

**Congregation B'nai Tikvah
Religious School Registration
2008 - 2009**

Welcome to B'nai Tikvah's Religious School.

Sunday Schedule

Early session: 9:00am to 11:15am

Late session: 10:45am to 1:00pm

- ❖ The 30 minute session overlap is when we offer electives, study with Rabbi Asher, and services with Cantor Chabon
- ❖ Schedules may vary from the standard schedule for grade level family education sessions, holiday celebrations and class brunches. Families will be notified well in advance of schedule changes via class and all-school e-mails.

Midweek Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday 4:00pm to 5:30pm (grades 3-7)

Wednesday 4:00pm to 5:30pm (4th grade only)

Students attend one midweek per week.

Siblings will all be scheduled on the same day.

Please note on your registration form if you need one midweek for part of the year and another midweek at another time.

In general, students can attend a different class for any reason. We just ask that you let the teacher know in advance if possible.

How Registration Works

- ❖ Each family chooses a preferred Sunday session and midweek session (grades 3-7)
- ❖ Siblings are in a single session Sunday and midweek.
- ❖ Sunday sessions will have a minimum of 9 students. The ideal maximum is 14-16 students.
- ❖ Midweek classes will have a minimum of 8 students. The ideal maximum is 14 students.
Classes are sometimes smaller, depending on the curriculum and grade.

The registration form asks which session you need and why. If you need to car pool with a specific family, we suggest that all families in your car pool submit registration materials right away. This will help us set up classes without as much "phone tag".

Prioritizing Class Assignments

- ❖ Midweek 4th grade students with siblings in midweek school have priority for Tuesday & Thursday
- ❖ Date of returned registration forms. The earlier forms are returned, the more likely to get your first choice classes.
- ❖ Boy/Girl ratio

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First Month Issues

Sometimes registration is not complete until the end of September. This particularly can affect classes with low enrollment . Low enrollment classes are run early session only. Parents are kept in the loop as enrollment numbers firm up.

Enrollment in kindergarten and first grade is hard to predict because so many students are new to the school.. Last year, offering a K/1 combination class gave us the flexibility to run early and late Sunday sessions. We will change to separate kindergarten and first grade classes if enrollment makes this plan better for the children. .

Parents are kept up to date in cases of schedule changes.

Please be reassured that we make every effort to assist you with your scheduling needs and secure a spot that will work for you and your family.

New B'nai Tikvah Families**Third Grade**

Children study Hebrew lightly in kindergarten through second grade. While the third grade Hebrew text is designed for students totally new to Hebrew, some new students feel behind at the beginning of the year. If your third grader is new to Hebrew, please note that on your registration form. At the beginning of the year, your child will receive a CD with the third grade Hebrew lessons in a fun game format. If your child plays the chapter game just before the lesson is taught, they will feel more “caught up” in class. The CD can be played by children without Hebrew skill assistance.

Fourth – Seventh Grade

Please contact me as soon as you enroll. Ideally, schedule an appointment for me to listen to your child's Hebrew in the summer. Our 4th & 5th grade Hebrew program is designed for students who know how to sound out Hebrew. If your child is new to Hebrew, they can receive the CD mentioned above, other good review materials, or get tutoring started. We normally offer one-on-one or small group Hebrew tutoring for students in grades 4-7 who are new to Hebrew, but the type of tutoring varies from year to year. It depends on how many students need tutoring, their schedules and tutor availability. Students are generally pulled out of class for remedial Hebrew, but are in class with their grade most of the time.

A subcommittee delegated by the Religious School Committee will review class assignment requests with emphasis on balancing the classes in both numbers and boy/girl ratio. We will mail class assignments by August 1.

All efforts will be made to arrange a schedule that meets each family's needs. However, we want to provide the best education for our children. Keeping class sizes small is part of providing that quality.

Thanks so much for your support. Please contact me with any questions or comments.

B'Shalom,

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