



Registration Material 2024-2025

“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. Our primary program runs on Sunday mornings, from 9am-12pm. There are many additional opportunities for engagement for the entire family. The more you and your family participate at Temple Beth El, the better connected you and your family will feel to our wonderful community.

The School for Jewish Living is an integral part of Temple Beth El. **Temple membership is required** for all enrolled students' families. If you have any questions or wish to connect with the Temple Beth El Membership Chairperson, please contact the Temple Office at (850) 438-3321.

This packet contains descriptions, calendar, and registration forms. Please complete all sections of the registration forms and submit with payment to: **Temple Beth El, 800 N. Palafox St, Pensacola, FL 32501**

We ask that you submit separate registration forms for each child and one parent volunteer form per family.

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: REGISTER BY AUGUST 1 TO SAVE \$25 PER CHILD.

We recognize that raising Jewish children in our area can feel very isolating. We strive to make Temple a place where you and your children feel at home, have friends, and are spiritually nourished. Again, **the more you and your family participate in Temple life, the more connected you become.**

- **Celebrate Holidays, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Milestones**
- **Attend monthly 6pm Family Service and Dinner**
- **Participate in Fun, Social Events with Sisterhood or Brotherhood**
- **Nourish your mind with Adult Learning**
- **Volunteer with Social Action or Mitzvah Caring**

Thank you for being active partners in making lifelong Jewish memories.

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 priority for your family.**

9:00am Family Breakfast: Arrive at 9:00am to enjoy a relaxed meal while catching up with other families. Research shows a regularly shared meal has proven to enhance relationships and shape community. It is also a time to learn and practice the blessings before and after a meal. We ask each family to supply breakfast, set up and clean up, twice per year. [Sign Up Here.](#)

9:30am Family Tefilah (Worship): 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: 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. Each student 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 between sessions for successful retention of material.

Students begin by learning how to read Hebrew and identify basic vocabulary. Once mastered, students learn how to read and sing selected prayers and explore their meaning. In the year leading up to Bar/Bat Mitzvah, students learn Torah and Haftarah portions.

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICES

Celebrate Shabbat with joy and song at our monthly Family Service, usually held the first Friday of the month. These services are geared for families with school age children. All are welcome. We encourage you to attend as often as possible to participate in prayers and songs, hear a story from Rabbi, and enjoy dinner. Services begin at 6pm followed by 7pm potluck dinner.

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 – 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! Express your connection to Judaism with love and joy.
- Tell your children how Judaism impacts who you are and how you live.
- Model lifelong Jewish engagement. Attend classes, services, and programs.
- Incorporate Jewish values, rituals, stories, and songs into EVERYDAY.
- Make Shabbat special. Light candles, eat challah, enjoy a delicious treat!

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Attendance

Consistent attendance is essential to a successful experience. Please see the attached calendar for the year. 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.

Communication

Once registered you will receive emails from the Director and your child's teacher. If you are not receiving them, please notify the Director. **Please regularly check your email.**

Volunteers

The success of our program depends on parent/family support. Please complete and submit the **Volunteer Form** along with registration forms.

Behavior

We are a community that values *derech erez*, kind, respectful, and appropriate 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.

Phones and Electronic Device

Temple is a special place to be together; it is a sacred space where we can unplug. Unless requested, students should NOT have phones/electronic device between 9:00-12:00. We ask parents to refrain from using phones at breakfast and during *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. Students may go outside, so please send a jacket when cold.

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.**

TUITION INFORMATION

School for Jewish Living	\$325 (\$300 if received by August 1)
Mid-week Hebrew Instruction	\$250
<i>Optional Donation to Scholarship Fund</i>	\$36

Tuition covers costs associated with staff, curriculum, books and materials, 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 **check the appropriate box on the registration form**. Once received, you will be contacted by a Temple representative.

*Please send registration forms and payment to
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CALENDAR 2024-2025

Please mark your calendars and check email regularly for updates.

DATE	SPECIAL EVENT
Sunday, August 18, 11am-1pm	Opening Day Family Pool Party at Friedland's home, 4750 Slaback, Pensacola.
Sunday, August 25	
<i>Friday, September 6</i>	<i>Family Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, September 8	
Sunday, September 15	
Sunday, September 22	
Sunday, September 29	
<i>Thursday, Oct 3</i>	<i>Rosh Hashanah Family Service & Tashlich at Bayview Park</i>
<i>Friday, Oct 4</i>	<i>Family Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, October 6	
<i>Saturday, Oct 12</i>	<i>Yom Kippur Family Service</i>
Sunday, October 20	
Sunday, October 27	<i>Consecration of New Students</i>
<i>Friday, November 1</i>	<i>Family Service with 4th-5th SJL Class & Dinner</i>
Sunday, Nov 3	
Sunday, Nov 17	
<i>Friday, December 6</i>	<i>Family Service with 7th-8th SJL Class & Dinner</i>
Sunday, December 8	
Sunday, December 15	
<i>Friday, December 27</i>	<i>Shabbat Hanukkah Service with SJL Students & Dinner</i>

<i>Friday, January 3</i>	<i>Family Shabbat Service & Dinner</i>
Sunday, January 12	
Sunday, January 19	Mitzvah Day
Sunday, January 26	
Sunday, February 2	
Sunday, February 9	
Sunday, February 23	
Sunday, March 2	
<i>Friday, March 7</i>	<i>Family Service with 2nd-3rd SJL Class & Dinner</i>
Sunday, March 9	Carnival
Sunday, March 30	
Sunday, April 6	Pre-Passover Program
<i>Saturday, April 12</i>	<i>Temple Seder</i>
Sunday, April 20	
Sunday, April 27	
<i>Friday, May 2</i>	<i>Family Service with K-1st SJL Class & Dinner</i>
Sunday, May 4	
Sunday, May 18	Last Day of School & End of Year Celebration

SJL Registration Form 2024-2025 (page 1 of 3)

Temple Membership Required to enroll. Please complete/mail with payment to Temple Beth El. Forms received by August 1 will receive \$25 off. Separate form required for each child.

Student Name _____ Hebrew Name (if known) _____
Date of Birth _____ Grade & Name of School _____

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) _____

Additional Family Member who wishes to receive SJL emails: Name _____

Email _____ Relation to student _____

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

Name _____ Relation _____

Cell Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

Describe Jewish activities/rituals that happen in your home _____

Describe what you hope your child/family will learn and experience this year

What are important things to know about your child/family _____

PAYMENT

Tuition (\$325 Sunday Only or \$575 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 \$ _____

Please check if applying for financial assistance:

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Does your child have any acute allergies or medical conditions that require accommodation? If yes, please explain.

Does your child have any learning or behavioral differences that their SJL teacher should know about? If yes, please explain.

If your child has an IEP, please enclose a copy of relevant pages with registration.

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** _____

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VOLUNTEER FORM

We count on families to host breakfast & at least one additional item.

Parent Name(s) : _____

Breakfast

Please sign up at the link below for two dates you are able to host breakfast
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4EABAD2C7-50191438-sjlbreakfast>

Please check at least one of the following:

1. Substitute Teacher

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

2. Member of SJL Education Committee

Committee meets as needed to 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. 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 _____.

5. TBE Representative for the Purim Carnival

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