



School for Jewish Living Registration Material 2021-2022

**“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 creating fun and engaging Jewish experiences in the upcoming school year at Temple Beth El. We look forward to being back in the Temple building and resuming family breakfast and worship. Sunday sessions will be 9:00-12:00.

While great strides have been made in the pandemic, we continue to monitor the situation and will make adjustments as needed. At present, we ask those not yet vaccinated to please wear a mask when inside the Temple building. Safety continues to be our number one priority.

The School for Jewish Living is an integral part of Temple Beth El. 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, Calendar, Registration and Parent Volunteer Forms. Please complete SEPARATE forms for each child. 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.

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 Adult Classes, Torah on Tap, and more**

Connections made at Temple foster friendships that extend beyond our campus. Having Jewish friends provides a sense of belonging, 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-12:00pm and additional special events. Our time together is limited and precious—Please make every effort to preserve this time as sacred. Consistent, on time attendance teaches your child that engaging in Jewish life is a top priority.

9:00am Family Breakfast: Arrive at 9:00am to enjoy a relaxed meal while catching up with each other. **Research shows a regularly shared meal has proven to enhance relationships and reshape community.** We ask each family to supply breakfast, set up and clean up, twice per year.

9:30am Family *Tefilah* (Worship): Following breakfast, we gather in the sanctuary for *tefilah* 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 children and model active participation.

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

Tzedakah & Tikkun Olam: Students are encouraged to bring *tzedakah* (money to help those in need) each week, which is donated to a charity at the end of the year. Students also engage in hands on *tikkun olam* (healing the world) projects, such as *Mitzvah Day*, collection drives, 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. Once mastered, students learn how to read and sing core prayers and explore their meaning. In the year leading up to Bar/Bat Mitzvah, students learn Torah and Haftorah passages.

Each student is 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 between sessions for successful retention of material.

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICES

Celebrate Shabbat with joy and song at our monthly Family Service, generally the first Friday each month. These services are geared for families with school age children. We encourage you to attend as many as possible. Participating enables your child to engage in prayers and songs learned on Sundays. Services begin at 6pm followed by 7pm potluck dinner. This year's dates: Sept.3, Oct.1, Nov.5, Dec.3, Jan.7, Feb.4, March 4, May 6.

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 being Jewish matters to you.
- Model lifelong learning. Attend classes and Shabbat services.
- Incorporate Sunday's rituals and songs into EVERYDAY.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Attendance

Consistent, attendance is essential to a successful experience. If you know that your child will be absent, **please email your child's teacher.**

Arrival and Departure

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

Dismissal: School ends at 12:00pm. Students must be picked up inside.

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.**

Phones 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. Unless requested, students should NOT have phones/electronic devices between 9:00-12:00. We ask parents to refrain from using phones at breakfast or *tefilah*.

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

CALENDAR 2021-2022

Please mark your calendars on these dates. Please check email regularly for updates.

DATE	SPECIAL EVENT
Sunday, August 15, 11am-1pm	Opening Day Family Pool Party
Sunday, August 22	
Sunday, August 29	
<i>Friday, September 3</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
<i>Tuesday, September 7</i>	<i>Rosh Hashanah Family Service</i>
Sunday, September 12	
<i>Thursday, September 16</i>	<i>Yom Kippur Family Service</i>
Sunday, September 19	Sukkah Building & Fun
Sunday, September 26	
<i>Friday, October 1</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, October 3	
Sunday, October 10	
Sunday, October 24	
Sunday, October 31	
<i>Friday, November 5</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, November 7	
Sunday, November 14	
<i>Friday, December 3</i>	<i>Hanukkah Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, December 5	
Sunday, December 12	

<i>Friday, January 7</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, January 9	
Sunday, January 16	Mitzvah Day
Sunday, January 23	
Sunday, January 30	
<i>Friday, February 4</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, February 6	
Sunday, February 13	
Sunday, February 27	
<i>Friday, March 4</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, March 6	Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 27	
Sunday, April 3	
Sunday, April 10	Pre-Passover
Sunday, April 24	
Sunday, May 1	
<i>Friday, May 6</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, May 16	Last Day
<i>Friday, May 20-Sunday, May 22</i>	<i>Temple Beth El Camping Trip</i>

Temple Beth El School for Jewish Living

Registration Form 2021-2022

Please complete and mail with payment to Temple Beth El. Forms received by 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 2021) _____

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 _____

Email _____ Email _____

Address _____ Address (if different) _____

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

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 2021 - 2022

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. 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: _____

4. Safety

For 3-4 Sundays, from 8:45am-12:15pm, sit at front desk, with the sole focus of monitoring the main door. I will attend a training on safety procedures.

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 _____.

6. Temple Buddy

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

7. 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.

8. Breakfast

Provide a balanced breakfast twice per year. Must be set up and served at 9:00am and clean up afterwards. Details provided.