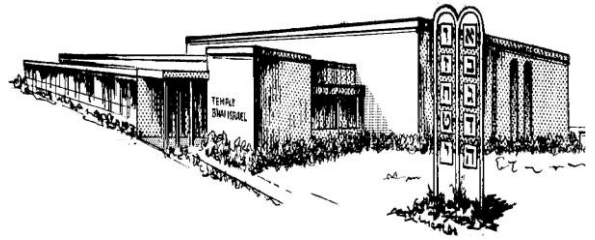


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Dear Current & Prospective Parents,

Welcome to the 5778 (2017 – 2018) Temple B'nai Israel (TBI) Religious School year! The Board of Education has been busy enthusiastically planning for the upcoming year. The first day of Sunday school will be **September 10, 2017**. The Sunday schedule will remain the same this year; **9:30 am - 12:30 pm**. In lieu of the annual Temple picnic this year, the Religious School will host a Harvest Festival on October 1 beginning at 11:30 am.

As our Temple President, Jeremy Ginsberg announced in his July 5th parent letter, we are excited to introduce our new dynamic, engaging, state-of-the-art curriculum and materials developed by Shalom Learning. Every Sunday your child will still learn Hebrew, prayers, Jewish holidays, culture, traditions, and ethics. Each teacher will use videos, short stories, songs, games, and projects to meet the needs of each child's learning style. In addition, every student (Grades 2 – Confirmation) will access an online portal that enables teachers to monitor student assignments and progress while students work independently during the week. We invite you to an **Open House** on Sunday, **August 13 at 10:00 am** in the Social Hall of TBI to see a demonstration of the Shalom Learning portal, learn more about the curriculum, examine the materials, meet our teachers, and ask questions.

In other changes this year, we will no longer have mid-week classes for Grades 3 through 7. Instead, all 5th through 7th grade students will attend a Hebrew program early Sunday afternoon, after the morning program. This session, like others, will include movement, projects, group work, technology, and all the other necessary components for a positive learning environment.

Attached you will find registration forms for the upcoming 5778 Religious School year. Please return the attached registration form and non-refundable \$150 per student deposit by August 15th to save \$50 per student via our Early Bird Registration incentive. Early Bird discount is applicable for 1st through 7th grade students only for both members and non-members. Members, you may also take an additional \$50 off tuition for each sibling after your oldest registered child.

If you are not already a Temple B'nai Israel member, please consider joining. You will save in tuition and benefit in many different ways with a membership to our congregation. Please note that per Temple policy, you must be a member if your child is entering 7th grade, in preparation for your son's Bar Mitzvah or daughter's Bat Mitzvah.

Temple B'nai Israel has been blessed with dedicated and supportive parents and families. We ask that each parent continue that tradition by helping out in any way possible. Please volunteer (organize, cook, help out, etc.) and be a part of an exciting school year. You can sign up to help at our Open House.

We look forward to seeing you at the **Open House on August 13th** and the first day of school on September 10th!

Faith Young, Board of Education Chair

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