



# TEMPLE BETH DAVID RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION for KINDERGARTEN – SEVENTH GRADE 2025-2026

The Temple Beth David Religious School offers a vibrant and varied educational program for children and their families in Kindergarten through High School.

Students in the Primary Grades experience a hands-on approach to Jewish life. We celebrate Shabbat and holidays, introducing students to symbols of Judaism, Torah, Israel and Hebrew letters. Formal Hebrew Language instruction begins in the Second/Third Grade class. Hebrew reading instruction is individualized to provide all students with meaningful learning situations. In Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades families participate in our PACT Program: **P**arent **A**nd **C**hild **T**ogether. PACT students attend a traditional class one day each week as well as learn side by side with their parent/s in various workshops. In addition, PACT students learn about Jewish history, life cycle events, Israel, Torah and other sacred texts. They explore traditional Jewish values and contemporary issues. In all grades, classroom instruction is enriched by regular Music Sessions, Worship Services in the Sanctuary and special projects. Our Seventh Grade program includes a Hebrew Language Class and a Judaica class. All classes Kindergarten through Seventh Grade are supplemented by bi-monthly experiences with our Israeli teen(s) in residence (Shinshinim Program). 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 teachers and children in a classroom, performing basic office tasks and/or volunteering at family events.

[Please note Bar & Bat Mitzvah instruction is under the direction of Rabbi 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. Please contact Robin Kain in the Temple Office privately regarding any concerns ([robin@tbdcommack.org](mailto:robin@tbdcommack.org)).

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

**Security Fee:** There is a \$50 Security Fee to enable us to maintain professional security during school hours.

**Early Bird Special:** Families who register by May 18<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$50 discount per student off of their total tuition.

**Sibling Discount:** There is a \$50 reduction in tuition for siblings.

**B'Mitzvah Fee:** A B'Mitzvah fee is charged one year prior to the B'Mitzvah date.

## SCHOOL POLICIES

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.*

### Kindergarten through Seventh Grade Class Expectations

#### Kindergarten Through Third Grade Requirements:

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

Attend one family program

Attend as many worship services as their grade (i.e. first grade – 1 service, second – 2 services, etc.)

Attend holiday events throughout the year

#### Fourth through Sixth Grade Requirements:

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

Adherence to PACT requirements including:

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

Attend 8 family programs or events.

Participate in a community service project.

Fourth Graders are expected to attend 8 worship services, and Fifth and Sixth Graders are expected to attend 10 worship services.

#### Seventh Grade:

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

Attend 10 worship services.

Adherence to B'Mitzvah tutoring and mitzvah project as arranged.