



PARENT INFORMATION

2009-2010

COME PARTNER WITH US!
HOME TO SCHOOL AND BACK AGAIN!

Beth David Reform Congregation Religious School Mission Statement

The mission of Beth David's Religious School is to empower our students to establish a lifelong commitment to Jewish learning, living, and the practice of Mitzvot, and to identify as Reform Jews. We inspire our students to develop knowledge of culture, language, history, practices and values that will permit them to integrate Judaism into their daily lives and the lives of their families.

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Building Information

1130 Vaughan Lane, Gladwyne, PA 19035

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SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Sunday, Grades K-6	9:30-12:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Grades 7-10	7-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Grades 4-7	4-6:00 p.m.
Sunday, Grades 11-12	(to be determined)

Music, Art and Library

Music, art and library activities are scheduled on a rotating basis.

Hebrew/Judaica (The two core curriculum aspects)

Students will receive one lesson of Hebrew and one lesson of Judaica each session. Students will attend and participate in services during school sessions frequently. These services emphasize the importance of prayer in our lives and include reading comprehension and spirituality.

**NUT POLICY: NO NUTS, PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS
PERMITTED IN THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AT ANY TIME.**

THIS IS SO IMPORTANT!

WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL!



Reaching Us - Reaching You:

When school is in session, please respect the faculty and avoid interruptions in the classroom. If you need to reach your student, please come to the School Office and we will help you.

- Your teachers have email addresses at Beth David, so please email them directly.
- You can call the School office at 610-649-0272 and leave a message.
- You will receive communication from each grade throughout the year through email.

2009-2010 IMPORTANT FALL DATES:

You have the complete Religious School calendar, but here are some especially important dates to take note of for the fall. These events are opportunities designed for parents and children to experience together to build their Jewish knowledge. Families are encouraged to attend.

Friday, September 11 th	Back-to-School Shabbat Service 6:30 p.m. Catch up with friends and classmates, Stop by the classrooms as we get ready to head back to school.
Sunday, September 13 th	Back-to-School Morning 9:30 a.m.
Sunday September 20 th	Family Fun Day-More info to follow.
Friday, October 2	Erev Sukkot Pizza Dinner and Service 5:45
Friday October 9 th	Simchat Torah and Consecration Service 6:30 p.m.



FACULTY ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2009-2010

KINDERGARTEN	Jennifer Wessels	Room KA	jwessels@bdavid.org
GRADE 1	Stacy Golboro	Room 1A	sgolboro@bdavid.org
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GRADE 2	Marlene Schultz	Room 2A	mschultz@bdavid.org
	Adrienne Tomlinson	Room 3A	atomlinson@bdavid.org
GRADE 3	Shavit Mosher	Room 3A	smoshe@bdavid.org
	Andrew Saltz	Room 3B	asaltz@bdavid.org
GRADE 4	Tammy Roberts	Room 4A	troberts@bdavid.org
	Tracy Goldstein	Room 4B	tgoldstein@bdavid.org
GRADE 5	Richard Raisman	Room 5A	rraisman@bdavid.org
	Pamela Cooper	Room 5B	pcooper@bdavid.org
GRADE 6	Ben Brock	Room 6A	bbrock@bdavid.org
GRADE 7	Marci Cherry	Room 6B	mcherry@bdavid.org
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	Susan Golboro Brad Stern	Thursday	s.golboro@bdavid.org bstern@bdavid.org
Upper School Faculty	Brad Stern		bstern@bdavid.org
Gr. 7-10 (Tues. Eve.)	Adrienne Tomlinson Ginny Kendall		atomlinson@bdavid.org gkendall@bdavid.org
Specialists	Edda Amado (Art) Jane Horwitz (Music)		eamado@bdavid.org jhorwitz@bdavid.org
Tutors	Rich Raisman Susan Golboro		rraisman@bdavid.org s.golboro@bdavid.org
Pre-School	Nina Golboro		ngolboro@bdavid.org
Madrichim Supervisor	Jaimee Moshe		jmoshe@bdavid.org
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Madrichim (Student teaching assistants in grades 8-12):

Our Madrichim are Beth David Religious School Students. After becoming B'nai Mitzvah, these vivacious and extremely committed students continue their education in the evening high school program and work with younger students in the religious school. Madrichim are such quality role models for our religious school students, and we are proud to be their partners as they begin their young adult Reform Jewish journey in leadership and education. Yasher koach! (May they go in strength.) Please come in and meet them.

Goals of the Beth David Religious School

The following ten goals represent the current trend in Reform Jewish education. The goals come from the guidelines formulated by the Union for Reform Judaism and the Central Conference for American Rabbis joint curriculum program. We hope that our children, young adults, and adults (all Life Long Learners) will become:

1. Jews who affirm their Jewish identity and bind themselves inseparably to their people by word and by deed.
2. Jews who bear witness to the brit (covenant between God and the Jewish people) through the practice of mitzvot (commandments) as studied in Torah and the classic Jewish literature it has generated, and interpreted in light of historic development and contemporary liberal thought.
3. Jews who affirm their historic bond to Eretz Yisrael, the land of Israel.
4. Jews who cherish and study Hebrew, the language of the Jewish people.
5. Jews who value and practice tefillah (prayer).
6. Jews who further the causes of justice, freedom, and peace by pursuing tsedek (righteousness), mishpat (justice), and chesed (loving deeds).
7. Jews who celebrate Shabbat and the festivals and observe the Jewish ceremonies marking the significant occasions in their lives.
8. Jews who esteem their own person and the person of others; their own family and the family of others; their own community and the community of others.
9. Jews who express kinship with K'lal Yisrael by actively seeking the welfare of Jews throughout the world.
10. Jews who support and participate in the life of the synagogue.



