



# TEMPLE BETH DAVID RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION for KINDERGARTEN – SEVENTH GRADE 2024-2025

The Temple Beth David Religious School offers a vibrant and varied educational program for children of all ages and their families.

**Kindergarten and First Grade:** Students experience a hands-on approach to Jewish life. We celebrate Shabbat and holidays, introducing students to symbols of Judaism, Torah, Israel.

**Second and Third Grades:** Through a dynamic curriculum using art, music and nature, students learn about Israel, Temple life, Shabbat, and Jewish values. They are introduced to Hebrew letters and vowels.

**Fourth Grade:** Formal Hebrew Language instruction enables students to become fluent readers. Hebrew reading instruction is individualized to provide all students with meaningful learning situations. Students learn about Torah stories and their relevance to our lives. In addition, families participate in our PACT Program (see below).

**Fifth Grade:** Students continue their Hebrew instruction and are introduced to reading Hebrew prayers. They also participate in discussions about God and learn about Israeli culture. Families participate in our PACT Program (see below).

**Sixth Grade:** Students continue their Hebrew prayer instruction and learn to chant the prayers. They also learn about Jewish History in America as well as about Jewish Heroes. Families participate in our PACT Program (see below).

**Seventh Grade:** Students continue to reinforce their prayer reading and chanting skills as well as learn about the Holocaust, Israel and Diversity in Judaism.

**PACT Program:** Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade PACT students attend a traditional class one day each week, attend weekly individual Hebrew tutoring (usually on Zoom or on the phone), and learn side by side with their parent/s in various workshops. PACT students learn about Jewish history, life cycle events, Israel, Torah and other sacred texts. They explore traditional Jewish values and contemporary issues.

### **Enrichment Experiences:**

In all grades, classroom instruction is enriched by regular Music Sessions, Worship Services in the Sanctuary and special projects. Also, all classes are supplemented by bi-monthly experiences with our Israeli teen(s) in residence (Shinshinim Program).

**Teens:** Our teens in Eighth through Twelfth Grades may apply to serve as a Student Aide in our Religious School, tutoring younger students in Hebrew, assisting in a classroom, helping in the School Office and/or volunteering at family events.

[Please note B'Mitzvah instruction is under the direction of Rabbi Audrey Halpern and is not part of the Religious School Program.]

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is completed on a first come – first served basis.

In order to maintain appropriate class sizes for all of our programs, the School reserves the right to close enrollment for any class or day. In addition, **classes will only be offered with sufficient enrollment.**

**In order to register for a new school year, dues and financial obligations must be current.** As a courtesy to families, Religious School and Temple fees can be billed monthly. There is a \$50 reduction in tuition for siblings. A B Mitzvah fee is charged one year prior to the service date. Please contact Robin Kain in the Temple Office privately regarding any questions (robin@tbdcommack.org).

**Registration Deposit:** A \$200 per student (\$500 max per family) deposit is required at time of registration.

**Early Bird Special:** Families who register by May 15<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$50 discount per student off of their total tuition.

## KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SEVENTH GRADE CLASS EXPECTATIONS

We encourage students to begin Religious School in the younger grades. Children who do so generally feel more comfortable in the synagogue, develop stronger friendships and acquire a higher level of Hebrew reading and chanting. A reduced tuition fee is offered for Kindergarten, First and Second Grades for Temple members. In addition, non-members are invited to enroll their children in these grades at a non-member rate.

Students are expected to begin Religious School no later than Third Grade in order to become B'Mitzvah at Temple Beth David on or about their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. Students are expected to complete the Seventh Grade. All fees must be current six months prior to the B'Mitzvah date.

**Worship Service attendance is required according to grade.**

### Kindergarten through Third Grade Requirements:

Attend one afternoon class weekly (4:30-6:30 p.m.)

Attend one family program

Attend holiday events throughout the year

### Fourth through Sixth Grade Requirements:

Attend one afternoon class weekly (4:30-6:30 p.m.)

Attend one 15-minute private tutorial weekly as arranged by teacher

Adherence to PACT requirements

### Seventh Grade:

Attend one afternoon class weekly (4:30-6:30 p.m.)

Adherence to B'Mitzvah tutoring as arranged with the B'Mitzvah Tutor and Rabbi Halpern's Office.