



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El's Summer Day Camp! We are anticipating an exciting camp season full of **fun, friendship and fantastic** new experiences! To help you and your child get ready for camp, we have prepared this letter of helpful information:

### ***IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT TEMPLE BETH HILLEL/BETH EL SUMMER DAY CAMP***

#### **A. CALENDAR**

1. You and your child are invited to attend our "**Kick Off to Camp**" **Open House** on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm – 2:00pm in the Cherry Auditorium.
2. We are excited to announce that, once again, prior to the Open House, starting at 12:00pm., the HSA will be providing complimentary pizza to our camp families!

During the Open House, you will have an opportunity to meet with your child's counselors. Please bring all completed forms with you to the Open House, as well as the items indicated in Section B. Prior to the Open House, you will be contacted by your child's Head Counselor to discuss your child and address any special concerns or questions that you may have.

Afterwards, you and your child are most welcome to play on our lovely playground and on our covered porch.

3. Camp begins Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and ends on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. Camp will be **closed** Thursday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day.
5. Please review the enclosed **calendar** which highlights, in detail, the special programs and activities for the entire camp season.

## B. ARTICLES NEEDED FOR CAMP

1. A complete change of clothing including shirt, shorts, socks and underwear must be brought in a large ziplock bag (2 gallon). All items must be clearly marked with your child's name.
2. A large backpack for artwork, flyers and wet bathing suits and towels.
3. One large package of gallon size ziplock bags and one jumbo size package of baby wipes.
4. A pair of plastic or rubber bath shoes, water socks, or sandals (please, no flip-flops) to protect your child's feet before and after swimming. We have steps to get to the pool area.
5. A box of disposable diapers, if applicable. Also, please provide a box of swim diapers which counselors will put on at swim time.
6. **Please bring these items with you when you come for the Open House.**

## C. CAMP CLOTHING

1. Your child's camp clothing should be simple and easy to manage.
2. Please clearly label all clothing including: sweaters, jackets, hats, bathing suits, towels, blankets and tote bags with your child's name.
3. It is important that your child wear play clothes. He/she will be playing with paint, chalk, sand, water, clay and is bound to get dirty.
4. At the Open House, your child will receive a complimentary t-shirt with the Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El camp logo imprinted on it. We request that your camper wear his or her camp t-shirt on Fridays for Shabbat.
5. Please dress your child in a bathing suit every day, except if it is raining, and put a change of clothing in your child's backpack.
6. Please apply sunscreen before coming to camp.

## D. HEALTH

1. We hope that all of our campers will be healthy throughout the summer, but if your child is experiencing any symptoms—i.e. fever of 100 degrees or more, diarrhea, excessive nasal discharge or vomiting, please have your child stay home.
2. Please phone the camp if your child is to be absent for longer than two days.
3. Unfortunately, we cannot make any allowance or refunds for absences incurred by illness or unexpected vacation plans.

## E. ARRIVAL – 9:00AM

1. Option 1 – Our carpool begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. Drivers are asked to drive around the circle of the Synagogue entrance and turn off the car motor. Our staff will be available to help bring the children to their rooms. Please wait for a staff member's signal before starting your motor to leave.
2. Option 2 – Parents/caregivers may park in our parking lot and follow the path to the Synagogue entrance. You may walk your child to the room at 9 AM. Please note that all parents/caregivers who choose to walk their children to class will NOT be admitted into the building without a current ID tag. ID tags will be issued at the "Kick Off to Camp Open House" for those families who are new to our Early Childhood Center. Please leave your child with the counselors as soon as possible and exit the building through the main doors only.
3. **PLEASE NOTE** – Children in our Infant and 18-24 month program **will not** be utilizing our carpool. These children must be brought directly to their classroom by a parent or caregiver. Dismissal will also be from the classroom for these age groups.





## F. DISMISSAL – 1:00PM

1. Campers, ages Two and older, will be brought to the lobby. **Dismissal for the younger campers will be from the classrooms.**
2. Option 1 – You may drive around the circle, turn off your engine, and we will bring your child to your car.
3. Option 2 – Park in the lot – walk on the path and wait outside the glass doors for a staff member to bring your child to you. Only campers and staff are permitted in the building at this time.
4. If someone other than a parent will be picking up your child, we need to have an approved driver pick up form and photograph on file of the caregiver or driver. Please have this information available to give to the counselors at the Open House.

## G. DISMISSAL – 3:00PM

1. Only the threes, fours and five- year- old campers will be brought to the lobby of the synagogue. **Dismissal for the younger campers, Two years and under, will be from the classrooms.**
2. Option 1 – You may drive around the circle, turn off your engine, and we will bring your child to your car.
3. Option 2 – Park in the lot – walk on the path and wait outside the glass doors for a staff member to bring your child to you. Only campers and staff are permitted in the building at this time.
4. If someone other than a parent will be picking up your child, we need to have an approved driver pick up form and photograph on file of the caregiver or driver. Please have this information available to give to the counselors at the Open House.

## H. LUNCH, SNACKS AND SHABBAT

1. Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El abides by the guidelines of Kashrut as interpreted by the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards. All food supplied by the school must have acceptable Kashrut certification. Acceptable products are labeled with these symbols:    . The letter K by itself or the symbol Ko are not acceptable symbols of Kashrut at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.
2. Children are to bring a **DAIRY** lunch **each day** with their names clearly marked on the bag. Lunches will be refrigerated and water will be provided. A snack will be provided in the morning.
3. If your child has a food allergy, please contact the school office at 610-649-2277.
4. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at camp, please notify the counselor so that plans can be arranged. We love to celebrate with our campers!
5. Classroom challah will be provided for your child's shabbat celebration. Home challah ordering is available on our website.

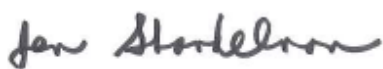
## I. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Summer camp tuition must be paid by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our goal is to assure each child a safe, happy experience at camp. Our camp program is especially designed to provide a comfortable environment in which children can explore, experiment and create under the guidance of teachers skilled and experienced in understanding the growth and the needs of the preschool child.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to provide your child with a delightful summer that is both fun and enriching. Please feel free to call (610-649-2277) or email [jshandelman@tbhbe.org](mailto:jshandelman@tbhbe.org). or [rgrossel@tbhb.org](mailto:rgrossel@tbhb.org). with any questions.

Sincerely Yours.



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