



TEMPLE BETH DAVID  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

# TBD RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Home Edition

With the safety and concerns of all families in mind, we will be holding TBD Religious School online through December 2020. In addition to our weekly classes on Zoom, if and when permitted by temple leadership, we envision adding small-group, in-person PACT and other family programs on Sundays and/or weeknight evenings designed and led by Rabbi Klafter and Dr. Gursky, *even while weekly lessons remain remote*. Our planned combination of remote classes and in-person family workshops enables us to pivot seamlessly to a fully in-person learning environment as we face the changing and unpredictable situation around us. (See the Fall 2020 Calendar of Events and Schedule of Weekly Classes below.)

**LINK TO REGISTER VIA GOOGLE FORM (also can be found on the temple website):**

**[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSej0B-lp7J-IB3192IDQzHrU4yPCTS1jihycMA8-78vL1v\\_Jw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSej0B-lp7J-IB3192IDQzHrU4yPCTS1jihycMA8-78vL1v_Jw/viewform?usp=sf_link)**

## **Kindergarten/First Grade - Once Weekly 30-minute session (Sunday Morning)**

Each Sunday for 30 minutes, students will meet on Zoom to learn about Jewish holidays and values. Through arts and crafts, music and stories, children will learn about Jewish life and observances. Supplies and materials will be provided to children via mail, email, prearranged pick-up at TBD or prearranged drop-off at your home. When we return to in-person learning, Kindergarten/First Grade will continue to meet on Sunday morning (9:00-11:00 am).

## **Second/Third Grade - Once Weekly 30-minute session PLUS 15 minutes of "Snack and Chat" (Tuesday Afternoon)**

One afternoon each week for 30 minutes, students will meet their teacher on Zoom to learn Hebrew and Judaica. When we return to in-person learning, Second/Third Grade will continue to meet on Tuesday afternoon (4:30-6:30 pm). The curriculum includes:

- The Hebrew *alef bet*, vowels and basic decoding of sounds and simple words, Shabbat blessings in Hebrew and English as well as other holiday-related prayers and blessings.
- Jewish holidays and Israel through arts and crafts, music, stories and special projects.
- Weekly Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials (see below) will be provided. Tutorials for Second/Third Grade will continue as long as school remains remote.
- Supplies and materials will be provided to children via mail, email, prearranged pick-up at TBD or prearranged drop-off at your home.

### **Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grade PACT Program: Home Edition**

All Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grade students are automatically enrolled into our family-centered PACT (Parents AND Children Together) Program. In addition, a parent (or another adult) and the child attend Family Foundation Programs, TBD Family Experiences (Electives) and participate in Social Action projects. All students receive 15-minute Hebrew tutorials with a teacher. PACT Foundation Programs and other Family Programs have been scheduled through December 2020. Dates for events beginning in January 2021 will be set after the school year begins to allow for adjustments based upon the situation in our region.

See below for more details.

### **Fourth Grade PACT classes - Twice Weekly 30-minute sessions (Wednesday Afternoon/Sunday Morning) Plus 15-minute "Snack and Chat" (Wednesday Afternoon)**

While school is remote, Fourth Grade classes will be held twice weekly for 30-minute sessions. One session will consist of a Hebrew Language Class and the other will be a Judaica Class. When we return to in-person learning, Fourth Grade will meet on Wednesday afternoon only (4:30-6:30 pm). The curriculum includes:

- Hebrew Language: letter recognition, decoding words, reading prayer book and holiday-related prayers and blessings
- Judaica Class: Introduction to stories from the Torah; exploring God in our world
- Weekly Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials (see below)
- Supplies and materials will be provided to children via mail, email, prearranged pick-up at TBD or prearranged drop-off at your home.

### **Fifth Grade PACT classes - Twice Weekly 30-minute sessions (Tuesday Afternoon/Sunday Morning) Plus 15-minute "Snack and Chat" (Tuesday Afternoon)**

While school is remote, Fifth Grade classes will be held twice weekly for 30-minute sessions. One session will consist of a Hebrew Language Class and the other will be a Judaica Class. When we return to in-person learning, Fifth Grade will meet on Tuesday afternoon only (4:30-6:30 pm). The curriculum includes:

- Hebrew Language: Shabbat prayers and blessings: meanings and mastery
- Judaica Class: the Jewish life-cycle and the land and State of Israel
- Weekly Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials (see below)
- Supplies and materials will be provided to children via mail, email, prearranged pick-up at TBD or prearranged drop-off at your home.

