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a sacred place for celebration, learning and family!

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Dear Prospective Member,

We welcome you to Temple Beth Am. As Yorktown's oldest Reform Synagogue, we are proud to offer a warm, inclusive and active center for all aspects of Jewish life.

Our varied programs range from our engaging Religious School, Adult Education and Social programs to our Shabbat, Life Cycle and Festival celebrations – we have something for everyone!

Come join us for Shabbat and meet our Temple family! If you have pre-school through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade children, you will not want to miss Welcoming Shabbat with Rabbi Robert and Rebbetzin Ellen Weiner. Families with older children will appreciate our Family Shabbat Services to engage our youth as well as our adults. Adults may enjoy Torah Study or “Wine with Weiner” with Rabbi Weiner for some “grown-ups-only” discussions and our Adult Events programs. Prospective members are always welcome.

Temple Beth Am stands out amongst other area synagogues: We offer a special Young Family Membership for families where the oldest child is in Kindergarten or younger; our Religious School has programming for special needs students; and we have no building fund included in our dues.

**\*\*NEW FOR 2018\*\*:** Choose Your Dues! Available exclusively to new members who join between July 1, 2018 and October 31, 2018. *(Religious School and B'nei Mitzvah fees do not apply.)*

We always welcome new members at any time, but please note that applications are greatly appreciated by July 31, 2018 to register in Religious School and by August 28, 2018 to receive High Holy Days tickets.

Please return the enclosed application to:

Temple Beth Am - 203 Church Place - Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

If you have any questions, please contact the membership committee at 914-6-BETH-AM or membershipTBA@gmail.com; or one of our Religious School co-chairs: Shari Silk (shari@silkcreative.com) or Beth Warren (b\_peltzer@yahoo.com - 914-302-6751).

We look forward to you becoming part of our Temple family.

Shalom,

Ken Usen  
President

# Temple Beth Am Religious School Calendar 2018-19

Please check weekly Religious School News email for any changes to this calendar

<p><b>Grades K-6: Sundays 9-11:30am</b> <i>parent education dates will be emailed</i></p> <p>September 16 Opening Meeting - check email for time September 23(Sukkah), 30(Sukkot/Simchat Torah) October 14, 21, 28 November 4, 11, 18 December 2, 9(Hanukkah), 16 January 6, 13(Tu B'Shevat), 27 February 3, 10, 24 March 3, 10, 17(Purim Carnival), 24, 31 April 7(Passover), 28 May 5, 12, 19 June 2 (closing tefilah and pancake breakfast)</p>	<p><b>Grades 7-12: Thursdays 5:30-7pm</b></p> <p>September 20, 27 (Sukkot) October 4, 11, 18, 25 November 1, 8, 15, 29 December 6 (Hanukkah), 13, 20 January 3, 10, 17 (Tu B'Shevat), 24, 31 February 7, 14, 28 March 7, 14, 28 April 4, 11 (Passover), 25 May 2, 9, 16(7<sup>th</sup> grade dinner)</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY CLASS SERVICES/ DINNERS</b></p> <p>09/14/18: Family Shabbat Welcome Back Dinner 6:30pm Service 8:00pm</p> <p>12/07/18: Grades 3/ 4 Hanukkah Participation Dinner 6:00pm Service 7:30pm</p> <p>02/01/19: Grade 5 Participation Shabbat Dinner 6:00pm Service 7:30pm</p> <p>03/01/19: Grade 6 Participation Shabbat Dinner 6:00pm Service 7:30pm</p> <p>04/05/19: Family Shabbat Dinner 6:00pm Service 7:30pm</p> <p>05/17/19: Youth Celebration for teens and parents Dinner 6:30pm Service 8:00pm</p>	<p><b>B'NEI MITZVAH CLASS</b> <b>Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm</b> <i>Students attend upon invitation by Rabbi approximately 7-8 months before BM date</i></p> <p>Class meets year-round from except for: 9/19/18, 11/21/18, 12/26,18, 2/20/19, 3/20/19, 4/17/19</p> <p>when class will not meet</p> <p><b>HAFTARAH/TORAH INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS</b></p> <p>The Cantor will arrange to meet individually with students approximately 6 months before BM date usually on Wednesday and Thursday evenings</p>

## SHABBAT SERVICE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS for Grades 4-7

Students in grades 4-7 are required to attend at least the number of services in their grade during the year. For example, fourth graders should attend four services between September 2017 – August 2018. Students will be given the opportunity log their Shabbat attendance in their classroom folders.

