



School for Jewish Living Registration Material 2017-2018

**“Educate children in the way they should go and when
old they will not turn from it.” Proverbs (22:6)**

Temple Beth El School for Jewish Living engages students and families in Reform Jewish values, learning, and community. We strive to nurture and strengthen Jewish identity, knowledge, and connection. In addition to weekly sessions, our program includes family participation in congregational services, holiday programs, and special events.

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Shalom and welcome to the upcoming school year 2017-2018.

We are very excited to begin a new year of Jewish experiences at Temple Beth El. In this packet please find detailed descriptions of our School for Jewish Living and Hebrew programs, Calendar, Registration and Parent Volunteer Forms. Please complete forms for each child and return forms and payment to: **Temple Beth El, 800 N. Palafox St, Pensacola, FL 32501**

EARLY BIRD DEAL: REGISTER BY AUGUST 15 TO SAVE \$25 PER CHILD.
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We will once again begin our new year with an **Opening Day Pool Party**.

When: Sunday, August 20 from 11am-1pm

Where: Home of Ed and Nichole Friedland, 4750 Slaback, Pensacola

Why: Reconnect, swim, and enjoy being together

Temple Beth El and the School for Jewish Living are a caring and connected community. **The more you and your family participate in Temple life, the more connected you become to fellow members.**

- **Celebrate Holidays and Life Cycle Events**
- **Attend Monthly Family Shabbat Service and Dinner**
- **Participate in Sisterhood or Brotherhood Social Events**
- **Join us for Torah Study, Torah on Tap, and more**

Connections made at Temple can foster friendships that extend beyond our campus. Having Jewish friends provides a sense of belonging and is a critical factor in identity formation.

So come celebrate, make new friends, and be part of our Temple family!

L'Shalom,

Andrea Fleekop

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL FOR JEWISH LIVING

School for Jewish Living provides Jewish experiences and education for children in pre-school through 10th grade Confirmation. We meet on Sundays from 9:00am-12:15pm and for additional special events.

9:00am Family Breakfast: Children and parents join together for family breakfast and morning announcements. **On time arrival is important for several reasons.**

1. Enjoy a non-rushed meal with your child.
2. Schmooze with fellow parents and teachers.
3. Through repetition, learn the prayers for before and after meals.

Research shows a regularly shared meal has proven to enhance relationships and reshape community.

9:30am Family Tefilah (Worship): Following breakfast, families gather in the sanctuary for worship with Rabbi Joel and Andrea. Through song, movement, stories, and readings, this interactive service is intended to expose and engage children in Jewish ritual. Several students, especially those preparing for Bar/Bat Mitzvah, assist in leading prayers. Parents are encouraged to sit with their child and participate.

10:00am-12:00pm In Class Learning: After worship students are grouped by age to engage in Jewish study and experiences. Through drama, stories, art, music, games, cooking and social action projects, students participate in their learning in a fun and meaningful way. Our curriculum is centered on the goals of developing and strengthening Jewish identity, knowledge, and connection. Core content areas include: Jewish values and mitzvot, Torah and sacred texts, Shabbat, holiday, and life cycle rituals, history, Israel, culture and the arts, and spiritual and identity development.

12:00pm-12:15pm Communal Experience: Our school gathers for a communal experience, such as song session, Israeli dancing, game, ritual, or class presentation. Just as we begin each session together, we feel it is important to conclude together. It is a beautiful thing to watch our younger students be inspired by our teens and develop friendships that span the ages. Dismissal is 12:15pm.

Tzedakah & Tikkun Olam: Students are encouraged to bring tzedakah (money to help those in need) each week and at the end of the year we donate it to a charity. Throughout the year we engage in hands on tikkun olam (healing the world) projects, such as annual Mitzvah Day, neighborhood clean up, and visiting the elderly.

PARENT PARTICIPATION AND FAMILY EXPERIENCE

"To educate a child without educating and involving the parents and the entire family can be compared to heating the house while leaving the window open." Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan

No Religious School – no matter how excellent it is – can succeed without the active participation and support of the child's parents and family. To be effective, Jewish education must be a partnership between the Temple and your home.