### **Sixth Grade PACT classes - Twice Weekly 30-minute sessions (Wednesday Afternoon/Sunday Morning) Plus 15-minute "Snack and Chat" (Wednesday Afternoon)**

While school is remote, Sixth Grade classes will be held twice weekly for 30-minute sessions. One session will consist of a Hebrew Language Class and the other will be a Judaica Class. When we return to in-person learning, Sixth Grade will meet on Wednesday afternoon only (4:30-6:30 pm). The curriculum includes:

- Hebrew Language: Chanting the prayers of the Shabbat service
- Judaica Class: Jewish Heroes from Biblical times to present day
- Weekly Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials (see below)
- Supplies and materials will be provided to children via mail, email, prearranged pick-up at TBD or prearranged drop-off at your home.

## **Seventh Grade Classes – Once Weekly 45-minute session (Tuesday Evening) Plus 15-minute “Snack and Chat” (Tuesday Evening)**

While we are remote, Seventh Grade classes will be held once weekly for 45 minutes. Each session will consist of 30 minutes of Judaica and 15 minutes of group Hebrew Language/prayer practice. When we return to in-person learning, Seventh Grade will continue to meet on Tuesday evening (6:40-8:30 pm).

- Hebrew Language: Chanting the prayers of Shabbat service with particular emphasis on prayers for the Bar/Bat mitzvah service
- Judaica Class: Engaging Holocaust, tolerance and anti-bullying activities
- Weekly Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials (see below)
- Seventh Grade Hebrew Language Tutorials are in addition to Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tutoring with Ms. Chaikin, scheduled to begin approximately five months prior to the student’s Bar/Bat Mitzvah date.
- Supplies and materials will be provided to children via mail, email, prearranged pick-up at TBD or prearranged drop-off at your home.

## **Additional Religious School Program (Outside of Class)**

### **Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials**

While we are remote, in addition to their weekly Zoom classes, each student in Grades 2-7 will have a weekly individual 15-minute session with a Hebrew Language teacher by phone, Skype, Facetime or Zoom; the schedule is set by the teacher and individual parents at the beginning of the school year. When we are permitted by our temple leadership to return to the building for classes, Hebrew Language Tutorials will continue for PACT Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade students only. Bar/Bat Mitzvah Lessons continue until the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

### **Snack and Chat Time**

While we are remote, all students who attend Tuesday and Wednesday classes will have the opportunity to engage with their classmates and teacher for 15 minutes in a less structured, but supervised, environment. All Snack and Chat times are scheduled immediately before or after Tuesday and Wednesday classes. For grades that have two classes, Snack and Chat time will be scheduled between the two classes to allow students from both classes in the same grade to see each other.

### **Family Programs**

Until in-person events are permitted by our temple leadership, all scheduled Family Programs will be held remotely. These include all-grade Family Holiday Programs, PACT Family Foundation Programs, and Tefillah (worship) Assemblies for School Families. When we are able, these programs will transition to small-group, in-person events.

### **PACT Foundation Programs**

PACT families are expected to attend at least five of the Foundation Programs. While we are remote, these will be offered on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings (see calendar). As is permitted by our temple leadership, these programs may be held in-person, in small groups. During these programs, parents and children learn together, participate in special events and have a chance to get to know other PACT families.

### **TBD Family Experiences (Electives)**

During the course of the year, we offer several events (remote or in-person) to celebrate holidays and Shabbat or to have fun together with our TBD families. PACT families are expected to attend six of these events (remote or in-person). Families choose the events based upon their own interests and schedules. These events will be held remotely until we are able to meet in small groups in-person at the Temple.

### **Worship Services**

Students are expected to attend Shabbat, High Holiday and Festival Services whether remote or in-person. All students are expected to attend the number of services according to their grade. In addition, PACT students are expected to attend a total of ten worship services.

### **Tzedakah and Social Action**

We encourage all families to participate in acts of Tzedakah and collect their own funds while classes are remote. PACT families are also expected to participate in a Social Action project. While school is remote, families may consider creating an online fundraiser or other project that can be completed at home. Suggestions and ideas for home-based Social Action projects will be provided.

### **TRANSITIONING BACK TO IN-PERSON LEARNING**

As permitted by our temple leadership, and with the safety of all of our families and staff in mind, we will transition back to in-person classroom learning as soon as possible, but not before January 2021. We will continue to provide regular updates to all our Religious School families during this challenging time.