



TEMPLE BETH DAVID

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2018 – 2019

ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

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. We introduce 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 the Intermediate Grades, students learn about Jewish history, life cycle events, Israel, Torah and other sacred texts. They explore traditional Jewish values and contemporary issues. Classroom instruction is enriched by regular Music Sessions, Worship Services in the Sanctuary and special projects. Students in Grades 8 through 12 participate in a Community Hebrew High School program with students from Temple Beth El of Huntington. Students in these grades select courses taught by the rabbis, the principals and a faculty of teachers.

We also offer a Family Program, PACT, for Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Graders. See the following page for an overview and the separate description of the program at the end of this packet.

[Please note Bar & Bat Mitzvah instruction is under the direction of Cantor 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 be offered pending sufficient enrollment.**

Please print and complete ONE Registration Form for the family and an individual Student Profile & Emergency Information & Medical Release for EACH child. You may mail your forms to the Temple Office (100 Hauppauge Road, Commack, NY 11725) or scan completed forms and email them to School@tbdcmmack.org.

In order to register for a new school year, dues and financial obligations must be current, as well. Please contact Rabbi Beth Klafter privately regarding any concerns (RabbiBHK@tbdcmmack.org). No deposit is required to submit Registration materials. As a courtesy to families, Religious School and Temple fees are billed **monthly**. There is a \$50 reduction in tuition for siblings. Tuition for Grade Eight is billed starting in January. A separate Bar/Bat Mitzvah fee is charged one year prior to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah date.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Kindergarten & Grade 1

Sunday **ONLY** (9:00-11:00 AM)

Grades 2 & 3

Sunday (9:00-11:00 AM) **OR**

Tuesday (4:30-6:30 PM) **OR**

Wednesday (4:30-6:30 PM)

Grade 4 (please note carefully the schedule options as they have changed this year for 4th grade)

Sunday (9:00-11:00 AM) & Wednesday (4:30-6:30 PM) **OR**

PACT - Tuesday (4:30-6:30 PM)

Grade 5

Sunday (9:00-11:00 AM) & Tuesday (4:30-6:30 PM) **OR**

PACT - Wednesday (4:30-6:30 PM)

Grade 6

PACT - Tuesday (4:30-6:30 PM) **OR**

PACT - Wednesday (4:30-6:30 PM)

PACT: Parent and Child Together for Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6

Information about the PACT Program for Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Graders is found at the end of this packet. PACT includes:

PACT Class sessions for 4th grade students on Tuesday afternoon

PACT Class sessions for 5th grade students on Wednesday afternoons

PACT Class sessions for 6th grade students on Tuesday OR Wednesday afternoons

Individual Hebrew Tutorials for students (schedule is set at the beginning of the school year)

Family Foundation Programs (dates listed on the Religious School Calendar)

Family Elective Activities (dates listed on the Religious School Calendar)

Grade 7

Tuesday **ONLY** (6:40-8:30 PM)

Grades 8 – 12

Monday **ONLY** (6:30-8:00 PM)

SCHOOL POLICIES

We encourage students to begin Religious School in the younger grades. Children who do so generally feel more comfortable in the synagogue. A reduced tuition fee is offered for Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd 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 Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth David on or about their 13th birthday. Students are expected to complete the Seventh Grade.

**TEMPLE BETH DAVID RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
INDIVIDUAL CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT PROFILE SHEET**

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Hebrew Name: _____

Parent/s' Hebrew Name/s: _____

Please complete this Profile Sheet so that the Religious School Faculty can best serve the needs of your child. Please explain "yes" responses below.

Does your child have any physical disabilities?
(hearing, vision, orthopedic, etc.) Yes ____ No ____

Is your child on any medication? Yes ____ No ____

Does your child have any medical conditions,
including food allergies? Yes ____ No ____

Is your child presently enrolled in any special
program in public school? Yes ____ No ____

Does your child have any learning or
socialization challenges? Yes ____ No ____

Are there any special circumstances affecting your child
or family at this time? Yes ____ No ____

Please explain any "Yes" answers below; add any information that may help the Religious School Faculty.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please return your Registration Forms to the Temple Office, 100 Hauppauge Road, Commack, NY 11725
OR scan your completed forms and email to School@tbdcommack.org

**TEMPLE BETH DAVID RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND MEDICAL RELEASE**

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ (as of September)

I hereby give my consent to the staff of Temple Beth David Religious School to make available to my child emergency medical care if such care is indicated. It is understood that a conscientious effort will be made to notify me (or other guardian or contact as listed below) before such action is taken. It is further understood that every effort will be made to contact the family physician or dentist (listed below) prior to any treatment. However, in the event that this is not possible, I give my permission for my child to receive medical care by any doctor, nurse, paramedic or member of a medical staff licensed by the State of New York. I further certify that my child is in good physical health. He/she has my permission to participate fully in all activities that are part of the Religious School Program. By signing this form I further understand that any photographs taken of my child become the property of Temple Beth David and may be used for publication.

