



School for Jewish Living Registration Material 2020-2021

“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 families,

As we approach the 2020-2021 school year amidst the continued uncertainty of the Coronavirus pandemic, Temple Beth El remains committed to creating meaningful, positive, and engaging Jewish experiences for our children and families. Our School for Jewish Living Covid Task Force, in partnership with the Temple Beth El Reopening Task Force, has been working diligently to design safe and phased reopening plans.

As we start the year, our Jewish learning and community building experiences will take place in a hybrid model, with both outdoor in-person and remote sessions. We are working to ensure that our program can effectively switch between in-person to remote learning and back again, as conditions change. For families for whom in-person learning is not feasible, please contact me as soon as possible. We will work with you to create a virtual learning experience.

In-Person Days

In an effort to balance our core values of being in community (*kehillah*) and health/safety (*pikuach nefesh*), our in-person days will be modified from previous years.

- We will have an abbreviated 90-minute day, from 9:30-11:00am, eliminating group singing (*tefilah*) and all-school gatherings, including breakfast and end of day assembly.
- Upon arrival, children will gather by class. This enables us to keep students in small groups, or pods, for the day.
- Classes will meet outdoors and maintain social distancing. We will do our best to provide shade. Children should arrive with sun protection applied and a water bottle (enough for 90 minutes). Young classes will have playground time. Parent volunteers will monitor for safety.
- Face coverings are required for teachers, parents, and children ages 5 years and older on the Temple grounds. When outside AND properly distanced, coverings may be removed per instructions by a teacher. Face coverings must remain on your person and are required if entering the Temple building (restroom use only).
- Please help keep everyone safe. Stay home if: you suspect someone in your household may have Covid; someone in your household has been exposed to a Covid positive person in the last 14 days; if your child has any Covid symptoms (fever, runny nose, cough, fatigue, muscle aches, vomiting, or diarrhea). For everyone's safety, if your child exhibits any symptoms, he/she will not be permitted on campus. If a member of your household tests positive for Covid please notify Andrea Fleekop as soon as possible.

Remote Days on Zoom

- The day will begin with All-School worship (*tefilah*) at 9:30am.
- Class time will range from 30-60 minutes depending on age and will begin at staggered intervals between 10:00-11:30am.
- We recognize that zoom learning can be challenging for our youngest students. Materials may be mailed in advance for families to complete during or prior to the call. Parents are encouraged to participate with young children on remote days.

As parents and educators, we understand the difficulty of planning in the face of uncertainty. We are intentionally structuring our program to flexibly adjust as needed. This may include switching scheduled in-person and remote days based on weather and/or health conditions. Please check your email regularly and particularly on Saturday evenings for any changes.

We recognize that families have been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic in a number of ways, including financially. We remain committed to making Jewish education possible for all who want to learn. Financial assistance is available.

Registration is now available through the attached forms and on the Temple website. Please complete and return the forms as soon as possible, so we can plan accordingly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (850) 377-5771 or andreafleekop@gmail.com.

On behalf of Rabbi Joel and myself, staff, and lay leadership of Temple Beth El, we wish you and your families a continued safe summer and eagerly look forward to welcoming your family home.

L'Shalom,

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DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL FOR JEWISH LIVING

School for Jewish Living provides Jewish experiences and education for children in pre-school through 10th grade Confirmation. High school juniors and seniors may assist in classrooms.

Through play, stories, art, music, games, drama, 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: values and mitzvot, Torah and sacred texts, rituals for Shabbat, holidays, and life cycle, prayer, history, Israel, culture, spiritual and identity development.

As stated, we are adapting our program due to the constraints from Covid. We will return in phases to our regular schedule as it is deemed safe.

Our time together is limited and precious, especially now. Please make every effort to preserve this time as sacred. Your presence helps create a holy community. Consistent participation demonstrates that Jewish learning and community is a top priority.

Tzedakah & Tikkun Olam: Students are encouraged to bring tzedakah (money to help those in need) each week. At the end of the year we donate it to charity. Throughout the year we engage in hands on tikkun olam (repairing the world) projects, such as Mitzvah Day, food and clothing drives for students at a neighboring public school, park clean up, and more.

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. Then students learn how to read, sing, and chant core prayers, while exploring Jewish concepts relating to worship and spiritual development. In the year leading up to Bar/Bat Mitzvah students learn Torah and Haftarah passages.

