm and welcoming community. 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 "Torah Mysteries with Rashi" for all of the students and also coordinates the new Jewish Heroes program. Parents, grandparents, and other adults are strongly encouraged to participate in our multi-generational sessions and Adult Ed classes; family discounts are offered for those who do so.

Our **program:** includes kosher and healthy snacks and a break 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. Please read and review the guidelines below, fill out and return the attached form, and let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to learning with you and your family!

CBS Beit Sefer (Hebrew School) Guidelines

Attendance: Our school is a one-day-per-week program. Consistent attendance is a must for a successful educational experience. When students miss class due to illness, please contact the teacher to find out what your child missed and how they can cover this material independently. (We are aware that due to custody arrangements some students are only able to attend every other session. Since the costs of our program includes staff, books, supplies and refreshments we are not able 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.

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 regularly on Sundays.

Come Prepared: Students should report to school on time with 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 program and its curriculum. When they arrive late, they disrupt the whole learning environment. Please ensure that your child arrives on time and stays for the entire program.

Dress: Boys wear a kippah (yarmulke) when they are studying at the Beit Sefer program and are encouraged to bring their own. Girls are encouraged to wear kippot as well. Clothing must 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 occurs in early May on the Sunday 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 volunteer to help run the event, and bring their friends and neighbors to attend.

Snacks: Healthy, kosher snacks will be provided by the school. Please do not bring any 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

Tuition: The CBS member rate is \$600 per student for the entire school year; the non-member rate is \$900 per student for the entire school year. There is a \$50 discount for 2 or more children, and a \$50 “early bird” discount for paying in full before August 10th. A \$72 discount per family is offered if you are learning alongside your children and there is an \$75 additional charge for late registrations received after September 9th.

Beit Sefer Registration Form

Parent's Name/s: _____

Child's /Children's names:

Grade Level/s entering in Fall 2018: _____

Birthday/s: _____

Hebrew Name/s: _____

Allergies, medications, and/or medical conditions: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

In case of an emergency-contact:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Name of insurance company: _____

Name/s 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.

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: Yes ___ / No ___

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: _____

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.

Tuition Calculator

_____ (number of students X \$600 per student, for a CBS member)

_____ (number students X \$900 per student, for a non-member)

- \$50 if there are one or more siblings also attending

- \$50 if you are paying in full before August 10th

- \$72 if a parent or grandparent commits to attending on Sundays

+ \$75 for registrations received after September 9th

+ _____ Additional donation

- _____ Scholarship amount approved by the CBS Education Chair

My family tuition is _____ based on the calculation above. Please let us know if you would like to be billed for this 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 or be billed for the tuition costs:

I have read the CBS Beit Sefer - Hebrew School guidelines and have reviewed them with my child/children. I would like to enroll my child/children for the 2018-2019 school year and agree to comply with all guidelines and will cover the agreed-upon tuition costs. Parent Signature:

_____ Date: _____