



Dear Religious School Families,

Welcome Temple Beth Orr (TBO) families as we take a *new* and exciting journey into Judaism in 2020/21! The results of our Religious School survey as well as the recommendation of the Broward Health Dept and the Broward County school system prompted our decision to begin our Religious School year online. Based on feedback from the surveys we have revised our curriculum to better serve our families. Our classes will be interactive utilizing various apps to assist with learning. The screen time is being minimized and split up so that the children are not constantly online.

We will be monitoring the Covid-19 situation and when it is deemed safe by the authorities and our TBO Reopening Task Force we will revisit how to transition back into the school. Please note, the schedule and curriculum below are fluid and can change as the COVID-19 situation changes. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we navigate during this time.

Next Sunday, August 2nd at 12pm, we will host an informational session to discuss the upcoming year. An email with zoom login instructions will be sent out during the week.

Sunday, August 30th – First Day of Religious School online

TBO K-2 Family School (previously grades K-2):

- Groups of no more than 6 children/families
- 9:00am-9:20am: 20 minute Kahal (gathering) session with Rabbi Rappaport for all of K-2 Families
- 9:30-11:00am: A 90 minute session broken out into two groups for 45 minute each. Forty-five minutes will be spent with your teacher learning Judaic content and the other forty-five minutes completing a project together as a family and then shared with the class. All supplies for the projects will be provided to you in advance. The project could be art, research, scavenger hunt, or a game to reinforce what is being learned.

Grades 3 - 4

- Groups of no more than 6 – 8 children/families
- 9:30-9:50am: 20 minute Kahal (gathering) session with Rabbi Rappaport for all of Grades 3-4
- 10:00am – 11:30: A 90 minute session broken out in to two groups for forty-five minutes each. Forty-five minutes will be spent with your teacher learning Judaic content and the other forty-five minutes completing a project together and then sharing with the class. All supplies for the projects will be provided to you in advance. The project could be art, research, scavenger hunt, or a game to reinforce what is being learned.
- A weekly 30 minute Zoom session is required for Hebrew with your teacher at a prearranged time. This will be held during the week in the evenings or Sunday afternoon to provide flexibility for you and your family.

Grades 5 – 7

- Groups of no more than 6 – 8 children



- 10-10:20am: A 20 minute Kahal (gathering) session with Rabbi Rappaport for all of Grades 5-7.
- 10:30- 12:00pm: A 90 minute session broken out in to two groups for 45 minute each. Forty-five minutes will be spent with your teacher learning Judaic content and the other forty-five minutes completing a project and then sharing with the class. All supplies for the projects will be provided to you in advance. The project could be art, research, scavenger hunt, or a game to reinforce what is being learned.
- A weekly 30 minute Zoom session is required for Hebrew with your teacher at a prearranged time. This will be held during the week in the evenings or Sunday afternoon to provide flexibility for you and your family.
- There will also be an *optional* session for students in grades 5 – 7 to practice and gain confidence with their Hebrew. This optional session is strongly advised to assist in preparing your child for his/her bnai mitzvah. This will be held during the week in the evenings or on a Sunday afternoon to provide flexibility for you and your family.

This year, parent/guardian assistance and creativity is strongly recommended as we continue to adapt to our virtual world as we engage and focus on Jewish learning for our children. The following opportunities will allow you to demonstrate your strong Jewish values as a role model for your children.

- Zoom Room monitor (no teaching involved, only your presence, we need at least two volunteers per class)
- Technology assistants
- Room parent (send texts, occasional phone calls, emails)
- Become an active member of our Religious School Committee (fun & productive group of parents)
- Participate and assist during Jewish holidays, events and other programs which brings our community together in meaningful ways.

Religious School Enrollment Process

- Complete the forms in this packet and return to the Temple office **OR** you may register online at the Temple Beth Orr website.
- ***You must be a Temple Beth Orr partnership member in order to attend our Religious School.*** This year, Temple Beth Orr implemented a Partnership initiative. A full explanation about partnering with the temple can be found on the Temple Beth Orr website. The on-line process is easy to navigate. Your financial commitment is critical to the success of our exciting new year in Religious School!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. The best way to contact me is jsiegel@templebethorr.org.

L'shalom,
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