



**Irving and Edith Friedman
Academy of Jewish Learning**

PLEASE PRINT

2019-2020

Student #1 New Student Returning Student

Last:	First:	Middle:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Hebrew name:			
Date of birth:			
Entering Public School Grade:			

Student #2 New Student Returning Student

Last:	First:	Middle:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Hebrew name:			
Date of birth:			
Entering Public School Grade:			

Student #3 New Student Returning Student

Last:	First:	Middle:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Hebrew name:			
Date of birth:			
Entering Public School Grade:			

Student #4 New Student Returning Student

Last:	First:	Middle:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Hebrew name:			
Date of birth:			
Entering Public School Grade:			

If your family has more than four students, please copy this form or provide their information on a separate page.

Parent Information

Parent 1

Parent 2

Name:		
Address:		
Zip Code:		
Phone (home)		
Phone (cell)		
E-mail:		
Best contact method/time:		



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Sunday Religious School meets 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Tuesday classes meet 4:30 pm – 6 pm

Please check all of the applicable spaces:

Gan (Preschool - 1st Grade) and Mechinah (2nd Grade) Every Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$365 + \$36 materials fee = \$401
Alef, Bet, Gimel, Dalet (3rd – 6th Grades) Sunday and Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$515 + \$36 materials fee = \$551
Hey (7th Grade) Sunday and Tuesday, plus private tutoring	<input type="checkbox"/> \$850 + \$36 materials fee = \$886
8th - 10th Grades (Confirmation) Every Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$380 + \$36 materials fee = \$416

10% Discount for siblings (discount will be taken from the lower fees)

If you require financial assistance with congregation membership dues and/or religious school tuition, please fill out the *Request for Consultation on Dues Reduction* form (available from synagogue office) and submit it to the Religious School director by August 6, 2017. The Education Committee chair and the Dues and Assessments Committee will meet with you to discuss a reduced dues & assessments / school tuition package and will allocate our scholarship funds as fairly as possible. Please note that financial assistance is available for members only. **No student will be excluded for financial reasons.**

Note on Tuition for Hey Class/B'nai Mitzvah students:

The additional tutoring fee for upcoming B'nai Mitzvah students is assessed only once. If you paid the higher rate during your child's 6th grade year, you will be charged at the rate for the Alef-Dalet (3rd through 6th grades) classes this year -- \$515.



Emergency Medical Information and Authorization

In the event of an emergency, we will always try to contact parents first. In case we are unable to reach you, please provide contact information for other adults who can help us provide care for your children.

Child(ren)'s Name(s) _____

Emergency Contacts other than Parents:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Emergency Medical Care:

Doctor _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Hospital _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Insurance Provider _____ Policy # _____

If your child has any known drug or food allergies, or is there is anything we should know about your child's eating regimen, please provide additional information:

If a child is currently taking any prescription medication, please provide additional information:

I hereby authorize Congregation B'nai Israel to take my child to the above-named physician or facility for medical treatment in the event of an emergency in which neither parent nor other mentioned contacts can be reached.

I hereby authorize any licensed physician or medical treatment center to treat my child in case of an emergency in which the above-named physician cannot respond.

In all of the above, I release Congregation B'nai Israel and the Religious / Hebrew School of all liability regarding any action that they might have to take for my child.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____



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CHILD PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I/We hereby _____grant/_____do NOT grant to Congregation B'nai Israel and the Irving and Edith Friedman Academy of Jewish Learning the unqualified authorization to use and display on the B'nai Israel web site, the religious school Facebook page, and the monthly Shofar publication of Congregation B'nai Israel, photographs taken of the children listed below participating in synagogue- or school-sponsored events.

I certify that I am the parent and/or legal guardian of these children. I will make no monetary or other claim of any kind against Congregation B'nai Israel or the Irving and Edith Friedman Academy of Jewish Learning or their directors, administrators, or employees, for the use of the photographs of these children on the synagogue web site, religious school Facebook page, or the monthly Shofar newsletter.