Below are ways that **YOU** as a parent can be an active partner in this process:

- Be positive! Express gratitude that you are able to be part of our amazing Temple community. Tell your child repeatedly how important it is to you that he/she participates in Jewish experiences.
- Continue your own Jewish growth and deepen your connection. Role model that Jewish education is not only pediatric; it is a lifelong responsibility that brings joy and meaning. There are many opportunities for adult learning and social activities. If scheduling is difficult, read a Jewish book, learn online, watch a Jewish themed movie—the key is that your child sees you learning.
- Attend services and other Temple programs. Children learn the basics in Sunday School and Hebrew lessons, but they gain practice, confidence, and experience at a worship service. **Chances are much greater for your child to attend as an adult if they attend with you during childhood.**
- Make your home a Jewish space. Fill your home with Jewish books, toys, music, artwork, games, ritual items and more. Download Jewish apps on your phones and tablets. Bake challah or other Jewish foods. Make one meal a day a family meal and say the blessing before you eat. Light Shabbat candles and bless your child on Friday night.
- If you want your child to grow up to be a mensch (a kind, ethical person), be a mensch yourself. Treat others the way you want your child to treat others. Speak the way you want your child to speak.

DESCRIPTION OF HEBREW INSTRUCTION

Students in 3rd grade through Bar/Bat Mitzvah age are strongly encouraged to participate in our Hebrew program. Students begin by learning how to read Hebrew and identify basic vocabulary. Once mastered, students learn how to participate in and lead core prayers. Students also explore Jewish concepts relating to worship and spiritual development. In the year leading up to Bar/Bat Mitzvah students learn Torah and Haftorah passages.

Each student enrolled will be matched with a Hebrew instructor. Together the instructor and family will arrange a time and place for weekly half hour sessions. Students are expected to complete assignments in between sessions for successful retention of material.

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICES

Celebrate Shabbat with joy and song at our monthly Family Service, the first Friday each month. These services are geared for families with school age children. We encourage you to attend as many as possible. Your presence demonstrates commitment to our school and Temple community. Participating in services enables your child to engage in prayers and songs learned at school. Specific classes will have special parts during the year. Services begin at 6pm followed by 7pm potluck dinner.

SAVE THE DATES: 6pm Family Friendly Services

September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5,
February 2, March 2, April 6, and May 4.

BE A *SHABBAT STAR*

Students participating in 7 or more Shabbat services during the school year will be recognized as a Shabbat Star on May 4 and will receive a special gift.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Attendance

Consistent, on time attendance is essential to a successful experience. If you know in advance that your child will be absent, **please email your child's teacher**. In extenuating circumstances, contact the Director.

Arrival and Departure

Arrival: Breakfast begins at 9:00am. Parents are encouraged to enjoy our communal breakfast and participate in worship.

Dismissal: School ends at 12:15pm. Parents must pick up his/her child in the building. If earlier pick-up is necessary, parent must notify the teacher in advance.

Behavior

We are a community of learners, which values *derech eretz*, kind, respectful, and considerate behavior. Students are expected to treat our Temple, teachers, peers, and curriculum with respect. Failure to live up to this standard will result in disciplinary procedures.

Communication

On a regular basis, you will receive emails that include important information from the Director and your child's teacher. If you are not receiving the emails, please notify the Director. **Please regularly check your email.**

Cell Phone and Electronic Device

Students are discouraged from bringing cell phones/electronic devices. During sessions, we ask students and parents to put phones on silent and keep out of sight. Temple is a special place to be together; it is a sacred space where we can unplug and focus on one another.

Attire

Our program is a hands-on experience. Clothing should be washable and conducive to being active as well as appropriate for study and worship.

Field Trips

If a field trip is planned, parents will be notified in advance and required to complete a permission slip.

Guests

We discourage students from bringing guests on Sundays. Shabbat services are a much better time to bring a friend. If necessary, the guest must be in the same grade. **Advance notification must be given to the Director.** Failure to do so may result in inability to participate.

Parent Volunteers

The success of our program depends on parent support. Please complete and submit the **Parent Volunteer Form** with your child's registration forms.

TUITION INFORMATION

School for Jewish Living	\$300 (\$275 if received by August 15)
Mid-week Hebrew Instruction	\$225
<i>Optional Donation to Scholarship Fund</i>	\$36

Tuition covers costs associated with staff, curriculum, books and materials, food and special programs.

Payment can be made by check or cash in one of the following ways:

- 1) Payment in full to Temple Beth El enclosed with registration forms (greatly appreciated).
- 2) 50% of total payment enclosed with registration forms. Balance due December 31.
- 3) If a payment plan is needed, please indicate details on the form.
- 4) If financial assistance is needed, please **submit registration forms and check the appropriate box on the form.** Once received, you will be contacted by a Temple representative.

