

Religious School Registration for 2015-2016, 5776

Friday, July 17, 2015

Dear Parents and Family,

Shalom and welcome! I am thrilled to be your new Director of Youth Education and have been working busily this summer to create fresh, engaging curriculum and exciting programs.

The first day of Religious School is Friday September 4th, 2014. Please come be our guests at the Beth Ami Shabbat dinner following our opening day for our Back to School celebration. Please RSVP by August 31st. Classes start at 4 PM, student Kabbalat Shabbat (families welcome) at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 in the social hall. Community services follow at 7:30 PM.

We are pioneers in a new era of Jewish education! Our goal this year is simple: to fill your kids' hearts and minds with ruach and Torah, AND to offer an education program that is convenient and flexible for you! **School will be held Fridays 4-6 PM (all grades) and Tuesdays 4-6 PM (3rd and up).** Shabbat is a natural vehicle for teaching children about Jewish life and imparting wisdom of Torah. We are piloting cutting-edge Shabbat immersion curriculum which will build Jewish literacy and imbue our learning with the wonderful energy of Shabbat. The new schedule liberates our Sundays for family time and deeper community involvement. Imagine, sleeping in on Sunday, a second cup of coffee and the paper: Heavenly!

New programs and old favorites. In addition to Rockin' Shabbat, a myriad of events for young children, chag and holiday celebrations and family Shabbat dinners, we're introducing monthly **skill building intensives**, which will provide another way for our students to succeed: to develop select skills, make-up missed classes and learn in an alternative format. They will be free for enrolled CBA students AND open for enrollment to the greater community, to foster connections with other Jewish kids and to increase access to high-quality Jewish learning.

Please return registration packets promptly! We must complete enrollment early this year in order to staff the perfect balance of educators for each class. If all forms are returned by July 31st you will be entered into a drawing for a mystery prize – something good! Don't miss out!

We encourage our families to participate in synagogue life. If you aren't already a CBA member, please contact our Executive Director, Carolyn Metz at 360-3011.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children! My door is open. Please come see me in the religious school office, call or email with questions and ideas!

Shalom!

Anya Concoff Por

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Religious School at Congregation Beth Ami
2015-2016 Tuition for All Students
First day of school: Sept. 4, 2015

Grade

Student Name _____

Tuition

Grades PK – 2 (once a week, Friday afternoons)	\$720.
Grades 3-6 (twice a week, Friday and Tuesday afternoons)	\$985.
Grade 7 (B'Mitzvah prep, Tues. pm + meeting w/ Rabbi)	\$1320.
Grades 8-11, The 13 th Tribe (3 X month, time TBD)	\$250.

Please check one payment option:

- I prefer to pay tuition by check (you will be billed on your membership statement for 12 months)
 I prefer to pay tuition by credit card (automatically charged each month over a 12 month cycle)
 enclosed is a check for my full tuition amount of \$_____
 please charge my credit card (place information below) for my full tuition amount of \$_____

**Registration information & first payment is due by:
Friday July 31, 2015**

Please send registration application, this form, and payment together (one registration form for each student to be enrolled).

If paying by credit card, please provide the following information:

Visa or Master Card (circle one)

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____



Financial Assistance Request 2015-2016

Congregation Beth Ami is committed to helping our families provide a Jewish education for their children. Due to limited resources, we ask that only families who are currently experiencing financial hardship apply. Priority will be given to students in households that have experienced job loss, business failure, or loss of the primary earner's income during the last 6-12 months, to households with special needs that pose a significant financial barrier to participation in synagogue life, and to students in single parent families with financial need. **If you are unable to pay tuition and are requesting assistance, please call Carolyn Metz at 360-3011.** **All submitted information will be kept confidential.**

If you are new to our Religious School, how did you hear about us?

CONGREGATION BETH AMI
Religious School Registration 2015-2016

Grade

Please complete one set of forms for each student.

Name of student _____ Name of school _____

Student's Hebrew Name _____ Student's birth date _____

Parent (1) Name _____ Telephone # _____ email _____

Mailing address _____ City, Zip _____ Alt. Phone# _____

Parent (2) Name _____ Telephone # _____ email _____

Mailing address _____ City, Zip _____ Alt. Phone# _____

Person(s) responsible for payment _____

Briefly describe your daughter/son's (personality, interests, favorite activities, etc.):

Describe any learning, social, or other concerns:

Medical Contact Information:

Physician's Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Health Plan _____ Policy # _____

Hospital Preference (Should an emergency arise we will do our best to accommodate.)

Grade

Emergency Contact Information for 2015-2016

Name/Relationship _____ Address _____ Telephone _____

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Please list any allergies to food, medicine, plants, or insects: _____

Does your child have any health problems we should be aware of? _____

Is your child on any medications we should be aware of? _____

My child is / is not allowed to have beverages with caffeine.

