



School for Jewish Living Registration Material 2019-2020

**“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 worship, holiday programs, and special events.

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Shalom and Welcome Home!

We are very excited to partner with you in building fun and engaging Jewish memories in the upcoming school year at Temple Beth El. The School for Jewish Living is an integral part of our Temple, therefore Temple membership is required and participation in a wide array of activities is highly encouraged. If you have any questions, please contact me at the Temple Office at (850) 438-3321.

This packet contains detailed descriptions of the School for Jewish Living and Hebrew Program, School Calendar, Registration and Parent Volunteer Forms. Please complete SEPARATE 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 1 TO SAVE \$25 PER CHILD.

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

- **Celebrate Holidays and Life Cycle Events**
- **Attend Monthly 6pm 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 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. Our time together is limited and precious—Please make every effort to preserve this time as sacred. Consistent on time attendance creates a holy community and sends the message to your child that Judaism is a top priority, a part of you that you value and respect.

9:00am Family Breakfast: Children and parents join together for family breakfast and morning announcements. We ask each family to supply breakfast twice per year. **Research shows a regularly shared meal has proven to enhance relationships and reshape community.** Weekly participation enables you to enjoy a relaxed meal with your child while socializing with parents and teachers. Through repetition, you and your child will also learn the prayers said before and after meals.

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 model participation.

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 Jewish 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 Mitzvah Day, collecting needed items for students at neighborhood public school, park clean up, and visiting the elderly.

PARTNERSHIP OF PARENTS AND TEMPLE

"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 family. To be effective, Jewish education must be a partnership between Temple and Families.

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

- Be positive! Make Temple a home you value with love and enthusiasm. Explain why Judaism matters to you! Tell your child repeatedly that you enjoy being at Temple together. Share pictures, stories, and fun memories you have of Temple, camp, youth group, and celebrations.
- Attend Shabbat services and Temple programs. If you want your child to participate in a Jewish community as an adult, the likelihood is much greater if participation is a lifelong habit. Role model the importance you place on prayer, education, and commitment to the Jewish people.
- Incorporate Sunday's rituals and songs into EVERYDAY. Recite the Motzei blessing before you eat at one family meal per day. Sing along to the songs we sing while you are in the car. Snuggle while reading PJ Library books.
- Continue YOUR learning. Role model that Jewish education is a lifelong journey. Attend a class, participate in a social justice project, listen to a Jewish podcast, and/or debate a hot topic at Torah on Tap.
- Make your home a Jewish space. Fill your home with Jewish books (both for you and the children), music, artwork, ritual items and more. Download Jewish apps on your phones and tablets. Bake challah or other Jewish foods. Watch Jewish movies or shows on Netflix and AmazonPrime.
- Cultivate friendships. Invite your child's friends from Temple over for playdates, sleepovers, and birthday celebrations. Stay after Sunday school to play on our playground and/or plan to go out to lunch. Invite another family to share a babysitter for the kids while parents go out to dinner.
- 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 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, January 3,
February 7, March 6, and May 1.

BE A *SHABBAT STAR*

Students participating in 7 or more Shabbat services during the school year will be recognized as a Shabbat Star 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 erez*, 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

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

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 and **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 1)
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 2019-2020

DATE

SPECIAL EVENT

Sunday, August 18, 11am-1pm

Opening Day Family Pool Party

Sunday, August 25

Friday, September 6, 6pm

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Sunday, September 15

Sunday, September 22

Monday, September 30, 2:30pm

Rosh Hashanah Family Service

Sunday, October 6

Friday, October 4, 6pm

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Wednesday, October 9, 2pm

Yom Kippur Family Service

Sunday, October 13

Sukkah Building & Fun

Sunday, October 20

Sunday, October 27

Friday, November 1, 6pm

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Sunday, November 3

Sunday, November 17

Sunday, November 24

Friday, December 6, 6pm

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Sunday, December 8

Sunday, December 15

<i>Friday, January 3, 6pm</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, January 12	
Sunday, January 19	Mitzvah Day
Sunday, January 26	
Sunday, February 2	
<i>Friday, February 7, 6pm</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, February 9	Tu B'Shvat
Sunday, February 23	
Sunday, March 1	
<i>Friday, March 6, 6pm</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, March 8	Purim
Sunday, March 29	
Sunday, April 5	Pre-Passover
Sunday, April 19	
Sunday, April 26	
<i>Friday, May 1, 6pm</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, May 3	Last Day!
<i>Friday, May 15-Sunday, May 17</i>	<i>Temple Beth El Camping Trip</i>
<i>Friday, May 29, 7:00pm</i>	<i>Shavuot and Confirmation of 10th graders</i>

Temple Beth El School for Jewish Living

Registration Form 2019-2020

Please complete and mail with payment to Temple Beth El. Forms received prior to August 1 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 2019) _____

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 1) \$ _____

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

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Doctor's Name _____	Doctor's Phone _____
Insurance Company _____	Policy Number _____
Dentist's Name _____	Dentist's Phone _____
Insurance Company _____	Policy Number _____

Please indicate any and all specific medical and behavioral conditions including learning modifications used in school. The purpose is to help your child succeed.

Does your child take medication, including for emotional or psychological reasons?

Medication name, time given, and dosage: _____

For what condition is medication being taken? _____

Is your child on medication on Sundays while in Religious School? Yes No

Does your child have or has s/he ever had any of the following?

An anaphylactic reaction Yes No

My child requires an onsite EpiPen Yes No

Physical condition/limitation Yes No

Special dietary needs Yes No

Hyperactivity and/or Attention Deficit Disorder Yes No

Learning Challenges Yes No

Any significant life changes or disruptions Yes No

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, please describe below:

If your child has an updated IEP, please enclose a copy of relevant pages with registration. Having this information enables us to provide a productive learning environment for your child.

Parent Agreement and Release: I approve of the above registration for my child. I understand that the Director of Education or staff member will contact me in case of an emergency. If I am going to be out of town, I will provide information as to how I can be reached in case of an emergency. I hereby grant permission for treatment of my child by qualified medical authorities as necessary, and I give permission to the Director of Education or staff member to hospitalize and secure proper treatment for my child. Neither I, nor any other representative of our family, will sue, claim against, attack the property of, or prosecute Temple Beth El and all affiliated entities for loss of property, injury, harm, accident, illness, loss of limb or life, or other personal injury, incapacity, medical cost, expense, damage, claim, or liability, howsoever caused, and regardless of whether caused directly or indirectly, by my child's acts or any acts, arising out of or in connection with their participation at Temple Beth El.

Photo Release: I give my consent for Temple Beth El and its staff or volunteers to photograph or video my child and/or me. I understand that the image or video segments may be used in print or electronic media for the purpose of educational or marketing activities. Names of students will not be used on the Internet.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM 2019 - 2020

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. Member of Education Committee

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

3. Room Parent for your Child's Class

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

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. Safety

Sit at front office and monitor main door from 8:45am-12:20pm.

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.

9. 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.