



Temple Beth Sholom

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES



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MISSION

As the next step on your children's Jewish journey, the Rabbi Leon J. Kronish School for Living Judaism (SLJ) desires to take a modern approach to engaging our students by creating personal, meaningful connections to Jewish faith, traditions and spirituality. We firmly believe a Jewish education is not a stand-alone experience and encourage interactive family participation. We strive to raise the bar, creating deeper bonds between all of our students and their families through innovative and enriching Jewish experiences both in and out of the Temple. Our dedicated clergy and staff seek to integrate Jewish culture and knowledge through language and Jewish practice, in order to providing the foundation for a seamless progression from childhood to adolescence and initiating a welcome desire for lifelong Jewish learning.

WHAT SETS SLJ APART AND MAKES US UNIQUE?

1. Our friendly and experienced educators are all fluent Hebrew speakers dedicated to annual ongoing professional development.
2. Our ground-breaking educational methods turn your child's classroom into a window to the world of Judaism, via a hands-on experiential approach to learning.
3. We embrace the inventive Backwards Design Philosophy, which uses essential questions for lesson planning and effectively creates a superior learning experience.
4. We are excited to involve and partner with you and your children to provide joyful, meaningful experiences you will cherish together. Today's religious school experience is a family journey.
5. We implement valuable community-building through a wide variety of stimulating programming.
6. Our main focus is to nurture children to become Jewish adults with strong Jewish identities. How? Through three experiences you won't find at any other program: Family Shabbat, T'Filla Workshop and Peer-to-Peer Learning.

Family Shabbat

The Rabbi Leon J. Kronish School for Living Judaism (SLJ) takes great pride in presenting our Family Shabbat. We provide a wonderful multi-generational experience of Jewish values by helping families develop a “shared tool kit” and a common language for living a Jewish life. While Family Shabbat is a required part of our SLJ program, it is open to all families who seek to join us within the greater community.

T’Filla Workshop

Throughout our community T’Filla, students explore prayers and learn about holidays through dance, art, improvisation, and game or movement in order to make personal connections to their experience. By getting a clearer understanding of each prayer, children become excited about praying together as a community and learning from one another.

Peer-to-Peer Learning

This school-wide initiative was added to empower our students to be responsible for the next generation. Each grade will have the special opportunity to teach a class from the grade below to excite and inspire those following in their footsteps for the following year. This enjoyable and educational program promotes camaraderie, allowing the students from both grades to get to know each other and increase their sense of community.



CURRICULUM



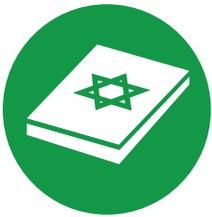
Grade K Shalom Sesame – Mitzvot

Using the Shalom Sesame series, our children get a fun, multidisciplinary introduction to Jewish holidays, traditions and visits to Israel. Our kindergartners learn essential Hebrew words to help discover the joys of their Jewish Heritage.



Grade 1 Teach Me Torah

Our first graders begin their very first exploration of Torah by studying and reenacting stories that shape the Jewish narrative. Diving right into these texts allows our children to gather the values that are most sacred to them.



Grade 2 Building Sacred Time

Our second graders spend this exciting year learning about the importance of Jewish sacred time and their personal relationship to God. Through core experiences, shared language, history and stories, our students learn the importance of uniting the world-wide Jewish community as a part of developing their own Jewish identity.



Grade 3 Kids Mensch Handbook (Being a Good Person)

At an age where children are thinking critically about making good or bad decisions, our third graders learn about the role that Judaism will play in their lives. Through captivating real-life stories, examples and experiences, our children make core connections to Jewish values by exploring answers to some of life's toughest questions.



Grade 4 Jewish History and Heritage

Our fourth graders explore Jewish history through multiple generations in order to better understand their lives. Students learn about our ancient customs and traditions that have defined us as a people and bond us together to create their own guide for living an ethical life.



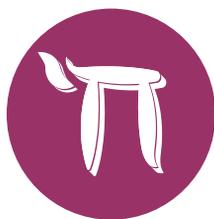
Grade 5 Experience Modern Israel

Our fifth graders immerse themselves in an exploration of modern Israel. They engage with Israel's rich culture, diverse people, technology, politics and the life of Israelis in order to build a personal connection to Israel.



Grade 6 Sacred Choices - (Gateway to Jewish Adulthood)

As our sixth graders look into their future and prepare to enter Jewish adulthood, they learn about their Jewish history through a pictorial journey. This pivotal year will be spent exploring their Jewish identity and how they will give back to their community as Jewish adults.



Grades 7-9 iLimud/B'nei Mitzvah

As our tradition teaches us, Temple Beth Sholom is committed to lifelong Jewish learning. B'nei Mitzvah is but one of many exciting Jewish experiences along the Jewish journey. Here at the SLJ, we are also committed to providing a place of communal gathering as well as a positive Jewish learning environment for our middle school and high school students. iLimud is a teenage Jewish experience which contains both socialization and educational components. Once they complete their sixth grade SLJ year, students in grades seven

through nine will attend iLimud on Monday evenings, beginning with a communal dinner followed by classes to select from a group of tracks.

