

2017-2018
Temple Judea Religious School
Information and Registration



Temple Judea of Bucks County
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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the Religious School at Temple Judea! It is our goal to provide a positive and engaging educational experience for you and your child. This Manual offers some information to help you understand our school, our goals and our expectations of parents, students and teachers.

If you have any questions about our program please feel free to contact me: at the office at 215.348.5022 x 14; at home at 973-534-0525; or by email at Rebecca@templejudea.org. We continue to further our growth in all areas of curriculum development, family education, and teacher development. We have a dedicated staff. Research has shown that a parent's commitment and positive attitude toward their child's religious education is a critical factor to their child's success. I look forward to working together and sharing a positive and productive educational experience for you and your child.

Rebecca Slavin-Phillips, PhD.

Religious School Director

COMMUNICATION AND PARTNERSHIP

Teachers are encouraged to contact parents whenever necessary. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher at any time. Teachers will provide necessary contact information.

With the understanding that parents' involvement in children's education is the greatest predictor of success, Family Education programs bring families together in an enjoyable learning environment. Creative programs are designed to encourage all parents, both Jewish and non-Jewish, to participate fully and comfortably with their children and other adults. Programs will be held on a Sunday morning for each class.

FAMILY EDUCATION

Each grade level has one Family Education program each year. These experiential programs are meant for students and families to share together. These programs last one hour. One parent/grandparent/guardian per family is asked to attend. Please see the calendar for the specific date of your program

FAMILY/CLASS SHABBAT SERVICES

We encourage families to attend Shabbat and Festival Services as often as possible. In addition, each class two through six will have an opportunity to lead one service during the year. Grades Gan and One will take part in Consecration.

HOMEWORK

Teachers will often give assignments to be completed at home. Homework offers the student an opportunity to enrich and reinforce the learning taking place in the classroom and also offers parents an opportunity to be involved in the students' learning. If your student has difficulty understanding or completing assignments, or you have any questions regarding the assignments, please contact your child's teacher or the Religious School Director as soon as possible.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued twice during the year to students in grades K through 6. Please feel free to contact the teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

TZEDAKAH

As a core Jewish value we encourage the students to participate in *tzedakah*. Each class collects *tzedakah* during each session. The students then will be offered an opportunity to learn about various worthy organizations and causes and choose the recipient for the money they have collected. Acknowledgements from the various organizations will be shared with the class.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2017-2018

\$100 NONREFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE ENCLOSED

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MALE/FEMALE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ BIRTHDATE _____

SCHOOL GRADE SEPT. '17 HEBREW NAME _____

PUBLIC SCHOOL (2017-18) _____

Sunday K-6 9:00am-11:30; Wed 7-10 2x a month 5:30-7:30; Prayer Prep- Wed Elective
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learn the meaning behind the service, while spending time with your friends.

FATHER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS (if different) _____

PHONE (work) () cell _____ home ()

MOTHER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS (if different) _____

PHONE (work) () cell _____ home ()

PARENT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (Someone other than child's parent)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

SPECIAL NEEDS (physical, educational or emotional) PLEASE LIST ALLERGIES

SIBLINGS REGISTERED AT TEMPLE JUDEA

NAME _____ GRADE (Fall '17) _____

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CHECK ALL OF THE FOLLOWING FOR WHICH YOU HAVE INTEREST

EDUCATION COMMITTEE RAC Trip in DC 9/10th Only, Feb. 23-25

CLASS PARENT

TEMPLE JUDEA CINCH BAG (\$8 w/registration, \$10 in office)

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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Judea are current (or arrangements have been made) and a check is included.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

TEMPLE JUDEA RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

The Temple Judea Religious School is committed to preparing students to participate fully in Jewish life and observance within the home, the synagogue and the larger Jewish community. Our creative and engaging learning environment is based on a dynamic and evolving curriculum emphasizing God, Torah and *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world).