Attendance Policies

Grades K-6:

In order to receive credit for a grade level, the student is required to attend a minimum of 80% of all scheduled sessions. In the event that attendance falls below this level, the parents will be contacted and the student will be required to be tutored, at an additional expense to the parents, under the supervision of the Educational Director and the class teacher.

Grades 7-12:

If a student misses three sessions during the first trimester of the high school program, he/she will be required to have a makeup session. The parents will be contacted to understand the importance of attendance and participation in the session, to be held on a Sunday morning, under the supervision of the Educational Director and the class teacher.

To and From School: Arrivals and Departures

Students need to arrive BEFORE the bell rings at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Every effort to have students present for the entire session should be made by all of the religious school parents. Early dismissals and late arrivals are an unnecessary disruption to the classroom setting.

End of session Dismissal Essentials

We are pleased to have you as partners in our dismissal safety program. We encourage you to find other families to car pool with to decrease the number of cars in the car pool lines and your waiting time. We have access to sorting students by zip code and secular schools, just call us! For other dismissal procedural questions, please refer to the letter and schedule in this summer mailing.

Early Dismissal Procedures

If your student needs to be dismissed early, (we know that emergencies can happen), please send in a note with your child. When you arrive, park your car in the parking lot. You must come to the school office to sign out your student.



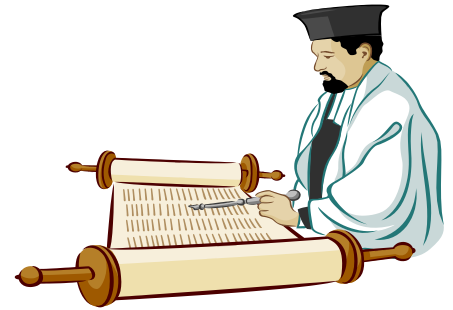
Service Attendance Policy for Beth David Students and Their Families

Grades 3, 4 and 5

- Must attend five services at Beth David during the school year.
- Two services must be Friday evening (Erev Shabbat).
- The other services can include any Shabbat morning or any holiday service.

Grades 6 and 7

- Must attend six services at Beth David during the school year. At least three must be Shabbat morning services.



Grades 8, 9 and 10

- Must attend six Shabbat services at Beth David during the school year.
Students are expected to attend Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, therefore these will not be recorded for service attendance.

At the entrance of the sanctuary there will be a decorative notebook marked **Service Attendance**. Please follow the directions found in the front of the book for proper recording of attendance.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Beth David

A bar or bat mitzvah is a wonderful experience for your entire family, and the Beth David community as well. We are committed to a Hebrew program providing students with an understanding of the prayer service as practiced in our synagogue. Students will be able to know and understand the meaning of prayer. Here are some important facts regarding Bar/Bat Mitzvah:



A tentative date is scheduled sometime in the middle of the fourth grade year for our B'nai Mitzvah candidates and their families. While it seems so far into the future, parents are thrilled that Beth David sends the letter in such a thoughtful and celebratory manner. We value the meaning of taking serious steps to prepare for the special honor of B'nai Mitzvah.

Students are expected to continue their Jewish education through Confirmation, which occurs at the end of the tenth grade.



Behavior Expectations

Students are to respect themselves, their classmates, and their teachers and Beth David.

- A. If a student disrupts the class, he or she will leave the classroom with the teacher. The teacher will explain to the child what he or she did that was unacceptable.
- B. If the disruptive behavior continues, the student will be sent to the Educational Director's office. The Educational Director will discuss the situation with the student and report back to the teacher.
- C. If the student is sent to the office a second time, his or her parents will be contacted.
- D. If the student is sent to the office a third time, the Educational Director will arrange a meeting with the student, parents, and teacher
- E. If these procedures are not successful, the student will be subject to **suspension** or alternate classroom education such as a private tutor, written assignment to be completed at home, special projects, or different schedules.

Personal Electronics Policy

Personal electronic devices must be turned completely off (vibrate mode is not acceptable), before the children enter the school building and may only be turned back on after dismissal.

The list of devices includes but is not limited to the following:

- cell phones
- iPods
- MP3 players
- portable video games
- portable DVD players

If your child is found to be using any of these electronic devices during school hours, the device will be taken and returned to parents/guardians at dismissal. If you need to contact your child during school hours please come into the school building or call the school office at 610-649-0272.

Homework

Homework assignments are encouraged and expected at Beth David to promote the students' understanding of basic values and concepts of Reform Judaism and to provide opportunities for students and their families to explore Jewish learning.

Progress Reports

Progress reports are emailed twice a year to parents. Please contact the school office any time to schedule a conference.



Snow/OR Inclement Weather of any kind

IN THE EVENT OF WEATHER, KYW WILL POST ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE RADIO, TV AND WEBSITE: Beth David's School number is: **1132 MONTGOMERY COUNTY**.

- Beth David follows the Lower Merion School District calendar and closings.
- Please check your emails.
- Call the school number and follow the prompts to school closings and listen for updates.
- Check our website at www.bdavid.org

Dress Code

All students are expected to dress appropriately. Please inform your children that baseball caps or hats are NOT ACCEPTABLE for the Sanctuary.

Safety Drills

During the school year, we schedule two drills. Rules will be posted on every classroom door. Let your child know to expect safety drills.

Tzedakah

Money will be collected in every classroom at every session to be given to a specific charity or organization. It is important that the student should be accountable to him/herself. That way the student develops a responsibility in this important Jewish community effort. This is an excellent value and self esteem educational tool! Tzedakah will be collected in an envelope during every session. We never count in class.

