

Dear Families,

We are so excited for the upcoming 2023-2024/5783-5784 Midrasha school year! I have been in the office for a few weeks now finalizing the teaching staff, the curriculum, and the calendar – and let me tell you, I cannot wait! We have a fantastic team of teachers who are looking forward to meeting all our returning students and welcoming our new students to their classrooms. I look forward to meeting all of our families with a warm smile, big high-five, or welcoming hug on the first day of religious school.

I wanted to give myself a quick introduction before I get into the nitty-gritty of Midrasha registration because this is not Iris or Naama writing to you right now. My name is Zina and I have entered the role of Director of Youth Education and Programming at Temple Beth Shalom! As a life-long TBS-er, I have held roles as a student, youth group member, camper at CSS, youth group advisor, committee member, volunteer, and teacher. TBS has always held a significant place in my identity as a Jewish individual and I am looking forward to embracing my new role in this wonderful Jewish community!

So, without further ado, we must discuss Midrasha registration! Our Midrasha program aims to provide every student with an exciting Jewish education, Hebrew language instruction, prayer coaching, values and ethics discussions, and mitzvah learning and doing! I know I speak on behalf of all of our teachers when I say that we are looking forward to partnering with you and your families to inspire a love of Judaism that will last a lifetime.

Registration for our upcoming school year is open! We are excited to welcome you and your children back for the first day of **Hebrew School on Wednesday, September 6, at 4:00 PM**. Then we will be welcoming our students once again to the first day of **Sunday School on Sunday, September 10 at 9:45 AM**. During this first Sunday School, we will have a parents orientation covering structural changes to our Sunday School program, curriculum goals, critical changes to our scholarship program, scheduling changes to our Midrasha high program, youth group information, and important dates for the upcoming school year. We look forward to strengthening the relationships we have, to help guide your children in their Jewish education, and welcoming new members to our Midrasha community as their children begin their formal Jewish education journey.

While you are registering your children for Midrasha, you will also:

- Register children for youth groups, if applicable – Gesher (*formerly Kadima*) (grades 6-8) or USY (grades 9-12)
- Register your teens for the Madrichim program
- Make note of any IEPs or 504 plans your children have so we can best support their learning
- Share pertinent allergy or medical information
- Complete the media release form
- Complete the field trip permission form
- Sign the scholarship agreement form (MUST be signed by 10/1/23)
- Request tuition assistance, if needed- we will follow up with you to work on a plan that works for your family

Please see the attached forms for tuition information and the school calendar. Important dates to start off our year:

- **Wednesday, September 6th 4:00 PM** First day of Hebrew School
- **Sunday, September 10th 9:45am** First day of Sunday School
 - **10:00 AM** Parent orientation/family art project
- **Saturday, September 16th 11:30 AM** Rosh Hashanah Youth Program
- **Wednesday, September 20th 4:00 PM** Kever Avot Programming (Hebrew School Field Trip to Mount Nebo Cemetery)
- **Monday, September 25th 11:30 AM** Yom Kippur Youth Program
- **Friday, September 29th 5:00 PM** Upside Down Sunday School for Sukkot
- **Saturday, October 7th 5:00 PM** Upside Down Sunday School for Simchat Torah and Keshet Consecration
- **Sunday, October 22nd 12:45 PM** First Midrasha High class

We look forward to a wonderful educational year ahead! [Please click here to register.](#)

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