



Dear Parents:

As we announced last week, TKE is joining the 21st century! This year, we are using online registration for religious school, to be done from the comfort of your own home. No more standing in lines. You will be able to do everything while still in your PJs!

Before you begin, you should have completed Steps 1-4. If you have not done so by April 12 at 2 p.m., you will NOT be able to register for school when enrollment opens on Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m. We will be in the office until 4 p.m. on Sunday if you need to contact us or you want to come in and register here on one of our computers with our help. You will still have needed to complete Steps 1-4 prior as we are unable to help with those.

1. **Registration code:** In order to register for Religious School, you must be current in all your Temple financial obligations. If you are current, you can get your code immediately from Chris Wilson at chriswilson@kolemeth.net or (770) 973-3533. If you are not current in your financial obligations, please make the requisite arrangements with Chris to get your code.
2. **ShulCloud Login:** Since you will be registering online, you will need a ShulCloud login. If you do not have one, go to www.kolemeth.net and click *New User: Register Now* at the top right-hand corner, fill out the form and click *Submit*. The administrator will activate your login and confirm via email within 24 hours. Please take care of this important step by April 12 at 2 p.m.
3. **Judaics class choice:** The Judaics class options for Grades 4-7 are listed in this letter. Before you begin registration, please discuss them with your student and decide which creative class option most excites your child. Hebrew for grades 4-7 will be taught in small groups of 4-6 students for 40 minutes. You will indicate your first and second time slot preferences during the registration process. Choices are **Tuesdays 3:20 - 4 p.m., 4 - 4:40 p.m., 4:45 - 5:25 p.m., for Grades 4-5; and 5:30 - 6:10 p.m. or 6:10 - 6:50 p.m. for Grades 4-7.**
4. **Credit card or e-check details:** During registration, you will set up a payment plan using either a credit card or and e-check. (Paying by e-check saves you the credit card convenience fee.) Make sure to have your bank/card details when registering.

Registration begins on **Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m.!** Don't wait until then to set up your ShulCloud login, or you may be delayed in registering. **All** classes are first-come first-served and capped at a given number of students and the early bird fees are only available for one week, so please make sure to get your login and financial affairs in order so that you may register on time!

Here are instructions for online enrollment. These instructions assume you have completed Steps 1-4 above:

1. Log into your ShulCloud account from www.kolemeth.net (in the upper right hand corner).
2. Click on your name and then "My Account" from the upper right hand corner.
3. Click on the box called "My enrollments" with the school house.
4. Under "Religious School 2019/2020 Open for Enrollments" click the "Enroll Now" link.
5. Pick "Religious School 2019/2020" again and click continue.
6. You will now see your child(ren)'s name(s). For each child, confirm or change the grade they will be in next year, and your class choices will display. Follow the instructions on the top of the screen to pick the appropriate Hebrew and Judaics options. Course descriptions are detailed below.
7. Scroll down and click the continue button once you have selected all classes for your child(ren).
8. Complete the information on the next page. Please note:
 - a. You need to list two emergency contacts.
 - b. Under student information, if you have more than one child, they will be listed next to each other. If you are registering any child for Hebrew (grades 4-7), the labels for the grade you are picking will be on the left (even if your 5th grader is your second or third child on the page).
9. Click the continue button once you have completed all of the information.
10. On the payment page, you may either pay in full, or choose to split your total into payments. You may select UP TO TEN PAYMENTS, and then select PAID MONTHLY and starting TODAY. You will then select either credit card or e-check. (There is a 2.5% convenience fee for credit card payments). **Exception: if your child is celebrating a bar/bat mitzvah prior to November 1, all fees must be paid in full by the start of the school year.**
11. Hit confirm and continue.
12. Confirm your details and hit "Pay Now."
13. Mazel Tov! You have registered for Religious School!