Authorization for medical treatment during the 2015-2016 school year: I authorize Congregation

Beth Ami to call physician or to seek emergency room treatment for my/our child in an event of an emergency and agree to be responsible for any costs incurred.

Parent/Gardian _____ Date _____

Authorization for field trips during the 2015-2016: I give permission for my child to participate fully in all religious school activities for the 2015-2016 school year. I understand that field trips will be adequately supervised, and transportation will be arranged either by parent/teacher carpools, school buses, or walking, and that I will be informed beforehand of all such trips.

Parent/Gardian _____ Date _____

Authorization to use images for publicity: I give permission for images of my child taken at Religious School and CBA events to be published in our cybershul, website, or in other material created for publicity purposes. No names or personal information will be used without permission.

Parent/Gardian _____ Date _____

Grade

Beth Ami Religious School Parent Participation Opportunity

The success of our school depends on your participation! Parent involvement enriches our learning, helps school to function smoothly throughout the year and allows us to offer more programs for the children: holidays, Purim carnivals, tzedakah projects, plays, field trips and more.

We offer many opportunities to be involved both in the school's activities and in your child's Jewish education. Participation in the Religious School enriches your own experience through meeting other parents, building relationships, expanding their Jewish knowledge and feeling part of the life of this Jewish community. ***Please mark as many of the following as you can and return to the office. If you have more ideas, let us know. Thank you!***

In the classroom:

- Serve as classroom Parent** (organize snacks, carpools, phone trees,...)
- Present material based on your special skills and interests** (Torah, conversational, biblical Hebrew, trope, Prophets, Tikun Olam, art, art,...)
- Hebrew reading practice** or listen to children read Hebrew (requires basic Hebrew skills)
- Play an instrument to accompany** class in songs or prayers
- Help with occasional cooking, baking, or preparation of projects**
- Assist your child's class during holiday events**, field trips or school wide activities.

Beyond the classroom:

- Participate in coordinating Beth Ami & You (for children ages 2-6) monthly events**
- Serve on or Chair the Religious School Parent Committee** (meets about 6-8 times a year)
- Coordinate or be a participant in fundraising activities (very important)**
- Assist with our annual celebrations** and holiday events
- Help prepare** and display food/decorations for special school events
- Create attractive bulletin boards**
- Act as a roving photographer** during RS activities (needed for publicity and in the Shofar)
- Plan and facilitate family programs**, film nights, game nights, or other entertainment
- Support publicity and advertising for special events**

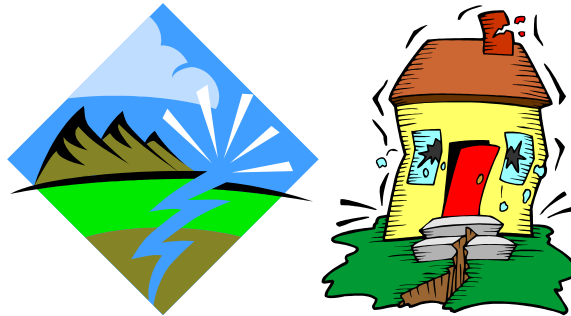
Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **email:** _____

Please use another page to add any additional ideas for participation.

Please fill out these next two pages and include them with the 'Survival Kit'

Congregation Beth Ami
Survival / Comfort Kit for Your Child

Grade



Here in Northern California, we need to be well prepared for emergencies. Cong. Beth Ami Religious School needs your help to prepare a survival/comfort kit for your child which will be stored in a safe place.

We are sending home this emergency contact form for you to return no later than September 25, 2015. On a gallon bag, please write your child's name with a permanent pen. Please place the emergency contact form inside the bag with the info. facing out, and place as many of the following items as possible inside as well.

- ~2 small juice cans (please no boxes or glass),
- ~Dried fruit or fruit rolls in well-sealed packages,
- ~Vacuum packed cheese/peanut butter crackers,
- ~Unsalted nuts in well-sealed (or other non-perishable protein – non meat),
- ~Wastebasket size plastic bag (to be worn as a raincoat, hole cut for head),
- ~OPTIONAL: Small flashlight with battery or 12 hour life light, Chap Stick, towelettes, and a family photo. **PLEASE do not overfill your child's bag!**

Please do not include any items that cannot fit in the bag. Do not pack perishable items that might attract insects.

Thank you so much for your help in our preparedness!

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Director of Youth Education
Congregation Beth Ami



Emergency Contacts and Medical Information
For: _____

Contact Name

Phone#

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Medical Information

Parent Signature

Date
