



# Temple Beth Avodah Religious School

Rabbi Robert & Margaret Miller Education Center

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Dear Families,

This year, we are once again conducting on-site registration for new and returning students for the 2008-2009 Religious School, Hebrew School and Midrasha School year. The times are listed below:

## On-Site School Registration

Sunday, May 4, 2008 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Tuesday, May 6, 2008 12:30 pm-6:15 pm

Returning families will receive a packet at one of the above registration times to review, revise and return. **Registration packets will not be available before Sunday, May 4th at 9:00am.** Forms included in these packets will reflect information you provided from last year's registration process, making this year's process more streamlined. New families will receive a registration packet with blank forms to complete. A \$250.00 non-refundable deposit per student must be included with all completed registration packets. So if you plan to complete the registration process on-site, **please remember to bring your checkbook!!!**

After the on-site registration period, families who have not registered can pick up packets in the school office or download the forms from our website [www.bethavodah.org](http://www.bethavodah.org) and return the forms, with the non-refundable deposit to the school office. Timely completion of the registration process enables us to develop curriculum and programming, balance class sizes, and engage faculty for next year. **All registration forms and deposits are due by June 1, 2008, and full payment is due no later than August 15, 2008.** Families who have paid in full will receive their school information packet in August.

### PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICY PER TBA'S BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL NOW APPLY:

**Those congregants with outstanding balances (for dues, building fund, school or other billed amounts) will not be permitted to register their children for Religious School and Hebrew School on the designated registration dates in May, unless their account is up to date. For questions or to make arrangements, please contact Nancy Natowitz in the Temple office.**

### Class Placement

The class schedules are listed below. As indicated, there are session choices for the Sunday Religious School program (Grades K-6) and for the Tuesday Hebrew School program (once students at private school, non-Newton schools, and siblings of Grade 6 students are accommodated – see page 2).

**Families may indicate preferences, but class placement is based on a first-come, first-serve receipt of completed registration forms and \$250 deposit per student and the requirement of maintaining balanced class sizes. If your family has particular class time requirements, register and submit your deposit(s) as soon as possible –beginning on Sunday, May 4th – so that your preference may be considered.**

### Schedule

The school will continue to conduct two sessions of Religious School on Sunday mornings. **Please note: Only one session of Kindergarten will be offered for the 2008-2009 school year which will take place during the FIRST session only.** Our Hebrew program for students in Grades 3-6 will take place on **Tuesdays only**. Our Grade 7 class will meet as part of our *Midrasha* High School program on Monday evenings and will include dinner. Our Grade 8-12 program will meet at part of our *Midrasha* High School program on varying days/times, but will include dinner on Monday evenings.

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## Kindergarten – Grade 6 Sunday Mornings

Kindergarten Session One: 9:00am – 10:40am

Session One – Grade 1 – Grade 6 – 9:00am – 10:40am

Session Two – Grade 1 – Grade 6 – 10:50am – 12:30pm

## Grades 3 – 6 Tuesday Afternoons

Session One: 12:30 pm – 3:15 pm (Lunch 12:30 -1:00 pm) - Grades 3, 4, 5

Session Two: 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm Grade 6; **AND** Grades 3, 4, 5 students with preference given to:

- Students in Grades 3, 4, 5 with a sibling in Grade 6.
- Students who attend public schools outside of Newton.
- Students who attend private schools.

## Grade 7 Monday Evening Midrasha

6:30-8:45 pm Dinner & Classes

## Grades 8-12 Midrasha

Days & Times vary

## **Youth Choir - \$35 fee**

Susan Bamel Glickman, will direct our Youth Choir in the coming year. The choir is an elective for students in Grades 2-6. The Youth Choir sings at several Temple services and participates in the regional *Zimriyah* choir festival in the Spring. Choir rehearsals take place on designated Sundays, at the beginning of the second session (10:50 am – 11:30 am). Students interested in participating must select the first session as their preference on the registration forms and return forms and deposit as soon as possible so that the session preference may be considered. A schedule of rehearsals and services will be distributed over the summer.

## **Deposits, Tuitions and Fees for 2008-2009**

Program	Non-Refundable Deposit Due at Pre-Registration in May 2008	Balance of Tuition Remaining <i>after</i> Deposit – Due by August 15, 2008	Total Tuition Including Deposit for 2008-09
Kindergarten – Grade 2 (Sunday)	\$250.00	\$245.00	\$495.00
Grade 3 (Sunday and Tuesday Hebrew) <i>Includes Prayer Book (Engraved Siddur)</i> <i>Required for all 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders</i>	\$250.00	\$610.00	\$860.00
Grades 4-6 (Sunday and Tuesday Hebrew)	\$250.00	\$580.00	\$830.00
Grades 2-6 Youth Choir – 10:50am-11:30am (must be registered for the early session)	-	-	\$35
Grade 7 (Monday evening) – includes weekly dinner and required Outward Bound Daylong Trip Fee (Sunday, October 5, 2008 from 8 am – 5 pm)	\$250.00	\$630.00	\$880.00
Grades 8-12 Midrasha (includes weekly dinners)	\$250.00	\$445.00	\$695.00
Grade 3 (Sunday Only – includes Prayer Book)	\$250.00	\$275.00	\$525.00
Grades 4-6 (Sunday Only)	\$250.00	\$245.00	\$495.00
Private Hebrew Tutoring Supervision Fee (Grade 3-6 students privately tutored in Hebrew School Curriculum)	-	\$110.00	\$110.00

Remember, class placement is based on early completion of forms and deposits. We will accept registration forms and deposits for 2008-09 **no earlier than Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**. Please remember to bring your checkbook! If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Rebecca Baizen in the Education Office.

Sincerely,  
Rabbi Lisa S. Eiduson