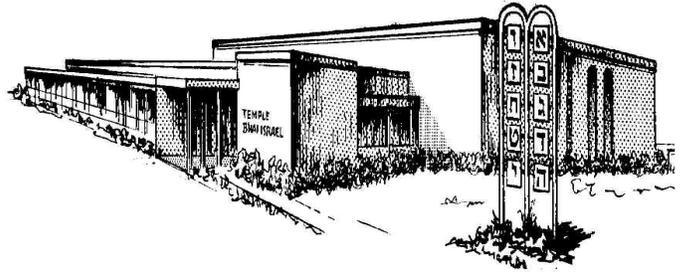


# Temple B'nai Israel

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Parents,

I want to officially welcome you to the 5778 (2017-2018) Temple B'nai Israel school year! The first day of school will be on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

As the Temple President and a fellow parent, I am very excited about the program the Religious School will be implementing this coming school year. The Board of Education (formerly known as the Religious Education Committee) has spent much time thinking through what would be the best way to educate the youngest members of our Congregation. We also wanted to provide different ways to teach our students while balancing the various wants and desires of our parents.

This year we have partnered with ShalomLearning, an exciting program that uses in-class media and online activities to better engage our students. Using a dynamic, valued based curriculum, ShalomLearning helps students see the connections between their daily life and Jewish tradition and wisdom. It will also provide a more modernized way of learning Hebrew, by providing students a secure portal to reinforce classroom learning at their own pace, throughout the week. With each grade, the curriculum shifts to deepen the student's understanding of both the Judaic and Hebrew programs.

I am also pleased to announce our faculty for the upcoming school year. With the retirement of Adele Stein, Andrea Kowalski has accepted the role as School Principal. Andrea has taught in our school for many years and will continue to teach, but also take on the responsibilities of Principal. We are also welcoming back Anna Kurtzman, Amy Brozak and Rabbi Carol Goldblatt as educators. Our Temple's Rabbi, Ed Friedman will play a more active role in our school this coming year as well. Classroom assignments will be determined later in the summer once we have a better idea of our enrollment.

With the new year also comes a refreshed Board of Education that will be critical in developing and administering our Religious School program. It contains a mix of educators, parents, Temple members and our Rabbi. I have appointed Faith Young as the Chair. Faith will be supported by Rabbi Ed Friedman, Andrea Kowalski, Mark Melnicoff, Rabbi Carol Goldblatt, Allison Waddle and one other parent to be named later.

If you plan to enroll your children in TBI's Religious School this coming school year, or have questions, please send an email to [school@temple-bnai-israel.org](mailto:school@temple-bnai-israel.org). The official registration process and more details related to the curriculum, schedule and program overall will be provided sometime in August. I look forward to a great school year!

Regards,

Jeremy Ginsberg  
Temple B'nai Israel President

Cc: Board of Directors, Board of Education and TBI Educators