Parent 1: _____ Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Parent 2: _____ Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Child's physician: _____ Physician's phone: _____

Child's dentist: _____ Dentist's phone: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Describe any pertinent medical conditions.

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PACT -- Parent And Child Together

Our PACT Program is 'packed' full of learning & meaningful experiences together!

PACT is for those seeking a different type of involvement in Jewish learning and living as a family. It offers a one-day per week schedule for the children and more flexibility and choices in schedule for families.

The PACT Program includes these components:

Fourth Grade PACT students - Weekly Tuesday afternoon classes (4:30 - 6:30 p.m.)

Students have a Hebrew Language Class and a Judaica Class by grade. The curriculum follows the Fourth Grade program offered to all students in this grade.

- Hebrew Language: letter recognition, decoding words, reading prayerbook and holiday-related prayers and blessings
- Judaica Class: Introduction to stories from the Torah; exploring God in our world
- Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials (see below)

The PACT students also have music class and Tefillah assemblies with the other Wednesday afternoon Religious School classes.

Fifth Grade PACT students - Weekly Wednesday afternoon classes (4:30-6:30 p.m.)

Students have a Hebrew Language Class and a Judaica Class by grade.

- Hebrew Language: Shabbat prayers and blessings: meanings and mastery
- Judaica Class: the Jewish life-cycle and the land and State of Israel
- Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials (see below)

The PACT students also have music class and Tefillah assemblies with the other Tuesday afternoon Religious School classes.

Sixth Grade PACT students - Weekly Tuesday OR Wednesday afternoon classes (4:30-6:30 p.m.)

Students have a Hebrew Language Class and a Judaica Class by grade. The curriculum follows the Sixth Grade program offered to all students in this grade.

- Hebrew Language: Chanting the prayers of Shabbat service
- Judaica Class: Jewish Heroes from Biblical times to present day
- Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials (see below)

The PACT students also have music class and Tefillah assemblies with the other Wednesday afternoon Religious School classes.

Individual Hebrew Language Tutorials

In addition to their weekly Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon classes, each student has an individual 15 minute session with a Hebrew Language teacher. These are in-person, by phone or by Skype/Facetime; the schedule is set by the teacher and individual parents at the beginning of the school year.

PACT Foundation Programs

Seven Foundation Programs are scheduled throughout the school year for the student and a parent (or parents). Each family is expected to attend at least five of the Foundation Programs. These are offered on Sunday mornings (9:15 – 11:00 a.m.) and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (6:15 – 8:00 p.m.). Each year the Foundation Programs follow a theme. During these programs, parents and children learn together, participate in special events and have a chance to get to know other PACT families.

Fourth / Fifth Grade PACT Foundation Program Dates for 2018–2019

October 16, Tuesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth 6:15–8:00 p.m.
October 28, Sunday morning	PACT Mitzvah Day (Fourth, Fifth & Sixth GRADE) 9:15–11:00 a.m.
December 12, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grade 6:15–8:00 p.m.
January 27, Sunday morning	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grades 9:15–11:00 a.m.
March 3, Sunday morning	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grades 9:15–11:00 a.m.
April 3, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Fourth/Fifth Grades 6:15–8:00 p.m.
May 5, Sunday morning	Temple Mitzvah Day

Sixth Grade PACT Foundation Program Dates for 2018–2019

October 3, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 6:15–8:00 p.m.
October 28, Sunday morning	PACT Mitzvah Day (Fourth, Fifth & Sixth GRADE) 9:15–11:00 a.m.
December 2, Sunday morning	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 9:15–11:00 a.m.
January 15, Tuesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 6:15–8:00 p.m.
March 6, Wednesday evening	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 6:15–8:00 p.m.
April 14, Sunday morning	PACT Foundation Program Sixth Grade 9:15–11:00 a.m.
May 5, Sunday morning	Temple Mitzvah Day

Family Experiences and Programs (Electives)

During the course of the year, families are expected to attend six additional events offered at Temple Beth David. Each family chooses the events based upon their own interests and schedules, such as: Sukkot Supper, Family Fun Day, Shabbat Dinners, Havdalah activities and celebrations, Holiday Family Experiences.

Worship Services

PACT Students & Parents are expected to attend a total of ten worship services during the year. These include High Holiday, festival and Shabbat worship, as well as the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade Shabbat evening services.