We educate and inspire our students to become adults who:

1. Experience Judaism as a positive framework for their lives and for their personal spiritual growth.
2. Make ethical decisions based on Jewish values.
3. Apply their knowledge of Jewish prayers and rituals, texts, traditions, Hebrew and culture in ways that add meaning to their lives and that serve both the Jewish community and the community at large.
4. Observe Jewish holy days and Jewish lifecycle events at home and in the synagogue.
5. Recognize our historic connection to the Land of Israel and work for its well-being.
6. Become life-long Jewish learners.

CURRICULUM

Our Jewish studies curriculum is built around themes for each year to connect our students to their Jewish lives.

Pre-Gan:	Connecting with our Synagogue
Gan:	Connecting to Our Holidays
Grade 1:	Connecting with Our Families
Grade 2:	Connecting with Our Stories
Grade 3:	Connecting with Jewish Time
Grade 4:	Connecting with God
Grade 5:	Connecting with Israel
Grade 6:	Connecting with Our World

In addition, our students begin as early as Pre-Gan learning prayers that are part of the typical Shabbat service while also learning to decode and read Hebrew.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

SCHOOL STRUCTURE AND MEETING TIMES

Sundays Pre Gan – Grade 6 9am-11:30am

*NEW for 2017-2018 Weekly Gan (Kindergarten)

*NEW Monthly Pre-Gan (Pre-Kindergarten for ages 3-4)

Wednesdays Grades 4-6 Optional Prayer Prep 5:30-7:30 Bi-Weekly

Prayer Prep: Optional meets two times a month on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm, pizza and prayers for grades 4-6. Gain proficiency with your prayers and learn the meaning behind the service — while spending time with your friends.

Wednesdays Grades 7-10 Confirmation Academy 5:30-7:30 Bi-Weekly

Confirmation Academy

Confirmation Academy: Grades 7—10 Wednesdays 5:30—7:30 pm Bi-weekly approximately twice a month. Students are grouped by grade 7-8 and 9-10. The High school curriculum is constantly evolving. This year grades 7-8 will learn about “Judaism Today” and 9-10 will study World Religions and Hot Topics.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT POLICY

Temple Judea's Religious School has a curriculum designed to help all learners become knowledgeable and comfortable with Jewish ritual and practice. The curriculum for each year is based on the building blocks set in place during prior years. It is essential, therefore, for a child to be enrolled by grade 3, and preferably by grade 1. Any child who begins his or her Jewish education after grade 3 may require private tutoring, at the family's expense, to prepare the student for our Hebrew program, or as a substitute may choose to enroll in our optional Prayer Prep program. Tutoring may be provided by any competent tutor (the synagogue has a list of tutors we recommend).



MEETING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

We make every reasonable effort to meet the individual needs of each child. Please let us know if your child has an identified special need, is experiencing difficulty, or finds the work repetitive. There is a space on the registration form to provide this information or you may privately contact the Director or Special Needs Coordinator, Adam Collachi at acollachi@crsd.org. We will maintain appropriate confidentiality regarding your information.

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

Enduring Understandings delineate the “big ideas” we want our students to internalize and keep with them throughout their lives.

- Core Jewish Beliefs define us: who we are, how we live, and how we understand the world.
- All of Judaism stems from our understanding of the Oneness of God.
- As *B'nai Yisrael*, the Children of Israel, we are uniquely connected to *Eretz Yisrael* (the Land of Israel), *Medinat Yisrael* (the State of Israel) and *Am Yisrael* (the People of Israel and Jews throughout the world).
- Jewish history is our collective memory: we are who we are because of where we came from.
- The spirit of the Jewish people shines through our history and traditions.
- How we practice Judaism provides structure for our lives and spiritual growth, and connects us to God, our family, community and heritage.
- Through the study of Torah in its broadest sense (the entire body of Jewish knowledge and wisdom collected over time), we encounter the sacred truths and wisdom of our tradition.
- Living according to Jewish values leads us to develop and maintain profound and holy relationships with others, with the natural world, with ourselves and with God.
- As Reform Jews, we are expected to wrestle with questions about Judaism and to develop our own answers based on study and the experience of Jewish practice.

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