

EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CLAL...

Congregation Ner Tamid (2019-2020)

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES We believe that it is essential for each of our students and their families to cultivate a sense of belonging and community with the larger congregation. There is no better way to learn about community than for parents, children and friends to be involved together in activity and learning.

OUR CURRICULUM Our curricular choices for each grade are geared towards educating and inspiring our students to become committed, knowledgeable, proud, practicing members of the Jewish community. Our curriculum components are: Hebrew, TaNaKh (Bible), Jewish History, Spirituality, God, Isarel, Community, the Jewish Life Cycle, Values/Ethics, and the Holidays.

Our students attend school according to the following schedule:

Torah Tots (PS age), Gan (K) & Kitah Aleph (1) – Sundays

Kitah Bet (2nd) – Sun/ Monday or Tuesdays

Kitot Gimel (3rd), Dalet (4th), Hay (5th), Vav (6th) – Sun/Mon/Wed or Sun/Tues/Thurs

Kitah Zayin (7th) – Sunday/Wednesday

Gr. 8-12 – USY High (Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m.)

Gr. 8-12 – Can also enroll as a Madrich/Madricha

ARRIVAL AND PICK-UP See other side.

ATTENDANCE **65% attendance is required of each student to provide consistency to our program. Parents are expected to inform the principal and the teacher, when an extended absence will occur for any reason (including illness, vacation, sports commitments, etc.). Make up work and/or private tutoring may be required in order to maintain grade level when extended or recurrent absences occur.**

KASHRUT/FOOD In accordance with the practice of Conservative Judaism, the Jewish dietary laws (*Kashrut*) are observed at Congregation Ner Tamid. Food may be brought into the classroom provided it is dairy or parve (non-dairy/non-meat). All baked goods must be made with butter or vegetable shortening only. Products which contain animal shortening may not be brought in to the school. Ingredient labels should read "100% vegetable shortening" or "pure vegetable shortening". No food may be brought into the sanctuary or community center (Social Hall) buildings. Please see the Parent Handbook for additional details (page 16).

Please DO NOT bring foods that contain nuts of any kind.

CARPOOL DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

The safety of our children is of utmost concern at all times. Compliance with our traffic pattern *is imperative*.

- ◆ **FOR WEEKDAY DROP OFF-** All students should enter the building through the main lobby door
- ◆ **The Youth Lounge is open from 3:00-3:55pm for students who arrive early. There will be supervision and snack available for sale. NO STUDENTS MAY ARRIVE PRIOR TO 3:00PM.**
- ◆ **For WEEDKAY PICK UP-** Students in *Kitah Bet- Zayin* are dismissed at the north end of the parking lot in front of the playground. Please follow this procedure:
 - Cars enter the parking lot from Crestridge Road. Cars must remain in a line against the curb. If a line of cars develops on Crestridge, please be patient and remain close to the curb or inside the turn lane so as not to block traffic on the street.
 - Students in grades Bet-Zayin exit at the back of the school building. They will line up by class groups in the parking area adjacent to the small playground.
 - Drivers pull up to the area where the children are lined up. Cars should remain close to the building, so as to allow those parked to move out of the spaces. Car doors may be opened only once drivers have arrived at the area where the children are grouped.
 - Drivers may not block the marked crosswalk.
 - Cars make a U-turn through the center parking row to exit the line. Follow the arrows to exit the parking lot.
 - At any time drivers may park in marked spaces and walk to and from cars to retrieve children. If drivers do not want to participate in the drive through they may enter the lot and park in marked spaces. Adults must walk to the children to get them.

SUNDAY DISMISSAL

All of our classes- Torah Tots- Kitah Zayin will be picked up from the front parking lot. Students will line up (Torah Tots- Kitah Bet(2nd grade) will be inside the community center, Kitah Gimel (3rd grade) - Kitah Zayin (7th grade) will be on the side patio). We will guide cars to line up in the front parking lot. The teachers and I will help to get your child/children into your car safely and efficiently.

You may park and walk in to get your child either from the classroom or the pick up lines in the new location. Students will leave the classrooms at 11:50 (for Torah Tots- Kitah Bet) and 11:55 (for Kitah Gimel- Kitah Zayin).

FOR SAFETY REASONS:

- ◆ Children may not wait outside alone at any time during or after class.
- ◆ Children may not leave their class groups to walk to other pick-up sites.
- ◆ Cars may not double park in the pick-up line. IT MUST REMAIN A SINGLE FILE LINE in order to avoid children walking between cars that may move.

IN ORDER TO HELP UP FACILITATE A SAFE AND SPEEDY PICK-UP, PLEASE:

- ◆ Stress to your children the importance of getting to the pick-up area in a timely manner. Ask them to pay attention to the traffic, so they will see you.
- ◆ Follow the directions of the teachers on duty. They are there to facilitate a SAFE pick-up.

EARLY PICK-UP

If your child must leave a session early, s/he must be checked out from the school office. Teachers are instructed not to allow children to leave early with a parent, other adult, or sibling until someone from the office comes to get the student.

The procedure is:

- ◆ Parents comes to CLAL office to check out student and signs them out.
- ◆ CLAL staff member gets student from classroom and brings to parent.

RAIN PROCEDURE

When it's raining, our dismissal procedure is as follows (*this does not apply to Torah Tots, Gan, and Kitah Alef since parents are expected to pick them up in their classrooms every day*):

- ◆ All children in grades Bet-Zayin line up in the downstairs hallway.
- ◆ Teachers and Madrichim call out cars/families/student names as cars pull up to the carpool area.
- ◆ Students are dismissed from the hallway carpool by carpool (it takes a little longer than the regular carpool arrangement, but it keeps everyone safe, healthy, and dry).

Please be sure to share these instructions with anyone else (grandparents, nannies, babysitters) who may pick up your child/ren from school.