Students in grade seven who have not yet become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah will attend the B'nei Mitzvah Readiness Class. In addition to the private tutorials, this class will include preparation for B'nei Mitzvah in a communal setting and will be taught by our staff. Once a student's simcha has taken place, he or she will then be moved to the "post" B'nei Mitzvah track to select a class of interest, along with his/her peers in grades eight and nine.



Grade 10 Confirmation

Confirmation is a meaningful encounter with the human condition, and specifically human sexuality and the Jewish tradition. Subjects of this class range from the more perfunctory aspects of human interaction to the most intimate. We grapple with serious ethical and moral questions as well as theological issues. As always, students are encouraged to express themselves verbally and in writing. Some sessions are also spent focusing on Israel and global current event issues.

Our Rabbis and Educators lead the class with the help of our Israeli Shaliach. For further information about the course description, requirements and timeline, we welcome you to please contact the clergy office at 305.538.7231 ext. 135.

B'NEI MITZVAH FAQs

How do I secure a B'nei Mitzvah date for my child?

To secure a B'nei Mitzvah date, your child must have reached his/her 10th birthday. You should call our Cantorial Assistant to schedule an appointment to begin this exciting process. Please refer to page 9 for contact numbers.

What are the requirements to secure a B'nei Mitzvah date for my child?

Your family must be a member in good-standing of Temple Beth Sholom from the date your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah date has been secured until the date of your family's simcha. Your child must be enrolled in and attending our SLJ Religious School program. Should your membership lapse or your child does not attend the SLJ program, your date will be removed from our calendar. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this requirement, please contact our Executive Director at 305.538.7231 ext. 231 for assistance.

What if my child attends a Jewish Day School? Does he/she still need to enroll into the SLJ iLimud B'nei Mitzvah class to become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah?

Yes. Participation in the SLJ iLimud B'nei Mitzvah class is mandatory and a critical step to your child's success through the B'nei Mitzvah process.

Where can I find a timeline in regards to the B'nei Mitzvah process?

You can find our timeline and other important details along with our Temple Beth Sholom B'nei Mitzvah Handbook in print or online.

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2017-2018 Class Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:30 am - 12:00 pm						Family Shabbat* All Levels	
2:15 - 3:30 pm			 K, 1, 2				
3:45 - 5:45 pm	 3, 4, 5, 6		 3, 4, 5, 6				
6:30 - 8:00 pm	 7, 8, 9						
6:30 - 7:00 pm	Confirmation Dinner						
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Confirmation Class						

* Family Shabbat is select Saturdays throughout the school year.

September 9, 16 • October 7, 21 • November 4, 18 • December 2, 16 • January 20, 27 • February 10, 24 • March 3, 17 • April 7, 21 • May 5, 19

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YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Mini BESHTY Schedule: Kindergarten-5th Grade (Saturdays 9:30am-11:30 am)

Mini Beshty is social and religious based programming open to all kindergarten-5th grades, independent of Temple membership. Activities range in price from \$18-\$36 and include breakfast. **For information about youth programs contact Rabbi Morrison at rabbimorrison@tbsmb.org.**

- September 23: Kickball Kick-off (4-5)
- October 14: Paint your inner superhero (2-3)
- December 8-10: Mini BESHTY Retreat (3rd-5th Grade)
- January 13: Grow your own pizza (K-1)
- February 3: Krav Maga: Israeli Self Defense (2-3)
- March 10: Minute to win it: The wacky Olympics (K-1)
- March 24: Shalohhhm; Interactive Yoga (4-5)
- April 14: Family Game Day; No parents allowed! (2-3)
- April 28: Mini Mitzvah Makers (K-1)
- May 18-19: Shul-In (4th-5th Grade)

Jr. BESHTY Schedule: 6th-8th Grade (Days/Times Vary)

Travel away from Temple Beth Sholom for exciting and engaging experiences around South Florida. All activities open to middle school students, independent of Temple membership. Activities will always include transportation.

- October 7: Sushi in the Sukkah
- November 10-12: NFTY-STR Hatikvah Kallah (Miami Beach, FL)
- January 15: Mystery Bus Tour
- February 19: Benihanna
- April 27: Ninja Lounge

BESHTY/jTravel: 9th-12th Grade (More Details to Follow)

Beth Sholom Temple Youth (BESHTY) is our high school youth group for those in grades 9-12.

- October 26-29: jTravel Mystery Train Ride! (Surprise Location!)
- November 10-12: NFTY-STR Hatikvah Kallah (Staff-Miami Beach, FL)
- December 8-10: Mini BESHTY Retreat (Staff)
- January 1-6: jTravel Ski Trip (Breckenridge, CO)
- February 15-18: jTravel Give Kids the World (Orlando)
- March 16-19: jTravel Washington DC (10th Grade only)
- April 19: Confirmation Service
- May 4: Shabbat Siyyum and Senior Awards and BESHTY Installation

jTravel:

jTravel (Jewish Travel) is an extremely popular program for our Jewish youth and teens. It provides an assortment of travel opportunities for those in grades 9-12. Trips include:

- Social Programming
- Leadership Seminars
- Community Service Projects
- Grade-Level Trips
- National/ Internationally Organized Jewish Travel Experiences

Open to all Temple Beth Sholom members and non-members. Financial assistance is always available.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

What are you up to during the summer? Check out some of the incredible camps and programs that other Temple Beth Sholom teens have experienced! **For more information about summer camp programs contact Rabbi Morrison at rabbimorrison@tbsmb.org.**

Kutz - NFTY's Campus for Reform Jewish Teens

Kutz Teen Campus is a fun and exciting high school-only environment where Reform Jewish Teens can learn invaluable skills to better themselves as leaders in their home communities. In the NFTY Leadership Experience, you choose your classes and create a schedule that best fits your needs and interests. Open to participants entering grades 10-12.