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

PARTNERSHIP OF PARENTS AND TEMPLE

“To educate a child without educating and involving the parents 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 Beth El 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!
- Participate in Shabbat services and additional Temple programs. Role model the importance you place on community, education, and social justice.
- Incorporate Sunday’s rituals and songs into EVERYDAY. Recite the blessing before you eat at one family meal per day. Keep a playlist or CD of Jewish songs in your car and play often.
- Continue YOUR learning. Attend an adult class, subscribe to online Jewish news or podcasts, participate in a social justice project, 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 phones and tablets. Bake challah or other Jewish foods. Watch movies or shows with Jewish content.
- If you want your child to grow up to be a *mensch* (a kind, ethical person), model being a *mensch*. Be honest and fair. Demonstrate empathy and compassion. Treat family, friends, and strangers the way you want your child to do so. Admit when you make a mistake and apologize. Forgive others. Do acts of kindness.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Attendance

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

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

Please regularly check your email. You will receive emails with important information from the Director and/or your child's teacher. If you are not receiving emails, please notify the Director.

Cell Phone and Electronic Device

Temple is a special place to be together; it is a sacred space where we can unplug and be present in community. Students are discouraged from bringing cell phones/electronic devices, unless requested for learning purpose. 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. During this time, face coverings are required for teachers, parents, and children ages 5 years and older on the Temple grounds.

Field Trips

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

Guests

Due to Covid, guests will not be allowed.

Parent Volunteers

The success of our program depends on parent volunteers. 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 Sept. 1)
Mid-week Hebrew Instruction	\$225
<i>Optional Donation to Scholarship Fund</i>	\$36

Tuition covers costs associated with staff, curriculum, books and materials, and special programs. This year we anticipate additional expenses for mailings and learning supplies to adapt to the current situation.

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
Temple Beth El, 800 N. Palafox St, Pensacola, FL 32501.*

CALENDAR 2020-2021

Please mark your calendars on these dates. As we begin the year with a hybrid learning model, we ask for your patience and flexibility. The success of our model and current health trends will dictate how we proceed. We will adjust as needed. Please check email regularly for updates.

DATE

Sunday, August 30	Remote
Sunday, September 13	In-Person
Sunday, September 20	Remote
Sunday, September 27	In-Person
Sunday, October 4	
Sunday, October 11	
Sunday, October 18	
Sunday, October 25	
Sunday, November 1	
Sunday, November 8	
Sunday, November 15	
Sunday, November 22	
Sunday, December 6	
Sunday, December 13	
Sunday, January 10	
Sunday, January 17	
Sunday, January 24	
Sunday, January 31	

Sunday, February 7

Sunday, February 14

Sunday, February 28

Sunday, March 7

Sunday, March 14

Sunday, March 28

Sunday, April 11

Sunday, April 18

Sunday, April 25

Sunday, May 2

Friday, May 14-Sunday, May 16

Temple Beth El Camping Trip

Sunday, May 23

Last Day!

In addition to Sundays, we encourage all families to participate in our 6pm Family Shabbat Service, first Friday of the month.

Dates: Sept.4, Oct.2, Nov.6, Dec.4, Jan.1, Feb.5, March 5, May 7.

Temple Beth El School for Jewish Living

Registration Form 2020-2021

Please complete and mail with payment to Temple Beth El. Forms received prior to Sept. 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 2020) _____

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

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

Parent I _____ Parent II _____

Email _____ Email _____

Cell Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____ Address (if different) _____

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHILD:

What are important things to know about your child _____

My child feels successful and/or happy when _____

Describe what you hope your child will gain/experience in this program _____

PAYMENT

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

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

Early Bird Discount (subtract \$25 if received by Sept 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

HEALTH INFORMATION

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

Please indicate specific health conditions, including learning modifications used in school. If your child has an IEP, please include relevant pages. The purpose is to help your child succeed.

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

Condition, medication name, time given, and dosage: _____

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

Social, emotional needs Yes No

Any significant life changes or disruptions Yes No

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

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 me. I understand that the image or video 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 2020 - 2021

Please enclose one per family with registration form(s)

The success of our program depends on parent volunteers. Please indicate how you can help.

Parent Name(s) : _____

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. Safety

In present situation, walk around and monitor the perimeter of the Temple grounds from 9:20am-11:00am. In regular situation, sit at front office, keep main door locked, and monitor door from 8:45am-12:20pm.

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. 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(s) _____

6. Breakfast Parent(s) (If/When this can safely resume)

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

7. 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 (even virtually!).

8. 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.