

Beit Sefer Shalom Religious School Registration Instructions

As our [Lifelong Learning mission statement](#) says, "we are committed to learning that embraces, inspires, and matters to our congregation and community at every age and level."

- We **embrace** our students as they are, welcoming them to feel part of something bigger.
- We **inspire** children to learn about themselves, using tools rooted in our tradition to be a force for good.
- We **matter** by making spiritual growth a priority amidst a sea of change, improving ourselves and thereby the world.

As we look toward Fall 2020, we are committed to providing a high-quality Jewish educational experience that prioritizes the health and safety of all involved. At this time, we are planning for various scenarios, with learning opportunities that can be adapted for in-person or online learning, or a hybrid involving both.

Our new streamlined Religious School and Crown Family High School online registration will become accessible once you have completed your Temple Shalom membership renewal form for 2020-2021 and established your membership contribution for the upcoming year. *You will not be able to access school enrollment until this is complete.* All of this is available now using our new Online Member Portal. Your Religious School registration and membership renewal at this time helps us to plan for the year (and saves you money!) and sustain the work we do to build community among our students, instill Jewish pride, and continue our tradition of lifelong learning. **A deposit of \$150/student is required at this time, and then you can choose to pay fees in full at this time or set up a payment plan online for the year using the portal.**

We recognize the financial challenges of this time, and therefore the Temple Shalom board has committed to not raising school fees this year, which cover a little under 60% of the cost, primarily faculty salaries. If you are in a position to do so, please consider committing to an additional gift with your tuition to support the 40% of Religious School tuition typically supplemented by the Temple budget. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact our Executive Director Jeremy Perlin at jeremy@sholomchicago.org. All requests will remain confidential.

To begin Religious School registration, follow these instructions:

If you have NEVER logged into our new member portal, ShulCloud, [please click here](#) to set your new personal Temple Sholom password (your email address is your user name). Each adult in your family will be able to set up their own access. If you have any issues, email a request for a link to emma@sholomchicago.org.

[If you have previously logged into ShulCloud, click here to login to our new Online Member Portal](#) and select "Login" in the upper right corner.

Once logged into ShulCloud

1. Click "My Account" in the website navigation bar
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to "My School Info"
3. Click on "Start School Enrollment"
4. Enter your child(ren)'s last name
5. Select "2020-21 Religious School"
6. Complete the form and confirm your payment.

Please remember that in order to have access to registration, you must have completed our membership renewal form and established your 2020-2021 membership commitment. If you do not see "My School Info" or "Start School Enrollment," it is likely because you have not fully completed membership renewal.

Please note: While family/contact information will be pre-populated from our database, student info will need to be entered anew this year (but will be stored for future years.) You may notice that registration is built similarly to past years around our in-person structure, but we will be in touch regarding any changes for the year ahead.

Things to remember:

- Only current members of Temple Shalom who have completed the 2020-2021 can participate in Religious School or Crown Family High School.
- All JK-12th grade students need to be registered each year.
- Register before July 15 and save \$100 per student. **This also helps us to plan!**
- Class placement ("buddy") requests are due by August 1, and registration is due by August 15.
- *B'nai Mitzvah* students must be enrolled in Religious School or Jewish Day School.
- Program information will be emailed to registered families in mid-August.

Curious about curriculum? [Click here for our 2019-20 Curriculum Guide.](#)

We look forward to spending this coming year building community, strengthening our young leaders by building on their Jewish values, and passing on wisdom that has gotten our people through the most difficult times throughout history.

If you have any questions, please contact rachel@sholomchicago.org.