*Please send registration forms and payment to
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CALENDAR 2017-2018

DATE

SPECIAL EVENT

Sunday, August 20, 11am-1pm

Family Pool Party at the Friedland's Home

Sunday, August 27

Friday, September 1, 6pm

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Sunday, September 10

Sunday, September 17

Thursday, September 21, 2:30pm

Rosh Hashanah Family Service, Wayside Park

Sunday, September 24

Saturday, September 30, 2pm

Yom Kippur Family Service

Sunday, October 1, 10am-12pm

Build, Decorate, and Lunch in the Sukkah

Friday, October 6, 6pm

Family Shabbat Sukkot Service & Dinner

Saturday, October 7-Sunday, October 8

Sukkot Experience with optional sleepover at the Fleekop's Home

Wednesday, October 11, 5:30pm

Simchat Torah & Consecration Service

Sunday, October 15

Sunday, October 22

Sunday, October 29

Friday, November 3, 6pm

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Sunday, November 5

Sunday, November 19

Global Day of Jewish Learning

Friday, December 1, 6pm

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Sunday, December 3

Sunday, December 10

Friday, December 15, 6pm

Shabbat Chanukah Service & Dinner

Sunday, December 17

Chanukah & Visit to Wesley Haven

<i>Friday, January 5, 6pm</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, January 14	Mitzvah Day
Sunday, January 21	
Sunday, January 28	Tu B'Shvat
<i>Friday, February 2, 6pm</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, February 4	
Sunday, February 11	
Sunday, February 25	
<i>Friday, March 2, 6pm</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Purim Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, March 4	
Sunday, March 11	
Sunday, March 18	
<i>Friday, March 30, 6pm</i>	<i>TBE Passover Seder (RSVP Required)</i>
<i>Friday, April 6, 6pm</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, April 8	
Sunday, April 15	
Sunday, April 22	
Sunday, April 29	
<i>Friday, May 4, 6pm</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, May 6	
<i>Saturday, May 19, 7:00pm</i>	<i>Shavuot and Confirmation of 10th graders</i>
Sunday, May 20	Last Day!

Temple Beth El School for Jewish Living

Registration Form 2017-2018

Please complete and mail with payment to Temple Beth El. Forms received prior to August 15 will receive \$25 off each child's tuition. Separate form required for each child.

Student Name _____ Hebrew Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade in School (Fall 2017) _____

I am registering for (circle one): *Sundays only* or *Sundays & Hebrew Instruction*

PARENT INFORMATION: Please correspond with: Both Parents ___ Parent I only___

Parent I _____ **Parent II** _____

Cell Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Home Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email _____ Email _____

Address _____ Address _____

If applicable, please explain any custody concerns

EMERGENCY CONTACT: In the event we cannot reach either parent, please contact:

Name _____ Relation _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

PAYMENT

Tuition (\$300 Sunday Only or \$525 Sunday & Hebrew) \$ _____

Optional Donation to Scholarship Fund (\$36) \$ _____

Early Bird Discount (subtract \$25 if received by Aug 15) \$ _____

Sibling Discount (subtract \$25 for 2nd child and add'tl children) \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

If Applicable: Balance \$ _____

I will be applying for financial assistance: Yes

PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM 2017 - 2018

Please enclose one per family with registration form(s)

The success of our program depends on parent volunteers. We count on each family to volunteer for at least one of the following items in addition to helping as needed.

Parent Name(s) : _____

Please check at least one of the following:

1. Substitute Teacher

On occasion serve as a substitute teacher (lesson plan provided).

2. Room Parent for your Child's Class

Contact class parents as needed (phone calls, sign ups, and reminders).

3. Member of Education Committee

Committee meets as needed to oversee, plan, discuss, and recommend programs and policies.

4. Hebrew Tutor: Outside of SJL, work one on one with a student on Hebrew reading or Hebrew prayers 30 minutes per week.

Skills: I can tutor basic reading I can tutor prayers

Days/Time(s) Available: _____

5. Breakfast Parent(s)

Twice per year I will purchase breakfast for the school, set-up, and clean-up.

6. TBE Representative for the Purim Carnival

Work with representatives from the Pensacola Jewish Federation and Bnai Israel to help plan and execute the Purim Carnival.

7. Art, Music, Youth Library, or Cooking Specialist

In conjunction with Andrea, help lead special projects/programs during SJL in one of these areas. Please specify area _____.

8. Temple Buddy

Invite a new school family over to your home for two Shabbat or holiday dinners during the year. Encourage them to join you when you attend Temple programs.