Finances

Setting up a tuition payment plan is part of the online registration process. Before you begin, please complete steps 1-4 above. The fees for Religious School 2019-2020 are:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Early Bird Fee</u> <i>until April 22</i>	<u>Standard Fee</u> <i>until May 31</i>	<u>Late Fee</u> <i>from June</i>
Pre-K-K	\$465	\$515	\$590
1 st -3 rd	\$720	\$770	\$845
4 th -7 th	\$1,115	\$1,165	\$1,240
8 th /9 th	\$620	\$670	\$745
10 th	\$670	\$720	\$795

Guidelines for payment:

1. You can pay in full for school or set up a payment plan (for up to 10 months) via credit card or e-check.
2. Your first payment must be paid at the time of registration (a minimum of 10% of your tuition).
3. Note: For each child enrolled in religious school, you will get a \$20 credit against your temple dues for 2019-2020.
4. **Exception: if your child is celebrating a bar/bat mitzvah prior to November 1, all fees must be paid in full by the start of the school year.**
5. Members who join TKE during August-October will pay standard school fees. Those members who join in November or later will pay on a pro-rated standard fee schedule, based on date of joining.
6. If your child is a new 5th to 7th grade student and has never been to Hebrew School before, there is an additional \$300 fee per child for more individualized Hebrew tutoring.

Course Descriptions

Grades PreK and K, Sundays 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Our youngest students learn about Torah, Holidays, and the synagogue through stories, crafts, music, and movement.

Grades 1 through 3, Sundays 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

1. Kol Emeth! For grades 1-3, we are bringing all the things we love about camp to Sunday mornings! Students will have warm and caring kounselors to play games, do community building activities, and facilitate reflections on the experiences and learning they encounter as they move through “specials,” including Hebrew language through movement, holidays, art, Jewish symbols and Jewish values, music and tefillah.

Grades 4 and 5, Sundays 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Choose from 3 tracks for Judaics – on a first-come first-served basis.

Art - Students will study Jewish holidays, and reflect on what they learn about each holiday through the creation of visual art. All the major holidays will be explored, plus some that our students may be less familiar with, like *Lag B’omer*.

STEM - This course is a deep exploration of Jewish holidays through a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) lens. Learn about agricultural practices and crops grown in ancient Israel and how they compare to those in contemporary Georgia as you explore the harvest festival of Sukkot. Find out how to turn a can of tuna into a Shabbat candle, help your hexbug survive in a plague habitat and so much more!

Shh! - Upper elementary students love secrets and stories and this track will be full of Jewish stories from the past and present, that include secrets. All the stories will be about people and groups who faced challenges that they could never solve completely. But each of these people mustered up courage to at least take some action, thus embodying the text from Pirke Avot 2:21, “It’s not upon you to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it.” Students will consider the mandate to take action, and in the spring, find ways to act on problems they see in the world.

Grades 6 and 7, Sundays 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Choose from three tracks for Judaics – on a first-come first-served basis.

American Jewish History – Discover the stories of people and events that shaped American Jewish History through discussions, groupwork, projects, visual arts, and creative writing. Learn about the influences that have shaped our understanding of where we fit as Jews in this country today.

Design a Haggadah – Passover is becoming the most culturally significant holiday for Reform Jews in America. This retelling of our foundational story of redemption, the catalyst for our formation as a nation, is the holiday American Jews with all levels of involvement are most likely to celebrate (2013 Pew Research). In this class students will engage in a deep exploration of the themes of Passover and create their own Haggadah (complete with their original artwork, poetry, and other creative writing) with which they will cooperatively lead TKE's 2020 Congregational Seder.

Our Place in the Universe (Judaism and the Environment) – Discover how Jewish values and traditions can guide our relationship to the Earth. Write advertisements for environmentally friendly products, compose a modern prayer about water conservation, design a genetically engineered species, and so much more.

Grades 8-9, Sundays 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The 8th and 9th graders will spend the year focusing on Jewish Values and virtues and the Jewish call to ethical behavior and pursuing social Justice. The first semester will be a look at various Jewish texts describing Jewish values and ethical behavior, and students will reflect their understanding of these ideas in visual art, performance art, or creative writing. During the second semester students will get to know the biblical prophets and their charges to our people to pursue justice. For a culminating project, students themselves will walk in the footsteps of the prophets by designing an educational campaign around a social issue of their choice.

Confirmation (Grade 10), Sundays 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The first 30 minutes each week will be informal conversation and reflection with Rabbi Lebow, exploring a variety of Jewish topics that have relevance in students' daily lives and considering personal relationships with the Divine. The remaining time will be more structured learning about how students can apply a Jewish lens to their choices and actions.

Please feel free to contact us – by phone (770-973-9205) or by email – with any questions you have about the registration process.