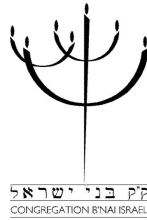


July 2011



Dear B'nai Israel Families,

Thank you to all of you who helped to make our 2010/11 5771 year such a success! It was a year of change and exploration. Todah rabah to the many of you who shared your thoughts, ideas, concerns, time and talents to help us continue our journey of growth together. I am excited to continue with you and with all the newcomers who will be part of our community moving forward.

Our schedule for the upcoming year will remain the same:

★ **Religious School on Sundays**

K - 7th Grades: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

New registrants in 1st – 6th grade:

please look in our online registration materials (www.bnais.com) for how we use our learning time to maximize our students' Hebrew learning on Sundays and Tuesdays.

Pre-K: 9:30 am - 12:00 noon. Weekly program for 4 year-olds with optional playtime to 12:30 p.m. (Please pay the registration fee that applies to your needs.)

K'tonton (ages 2 1/2, 3's & 4's w/ parents): Interactive Family Program. 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, 8 sessions.

★ **Midweek Hebrew:**

On Tuesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Required for all students in Grades 4, 5, and 6.

★ **Keshet:**

Teens: Look for information and registration materials for our new teen programming called ***Keshet***, coming soon in the mail and on our website. You will have many opportunities to engage in our community this year, including some Tuesday evening classes, our *madrichim* program and more.

The opening days of classes are as follows:

★ Religious School begins on Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 9:30 am and will be followed by the fabulous Brotherhood Religious School Family Picnic.

★ Midweek Hebrew begins on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 from 4 - 6 pm.

Please note the following:

★ **Sunday, September 11 is our “Back to School” Information Session** where each of your child’s teachers will let you know what’s in store this year. We will also be commemorating the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001 by celebrating our freedom and diversity and engaging in some mitzvah projects. Parents, students, and community members are all invited. (More information to follow.) Afterwards, join us for the fabulous Brotherhood Religious School picnic.

★ **Tefillah (Prayer Service): All of our students are required to participate in Tefillah every Sunday.** Our spirited, brief, morning service begins at **9:30 am** for everyone (Pre-K - 7th) in the sanctuary. Parents, please help your students arrive on time. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend with their children. Our K'tonton families are always welcome as well.

★ **Pre-K - Sunday class sessions are shorter than they are for older students: 9:30am-12:00pm.** Students may stay for optional 12:00 - 12:30 pm playtime in the classroom with the teacher supervising. Please note: the optional playtime must be scheduled with the Pre-K teacher and must be pre-arranged through registering with the appropriate fee. Students who are not registered for the optional playtime will pay a lower, pro-rated fee.

Ensemble Katan Youth Choir (Grades 3-7) - Participates in several Shabbat services and other special programs. They practice twice monthly after Religious School. Please contact Judy Emick-Leatherwood for further information. Her information is part of our on-line registration packet.

★ **Tot Shabbat & 2nd Shabbes services:**

We are blessed each month to have our students participate in (6:00) Tot Shabbat (Pre K – Gr.3) and (7:30) 2nd Shabbes services (Gr.4 – Gr. 7). Our students lead the community and begin to feel comfortable on the bima. As always we hope everyone will attend Tot Shabbat and/or 2nd Shabbes services as well as our Shabbat dinners -- a wonderful chance to share with friends and meet others. Tot Shabbat is always followed by an oneg for those not attending dinner. We ask the participating class to help sponsor the oneg by bringing goodies to honor your child. Families of older students are asked to sponsor the oneg after the later service.

★ **Rosh Hodesh: It’s a Girl Thing**

6th and 7th grade girls are invited to join a newly forming monthly group for girls that explores issues relevant to their lives as growing Jewish young women. This 6th and 7th grade cohort will be facilitated by Leslie Oberst, a member of our Hebrew faculty. There are ongoing groups for older students to join as well.

- **Parents: Please complete the new, ON-LINE Registration form and submit electronically.** To access the form, paste this address into your browser: <http://doiop.com/CBI.RS.Reg> (This on-line form combines the Education Registration form, the Confidential Information form & Medical & Field Trip Information form into one.)

Please download and print from our website, www.bnais.com, the following forms and documents:

- This letter (should you need another copy)
- Madrichim Forms (2)
- Tuition and Fee Information Form (fill out and return)
- (s) (fill out and return)
- Hebrew Information Letter (read and forward any questions to me—Rabbi King-Tornberg)
- Rights and Responsibilities (to sign and return)
- Ensemble Katan Registration (Gr.3-7)
- Mazal Tots Flyers (print and post on fridge)
- *Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!* (Girls in 6th and 7th, 8th and 9th, and 10th and above.)
- Religious Scholarship Form (please let us help you if needed.)
- Religious School Policies (to sign and return)
- *Kesher* Registration Materials (for 8th-12th grades) when they become available
- Our Family Handbook (important information for the year for you to print and keep)
- Religious School Calendar

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in touch with me. Kayitz Tov!
Have a wonderful summer!

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Shoshanah King-Tornberg, RJE
Director of Lifelong Jewish Learning

~ **The Tuition and Fee Information Form** is structured to help you and us! The tuition fee covers both tuition and books/supplies. If your child will be attending *Rosh Hodesh: It's A Girl Thing*, fees for the program should be included.

~ **Congregation B'nai Israel Religious School Registration and Fees are due by September 11, 2011.** Any forms arriving after September 11 will be assessed a late fee of \$50.00.

If you are able to help other families participate in our religious school program, please consider making a donation to our **Religious School Youth Scholarship Fund**. You will find a space on our Tuition and Fees form to indicate your intent to do this mitzvah. Thank you so very much. Todah Rabah!