

Temple Beth Shalom - Madrichim Application

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Our Madrichim (teacher assistant, leader, or guide) program is a teen leadership program. The Madrichim program starts in 8th grade. Madrichim hold a number of different leadership roles in our religious school, such as assisting teachers in classrooms and tutoring the younger students during Hebrew school. However, most importantly, they are role models for our youth.

Our goal is to engage our Madrichim in a meaningful and positive way at TBS and to keep them active in the Jewish community.

To apply to the Madrichim program:

- Students must be in 8th grade or older
- All Hebrew School madrichim must either be graduates of the TBS Hebrew school program or receive special approval from the Rabbi to serve. Those who need the Rabbi's approval must schedule individual appointments with the Rabbi to be tested on their knowledge of Hebrew and the services, including Friday evening services, Shacharit, Torah service, and Musaf.
- Madrichim must be enrolled and attend Midrasha High at list 80% or can be homeschooled and send project to evaluate by Rabbi and the Education Director
- Students are encouraged to attend one Friday night service and one Saturday morning service each month.
- Your signature and parent signature must be present for us to consider this application. Signatures are required on P. 5 and P. 6.

Application deadline is August 25, 2023

After you have completed your application, please schedule an appointment with the Director of Youth Education and Programming. A parent or guardian needs to attend the meeting with the student. Zoom meetings can be scheduled, if necessary. To schedule your meeting, contact Cicely at 747-3304 ext. 101

The first madrichim meeting is MANDATORY and will take place on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 9 AM.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____ - _____ - _____ Cell Phone# _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Grade in the 2022-2023 school year _____

***Which program are you applying for: Hebrew school or Sunday school**

Jewish Education

What grades of Religious School did you attend? _____

You must be able to read Hebrew and be familiar with services to be a Hebrew School madrich/cha.

Can you read Hebrew? Yes No

Do you know the Friday Evening service? Yes No

Do you know the Saturday morning service? Yes No

Additional comments:

Did you have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Yes No Year _____

Do you plan to be in Israel during this school year? Yes No Dates _____

Will you participate in any extracurricular activities that might interfere with your duties? Yes No

When does your activity take place? This includes music, sports, clubs etc.

Do you have any other leadership or tutoring experience? Yes No
If so, what?

Have you ever gone to a Jewish Camp?	Yes	No
If yes, when & where?		

Have you ever been in a Jewish Youth Group?	Yes	No
If yes, which one(s) and where?		

If given a choice, in which grade/position would you prefer to work and why?

Please respond to the following questions, adding additional pages where necessary.

Why do you want to join this program?

Describe a memorable Jewish experience you have had. Why was it memorable? How can this help you in your future activity as a madrichim in Midrasha?

Discuss an important Jewish value and how this value guides you in your life.

What skills or strengths do you bring that will make you a good madrich/cha?

What do you hope to learn or gain from your experience as a madrich/cha?

Please make sure you clearly understand the basic requirements of our Madrichim staff. See the next section for the guidelines, and sign both the application (below) and the guidelines (last page).

Applicant signature _____

Parent signature _____

Madrichim Guidelines

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- In this position, you are one of the teaching staff of TBS. As one, you must be a role model to the students and guests. You must follow all the guidelines in this document.
- Take initiative—do not wait for people to give you work. If you have an idea, run it by your teacher for their input. If you need something to do, ask for suggestions.
- Cell phones, iPods, and all other electronics are not to be used during school hours unless they are part of the educational programming. All electronics will be left in assigned location in the Education Director's office.
- Absences affect the class significantly; when you commit to the madrichim program, we expect you to be here. If attendance becomes an issue, we will need to meet to discuss your continued involvement.
- If you know you will be involved in sports during the school year, you should report these plans in advance. This will affect your assignment.
- If you know you will be absent, it is your responsibility to notify the class teacher and find a substitute.
- Being able to communicate in a timely manner is a necessity of the position. Madrichim must have access to email and check it daily. If you receive an email or text from the Education Department, you must reply within 24 hours.
- Madrichim working hours are **Sundays 9:30 am-12:30 pm** and **Wednesdays 3:45-6:15 pm** unless otherwise noted.
- Hebrew school madrich/cha is encouraged to attend services when their students are leading.
- Madrichim must be able to manage their schedules to ensure they are present during contracted hours.
- Madrichim are asked not to discuss student information with parents, but refer parents to their teacher or the Education Director.
- Participation in the following is encouraged:
 - Teen services or High Holidays services
 - **Midrasha High attendance (minimum of 80% of classes). If attendance in Midrasha High becomes an issue, contact the Education Director for an alternative plan.**
 - **Participation in one Friday evening and one Saturday morning service a month. This may be a teen/USY led service**
 - Madrichim orientation meeting during the summer
- You must be where you are assigned at all times.
- Boys are to wear kippot at all times and girls are encouraged to wear kippot.
- Please dress appropriately – remember each day ends with services.
- Do not let questions or concerns grow, but make sure to discuss issues promptly.

Madrich/cha signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____