NFTY Mitzvah Corps

Mitzvah Corps is for high school students interested in having a meaningful and exciting summer engaging in Tikkun Olam, giving teens the chance to make a difference and experience a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment that comes only with helping another person. There are six different program sites around the country: California, New Jersey, Georgia, New York, Louisiana and Costa Rica. Open to participants entering grades 10-12.

URJ Camp Coleman

Our regional Union for Reform Judaism Camp, URJ Camp Coleman, has been a second home to a number of TBS campers. Campers experience a summer of fun activities, engaging rituals, and informal education that bring Judaism to life in a warm, nurturing community. There are many opportunities for teens, ranging from leadership development programs to becoming a counselor after your senior year in high school. Find out why multiple TBS campers spend their summers at Camp Coleman!

URJ 6 Points Sports Academy

URJ 6 Points Sports Academy is located in Greensboro, NC, and the 100-acre campus of American Hebrew Academy. This camp experience blends sport activities with Reform Jewish summer camp programs and values, for a well-rounded summer experience. Entering grades 4 - 10.

NFTY in Israel

Imagine the most incredible summer of your life. NFTY in Israel offers three different programs that connect you to the Jewish home-land. Hike, climb, discover, and explore with new friends from across the continent. Return home

with endless personal accomplishments, meaningful memories and stories you'll never forget. Open to participants entering grades 11 and 12.

Alexander Muss High School in Israel

Alexander Muss High School is a non-denominational, pluralistic, academic study-abroad program in Israel for high school students. Education is imparted through experience and history is infused into everything you do. The two-month study-abroad program follows a chronological curriculum of 4,000 years by actually traveling through history, using the land of Israel as a "living classroom." Open to participants entering grades 10-12.

OneHappyCamper.org provides \$1000 to every family sending a child to a Jewish educational overnight camp for the first time. Additionally, Temple Beth Shalom provides need-based scholarships.





jTravel Mystery Train Ride (Grades 9 -12)

October 26-29, 2017 | Cost \$300.00

Have you ever taken an Amtrak Train to a mystery location? Well, come along with Rabbi Morrison and travel out of Florida to a destination “unknown” –or at least not known until you receive your ticket on board. Pack for adventure and group bonding as we spend a long weekend traversing the southeastern U.S. toward the surprise experience of a lifetime! (Parents will be notified of destination at the train station as well.) Trust is the key!

jTravel Mini BESHTY Retreat

December 8- 10, 2017 | Cost (grades 3-5) \$350, (grades 9-12) \$250

Travel to beautiful Camp Freedom, located in Homestead FL, where jTravel teens will serve as counselors to our 3rd-5th grade campers. Teens will have the opportunity to organize and run a 3-day camp-like experience full of tie dye, singalongs, cookouts and much more!...Accommodations are NOT rustic, although the location is out in nature for great outdoor activities. **40 hours of community service awarded with full participation.**

jTravel Ski Trip (Grades 9-12)

January 1-6, 2018 | Cost \$1250.00

Time to see some snow! Travel with TBS to Breckenridge Mountain (2 hours from Denver) for a five-day “snow-packed” trip to the ski slopes. Enjoy hot chocolate by the fire in our villa-style accommodations while learning to ski at ski school. Enjoy full-access lift tickets and ski rentals for four days of snowy adventure. Travel into town for shopping and restaurants and return back at night for time in the heated pools and hot tubs. This trip will fill up fast so register now!

jTravel Give Kids The World (Grades 9-12)

February 15-18, 2018 | \$300.00

President’s Day Weekend! jTravel participants will serve as volunteers at Orlando’s Give Kids the World Village. This is a 79-acre non-profit “storybook resort” where children with life-threatening illnesses and their families are treated to a weeklong cost-free fantasy vacation. jTravel participants will serve alongside medical professional as volunteers helping to create a camp-like atmosphere during the day for the families. Separate nighttime activities for jTravel participants. **30 hours of community service awarded with full participation.**

jTravel Washington, DC (Grade 10 only)

March 16- 19, 2018 | Cost included in confirmation class fee

Want to make a difference? jTravel participants will look at a variety of public policy issues through a Jewish lens. Teens will learn the skills needed to be an effective advocate and will have the unique experience of putting those skills to use on Capitol Hill, where they will speak to our Senators and representatives. There will be some D.C. sightseeing as well as an evening in Georgetown. 30 hours of community service awarded with full participation.



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