**Inclement Weather:** If Yorktown Schools close, dismiss early or cancel after-school activities, all Religious School classes and B'nei Mitzvah lessons are also cancelled. In the event of a closure, we will put a message on our website at [www.templebetham-ny.org](http://www.templebetham-ny.org) and will also make every effort to contact you. On Sundays, we will try to give you at least one hour's notice.

**Drop off and Pickup:** turn right onto the Summit street drop off and pickup line from Moseman road

CONTACT US	Name	e-mail (try this first if possible)	phone
Director of Education	Jamie Tortorello-Allen	cantorjamie@optonline.net	914-962-7500 x15
School committee co-Chair	Shari Silk	shari@silkcreative.com	
School committee co-Chair	Beth Warren	b_peltzer@yahoo.com	914-302-6751
Temple Administrator	Julie Woogen	officetemplebetham@gmail.com	914-962-7500 x 1

**Welcome to our Temple Family!**

Please submit all forms as soon as possible to ensure membership services such as High Holy Days tickets and Religious School enrollment. We begin planning in July so appreciate your forms as early as possible!

**CURRENT MEMBERS:** avoid delays and do **NOT** use this form (invalid for renewals.) Please use paper or online RENEWAL form.

	Last Name, First Name	M/F/O	Birthdate	Occupation
Member 1: Adult Primary Contact				
Member 2: Adult				
	<i>Please print clearly so we get it right!</i>		<b>Print in Directory?</b>	<b>Send Automated Calls/E-mails?</b>
Home Phone		Y N	Y N (No = ok for us to miss calls about funerals, emergency closings and very special events)	
Member 1 E-mail		Y N	Y N (No = will check website for Weekly E-mails and religious school news)	
Member 1 Cell		N Y	N Y	
Member 2 E-mail		N Y	N Y	
Member 2 Cell		N Y	N Y	
mailing address enter to right =>	number street city, state zip			

**All Children in Family (up to age 25) and Religious School Enrollment (also submit info form for each RS student)**

First Name (include last name if different from parent(s))	nickname	birth date	m/f/o	enroll in Rel. School? (Y/N)	Religious School grade for 2018-19 (K-12)
				Y N	
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				Y N	

**Yahrzeit Information** – We can publish name(s) and read them at services the Friday night following each yahrzeit date. We can also mail a reminder letter and memorial candle about a week before each yahrzeit. If you don't circle Y or N on questions below – we will choose the **bolded** option for each choice.

Name of deceased and relationship to member (i.e. first name, last name - mother of Joe)	mm/dd/yyyy and/or Jewish date system requires complete date	Use Jewish Date?	Publish and read name?	Send Candles?
		Y <b>N</b>	<b>Y</b> N	<b>Y</b> N
		Y <b>N</b>	<b>Y</b> N	<b>Y</b> N
		Y <b>N</b>	<b>Y</b> N	<b>Y</b> N

**HIGH HOLY DAYS**

**High Holy Day Tickets for Relatives** - Members and their dependent children will automatically be mailed "free" tickets. Fill out for tickets for relatives such as *parents, siblings, children ages 26+, aunts, uncles or cousins.*

# Relatives:	List all first and last names to be listed on a single ticket on one line
<b>Total Due:</b>	Multiply # of relatives times \$25 for total due and enter total due to left <b>and on line F</b> on page 2

**Book of Remembrance** – This booklet with the names of beloved ones who are no longer with us is distributed at our Yom Kippur Yizkor Service so that we may honor their memory. Fill out information below to list your loved ones.

**Book of Remembrance Donation:** \$\_\_\_\_\_.00

**Enter on line G** on page 2

*Although not essential for names to be listed, a donation in memory of loved ones is customary and appreciated!*

First Name of loved one	Last Name of loved one
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

First Name of loved one	Last Name of loved one
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	

=>enter name:

**Membership Dues – for new members joining 7/1/18- 10/31/18** – enter below and on line A below

Choose your own dues – enter your annual pledge for membership dues. In deciding your pledge, please keep in mind the cost to sustain the Temple is \$2050 per member family.	\$ .00
<b>For reference:</b> membership dues for our current members are: Family: \$2405   Single Parent Family: \$2086   Senior Family: \$1682   Single: \$1558   Senior Single: \$921	
<b>or Young family membership</b> – for families with oldest child in Kindergarten or younger	\$360

**Referral Rebate**

If a current Temple Beth Am member referred you **and** you join by 10/31/18, enter their name below and they will receive a one-time 20% reduction in their dues (excludes young family category).

=> Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_ if you join by 10/31/18.  
First name Last name

**Religious School Fees:** write in on applicable lines and enter total on line B below:

Description	Fee	#children					
Kindergarten (per child) – (do not enter if Young Family – no extra charge)	\$278 x	=	\$				
One child in grades 1 through 7*	\$1177	n/a	\$				
Two children in grades 1 through 7*	\$1884	n/a	\$				
Three or more children in grades 1 through 7*	\$2384	n/a	\$				
Chai School A (Pre-Confirmation: grades 8-9.	\$800 x	=	\$				
Chai School B Post-Confirmation: grades 10-12.	\$475 x	=	\$				
Grade 7-12 Pizza: to receive pizza for all classes. You may send dinner instead.	\$100 x	=	\$				
<b>Total Religious School Fees</b> (enter on line B below)		n/a	\$				

\*\$200 rebate for each 1<sup>st</sup> grader enrolled will be applied by 11/30/18

**TOTALS**

<b>A: NEW Member Dues</b> (Returning members cannot use this form – please use Renewal form.)	\$						
<b>B: Religious School Fees</b>	\$						
<b>C: B’nei Mitzvah 1/1/19– 12/31/19:</b> enter \$720 for single BM, \$1090 for double: amt due this year	\$						
<b>D: B’nei Mitzvah 1/1/20– 12/31/20:</b> enter \$780 for single BM, \$1115 for double: amt due this year	\$						
<b>E: Additional Donation</b> above and beyond dues – if you can - enter here. Thank you!	\$						
<b>F: High Holy Days Tickets</b> (total from previous page)	\$						
<b>G: Book of Remembrance Donation</b>	\$						
<b>H: Brotherhood Membership</b> - enter \$36 here to join	\$						
<b>I: Sisterhood Membership</b> - enter \$36 here to join	\$						
<b>J: Total Due-</b> add lines A through I	\$						

**SIGNATURE**

By signing below, I agree to pay all applicable dues and fees and to allow Temple Beth Am to use anonymous (unlabeled) photographs of myself and/or my family for use in publicity, publications and/or website unless I have notified the Temple in writing otherwise.

=> Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check-off List** (Due by 7/26/18 to ensure active Membership benefits by the High Holy Days and start of Religious School)

	Signed Membership Application (one per family – both pages please)
	(if applicable) Religious School Student Info (one per child attending Religious School)
<b>or</b>	<b>Credit Card Payment Plan:</b> Upon receiving this form, we will bill your account for the Total Due and E-mail member a link. Use this link to sign into the member’s only section of our website and schedule up to 12 monthly payments of Total Due. 1 <sup>st</sup> payment due by 7/26/18 if 12. To submit individual cc payments see below.
	<b>Checks or individual cc payments:</b> Check(s) payable to Temple Beth Am may be enclosed with this form or you can pay by credit card (see above). Payments are due by the below schedule in this case. <b>Payment schedule:</b> 25% of total due by 8/15/18; 50% by 11/15/18; 75% by 2/15/19; 100% by 5/15/19.

**Mail to:** Temple Beth Am 203 Church Place Yorktown Hts., NY 10598, **Fax:** 914 962-2990 or **E-mail:** officetemplebetham@gmail.com **all completed forms.** Questions? E-mail us or call 914 962-7500 ext 1.

# Temple Beth Am Religious School Student Information 2018-19 due 7/31/18

*New members inquiring after 7/3/18 please send in as early as possible!*

**One signed form for each child in grades K-12 required by 7/31/18 along with the entire Membership packet (Temple membership forms must be sent in at same time for school info to be processed).**

**We do not** need any forms from your pediatrician - please do not send!

Student's LAST Name	Student's First Name	Date of Birth	M/F/O	Grade 9/18	School District

**Emergency Contact/Permission to Pick up** In the event of an emergency, we will try first to contact parent(s), so please do *not* enter your own name(s). If one parent is not a member, list their contact information below if appropriate. If you have more than one child, contact names must be the same for each child in the family. If already listed on 1<sup>st</sup> child's form check here  and skip the 1<sup>st</sup> two lines below

<i>list someone other than yourselves</i>	name	phone(s)	relationship
emergency/pickup contact for family			
additional emergency/pickup contact			

current allergies (list here)

allergy severity – check all that apply. You **must** bring in any checked medications along with administration instructions by the first day of school.

( ) mild (no medication provided to school)

( ) not severe: may need Benadryl or \_\_\_\_\_. Medication and instructions provided to school

( ) severe – epipen and instructions provided to school.

( ) my child may not eat or drink anything other than food sent by us or water and \_\_\_\_\_ juice(s)

( ) my child knows what s/he may eat or drink and may eat food provided by school

current medications:

If your child has any physical, medical, learning, social or behavioral needs that we should be aware of, please enter them here. It is helpful for us to know what strategies work for behavior and learning in a classroom setting. We appreciate this information and will keep it confidential. If your child has an IEP or 504 Plan at school, please consider sharing it with us so that we can meet his or her needs. Attach separate sheet if needed.