Acts of Tzedakah

Each family participates in a Social Action project or program. These may be events held at Temple Beth David, such as making sandwiches for a local soup kitchen, or it may be a project in the community.

PACT Instructors and Staff

Rabbi Klafter and Dr. Gursky supervise the PACT Program and coordinate the Family Foundation Programs.

PACT Fees

The annual cost for PACT is the same as the tuition in each of these grades. Included in the annual fee is the cost for any Religious School events held in the Temple which the PACT family attends, such as Shabbat Dinners or fees for special projects or programs.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018 – 2019 / 5779

SEPTEMBER

- 16 School begins for K-1, Sunday Second/Third, Sun/Tues & Sun/Wed classes
- 18 NO CLASSES - Erev Yom Kippur
- 19 NO CLASSES - Yom Kippur
- 23 Regular Sunday classes
Sukkot Celebration BBQ 5:30 – 7:00 pm & Sukkot Service 7:00 pm
- 25 School begins for Tuesday Second/Third, Tuesday classes & Seventh Grade
- 26 School begins for Wednesday Second/Third, Wednesday classes
- 30 Regular Sunday classes
Simhat Torah & Consecration of all New Students, 7:00 pm

OCTOBER

- 3 Sixth Grade PACT Foundation Program, 6:15 – 8:00 pm
- 7 NO CLASSES - Columbus Day Weekend
- 14 Book Fair during class hours through October 24
- 15 Community Hebrew High School (CHHS) for 8th – 12th Grade begins @ TBD, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 16 Fourth/Fifth Grade PACT Foundation Program, 6:15 – 8:00 pm
- 28 PACT Mitzvah Day (Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grade PACT) 9:15-11:00 a.m.
- 31 NO CLASSES - Staff Development Day

NOVEMBER

- 2 Congregational Shabbat Dinner 6:45 p.m.
Seventh Grade Family Service 7:30 p.m.
- 6 NO CLASSES - Election Day
- 11 NO CLASSES - Veterans Day
- 13 Spring 2019 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Students & Parents Program with Rabbi Klafter 6:40-8:30 p.m.
- 16-18 CHHS Conclave
- 21-25 NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Weekend
- 27 Classes resume

DECEMBER

- 2 Sixth Grade PACT Foundation Program 9:15–11:00 a.m.
- 7 Shabbat Chanukah Family Service with the Junior Choir 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Religious School Chanukah Experience 11:00 a.m.
- 12 Fourth/Fifth Grade PACT Foundation Program, 6:15 – 8:00 p.m.
- 23-1 NO CLASSES- Winter Recess



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JANUARY

- 2 Classes resume
- 12 Religious School Havdalah & Challah Experience 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- 15 Sixth Grade PACT Foundation Program 6:15-8:00 p.m.
- 20 NO CLASSES - Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend
- 27 Fourth/Fifth Grade PACT Foundation Program 9:15-11:00 a.m.
- 29 Seventh Grade Guest Speaker with Parents 6:40-8:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Congregational Shabbat Dinner 6:45p.m.
Sixth Grade Family Service 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Religious School Havdalah Experience 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 17-24 NO CLASSES - Presidents Week Vacation through February 25
- 26 Classes resume

MARCH

- 1 Fifth Grade Family Service 7:30 .m.
- 3 Fourth / Fifth Grade PACT Foundation Program 9:15 – 11:00 a.m.
- 6 Sixth Grade PACT Foundation Program 6:15 – 8:00 p.m.
- 17 Regular Sunday Classes
Purim Shpiel 10:15 am & Carnival 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- 20 NO CLASSES - Erev Purim
Purim Service and Megillah Reading 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Second/ Third Grade Family Program 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

APRIL

- 2 Fall 2019 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Students & Parents Program with Rabbi Klafter 6:40-8:30 p.m.
- 3 Fourth/Fifth Grade PACT Foundation Program 6:15 – 8:00 p.m.
- 5 Youth Group Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Sixth Grade PACT Foundation Program 9:15 – 11:00 a.m.
- 21-28 NO CLASSES - Passover vacation
- 30 Classes Resume
Seventh Grade Yom HaShoah Commemoration with Parents 6:40-8:30 p.m.

MAY

- 3 Congregational Shabbat Dinner 6:45 p.m.
Fourth Grade Prayerbook Service 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Temple Mitzvah Day
- 13 CHHS 12th Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m. @ Temple Beth El in Huntington
- 14 Last Day of Tuesday Classes
Seventh Grade Family Celebration 6:45 p.m.
- 15 Last day of Wednesday classes
- 19 Last day of Sunday classes
Family Fun Day 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 20 CHHS 10th Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. @ Temple Beth El in Huntington