

Temple Beth Ahm Religious School
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Dear Parents,

I would like to introduce you to Temple Beth Ahm's Religious School.

Our Religious School consists of Kindergarten through Seventh Grade. To attend the Kindergarten, Primary 1 (First Grade) 9:00am – 10:30am, and Primary 2 (Second Grade) 10:40 – 12:15 classes you do not have to be a Temple Member. These classes meet once a week on Sunday morning. Upon entering the **Aleph Class** (Third Grade), **membership in the Temple is required**. The Aleph – Hey classes meet twice a week. Wednesday afternoon hours are 4:00 – 6:15 pm and Sunday morning hours are 9:00 – 12:15 pm.

Since our class sizes are relatively small (8-14 students per class,) we offer individual attention to all our students. A High School Student aide, under the supervision of the Teacher and Principal, tutors any student who needs extra help in Hebrew reading. In addition, all our students are assigned their own Bar/Bat Mitzvah date.

Our curriculum is very comprehensive. The Sunday school students learn about the Jewish holiday's, Shabbat, Israel, the aleph / bet, and learn many brachot and Hebrew words through crafts, music and activities. Once your child enters the Aleph class they will learn for the next five years about the Torah, Prayers, Hebrew reading and writing, Jewish holidays, Jewish Life cycles and rituals, Jewish heritage, Holocaust studies, Ethics, and Mitzvot. Your child will have a Hebrew and Prayer teacher & a Religious Studies Teacher. Each teacher is well educated in the subject they are teaching and will give your child the finest in education. All our teachers are very dedicated to providing the students a thorough Jewish education.

This year our Kindergarten & Primary Classes had a wonderful Shabbat Program, which consisted of all the Friday night rituals along with a complete Shabbat meal. Holidays are celebrated through songs, crafts, and treats. Our Aleph class received their first siddur at their consecration ceremony. The Bet class presented to their parents a Bible story enactment and a Shema program. The Gimel class conducted a Havdalah service on Shabbat afternoon, while our Dalet students conducted a Friday night Kabbalat service. The Dalet Class put on a Living Museum in which they learn about their family history but displaying family artifacts. Aleph – Hey children took trips. The Aleph & Bet class went to a Nursing home. The Gimel class also went to a nursing home, visited a Sephardic Temple, and learned about Kashrut by visiting the Kosher Experience at Shoprite. The Dalet class visited the Tenement Museum & Eldridge St Synagogue both on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. They also learned about their own personal Jewish Heritage by researching their family tree and presenting a family heirloom at our Living Museum program. You can see their artifacts at the following Museum of Jewish heritage web site <http://www.living-museum.org/show/exhibition>. The Hey class went to the Jewish Heritage Museum in Lower Manhattan to enrich their Holocaust studies. One of our Gimel students commented "It is never an ordinary day at Temple Beth."

At Temple Beth Ahm your child will learn about their Jewish heritage in a very warm and caring environment. For Temple Beth Ahm, one of our most important goals is to create a strong sense of family for all our members.

Upon registration, a comprehensive information packet will be mailed to you with all forms and Religious School Handbook. Please feel free to call me for more information.

B'Shalom, Ann Gabel, Principal