Would you like us to contact you to arrange a confidential meeting to discuss any areas of concern prior to the start of the religious school year? yes no best contact # or email:

We will try to place your child with **up to two** friends, since we believe that being with friends allows children to experience meaningful Jewish community. We cannot guarantee that large groups can be kept together. All Religious School and Membership forms **must be received by 7/31/18** in order for placement requests to be considered. Please enter *no more than two* names of children to try to place with your child.

first and last name of child 1: \_\_\_\_\_ first and last name of child 2: \_\_\_\_\_

In an emergency, the Religious School has my permission to contact “911” and request the assistance of a rescue squad. The Religious School and the rescue squad have my permission to take my child to the emergency room of the nearest hospital. The rescue squad, hospital and its staff have my authorization to provide treatment necessary for the well-being of my child .

Temple Beth Am may photograph my child for anonymous (unlabeled) use in publicity, publications and/or website unless I have notified the Temple otherwise.

My child and I have read and discussed the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its terms.

**Signature of Parent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Temple Beth Am Religious School

## Code of Conduct

Temple Beth Am is committed to providing its Religious School Students with quality Jewish Studies and Hebrew Education. An essential part of the school's mission is to promote Jewish identity and Jewish values in and among its children. The school maintains an atmosphere of harmony, tolerance and ethical integrity and seeks to ensure the following rights:

- To learn without interference from other people in the school or in class
- To work together as students and teachers in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding
- To have one's personal property respected by others
- To be protected from harm physically and emotionally

In order to foster these rights Temple Beth Am Religious School has established a Code of Conduct as set forth below. Students and parents are expected to be familiar with the school's conduct policies and to willingly abide by them. Parents will be responsible for the following:

- Read the Code of Conduct
- Review and discuss this document with their children
- Sign on the Religious School Student Information online or paper form submitted for each child by the beginning of every Religious School year that you and your child agree to abide by the terms of the Code of Conduct.

### Student Expectations

A ***B'rit Ha-Kittah*** (Classroom Covenant) will be established by the Religious School teachers and students on the first day of school. ***The B'rit Ha-Kittah*** will be guided by the principles set forth below:

- Students must behave in accordance with the sanctity of our ***Beit K'neset*** at all times
- To preserve the sanctity of our ***Beit K'neset***, students may not use electronic devices such as iPods and cell phones during religious school hours. All cell phones will be turned off during Religious School hours
- Students must be respectful towards all teachers, administrators, assistants, Cantor and Rabbi as well as towards the building, grounds, and all furnishings
- Students will not touch other students/teachers in a manner that would be considered disruptive or offensive or use language that would be considered disruptive or offensive
- Students must refrain from disruptive behavior in class
- Students must honor the diversity of the school community
- Students must respect the physical and psychological well-being of others
- Students will arrive on time at Religious School prepared to participate
- Students may not leave school grounds without permission

## **Parent Responsibilities**

- Parents are to make sure that their children understand the Temple Beth Am Religious School Code of Conduct
- Parents are expected to be respectful and supportive of the Religious School's mission
- Parents are expected to honor the diversity of the Religious School Community
- Parents are to work with the Religious School Administration to solve any disciplinary or other problems that may arise during the Religious School year
- Parents are asked to follow Kosher-style practices when in Temple Beth Am
- Parents are expected to follow the dismissal procedures of the Religious School
- Parents are reminded to read the Temple Beth Am Religious School News, which is transmitted via e-mail on a weekly basis during the school year
- Parents are asked to sign and turn in all membership registration and/or renewal, student information and other forms before the start of each school year
- Parents are asked not to send their children to school if they are ill

## **Disciplinary Guidelines**

- If a student or parent fails to abide by the School's Code of Conduct, it is the Religious School Director's responsibility to review the case, respond appropriately and oversee all disciplinary actions.
- The School Director, the teaching staff or both, will work with the student and parent(s) to address violations of the Code of Conduct. The goal of this process will be to reinforce behavioral expectations, and to decide upon and implement consequences for behaviors that violate the Code of Conduct. If infractions against the Code are so egregious as to cause serious physical or emotional harm to others, the Religious School Director is empowered to take immediate action to remedy such infractions, including removal from class and temporary suspension from school.
- To ensure the safety and security of students and staff, and provide an atmosphere that supports mutual respect, understanding and learning, the Religious School may recommend alternative arrangements or removal from the school. Student removal from school requires agreement from both the Religious School Director and a majority of the Religious School Board.

**Your online "yes" or paper signature on each child's Religious School Enrollment affirms that you and your child have read the above Code of Conduct and will abide by these rules and responsibilities.**