Please Print:

Name(s) of Child(ren): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date

Signature (Parent/Guardian)

Date

Signature (Parent/Guardian)



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First Days of School – Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18 – This year, religious school will start with Junior Congregation on **Saturday, August 17**. We will provide a special welcome-back-to-school snack and have some additional activities for kids both before and after the service. Parents are encouraged to join us for the service. On **Sunday, August 18**, our first day of classes will start with a general assembly at 9:00 in the main sanctuary for all students and parents. Students will then go to their classrooms with their respective teachers, while parents stay in the sanctuary for a brief question and answer session with the Religious School director. Parents will then have the opportunity to go to their children's classrooms if they wish. The Men's Club is planning a sukkah-building activity that day as well, starting at 10:30 am, so please plan to spend a little time with them and learn about their new sukkah-building kits.

Changes to Snack Policy – Last year we asked parents to provide snacks for their children's classes. This worked well for some classes, less well for others. This year, we are asking parents to contribute to a communal "snack pantry" for the school, so that no class will find itself without a snack on Sunday mornings. Non-perishable snacks such as individual bags of chips, granola bars, etc., are best for this pantry. A sign-up sheet and periodic notices will be sent out about snacks for the classrooms. Alternatively, parents can make a monetary contribution to help purchase snacks for all classes. This is similar to the whole-school snack policy we have had in previous years, where parents were asked to provide snacks for the entire school (about 50 students), but classes will have their Sunday snacks individually at a time that best fits their class schedule.

Water Bottles – We would like each student to bring in a water bottle to keep in their classroom and use throughout the year. The advantage of water bottles is that they are reuseable rather than disposable, so we will not be contributing more waste to the world.

Tuesday Snacks – We did not provide a snack on Tuesday afternoons last year. Instead, we asked parents to give their children a snack before dropping them off at 4:30. In spite of this request, we routinely had students tell us that they were STARVING. To meet this need, the Education Committee will be selling snacks in the synagogue lobby from 4-4:30 pm on Tuesday afternoons. Students who do not have time for snack before religious school drop off can either bring in an approved kosher snack to eat before class starts at 4:30, or bring in cash to purchase a snack.

Parent Involvement – This school cannot function without the help and participation of our parents. We need help to plan and carry out class events and Family Shabbat services --particularly if we want to have family Shabbat dinners at the synagogue. Family participation makes these events special for everyone. Some office help during school hours, especially on Sundays, would also be appreciated.

Classroom Needs -- All of our classrooms need supplies such as paper, notebooks, writing implements, scissors, staplers and staples, tape dispenser and tape, post-it notes, white-board markers, and more. We will have a wish list for each class posted online before the start of the school year.



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Junior Congregation is a part of the Hebrew School curriculum. It will be held once a month, starting in August. We will also have Junior Congregation on Rosh Hashanah - Monday, September 30 and Yom Kippur - Wednesday, October 9. If there is sufficient interest (indicated by signing up in advance), we will also have Junior Congregation on the second day of Rosh Hashanah – Tuesday, October 1. We encourage people to attend services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, as our Goldman Award recipients, Faith Jastrzemski and Meira Altman, will be on hand to tell us about their trips to Israel over the summer.

Parents are encouraged to join us at Junior Congregation services in the small chapel on the dates listed below:

August 17
September 21
Rosh Hashanah* – September 30 and possibly October 1
Yom Kippur* – October 9
October 26
November 16
December 14
January 25
February 22
March 21
April 18
May 9
Confirmation Graduation – May 16

*On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will learn one or two of the special prayers/tunes for the Yamin Noraim, and have a discussion on the themes of these holidays.

Class Family Services

Each class is scheduled to lead a Friday evening service during the year. Class members will lead various prayers, assisted by their teachers and our classroom aides. We would like to have a family dinner, either before or after the service, for each class. We will need parent volunteers to coordinate these dinner; please contact the Director or your child's teacher if you are willing to help make these dinners happen.

Confirmation Class (8th-10th grades) Family Service – Friday, November 15
Dalet/Hey Class (6th and 7th grades) Family Service – Friday, February 7
Gimel Class (5th grade) Family Service – Friday, March 20
Alef/Bet (3rd-4th grades) Family Service – Friday, April 24
Gan/Mechinah (preschool – 2nd grade) Family Service – Friday, May 8

Class Events

Each class will hold a specific service or special event during the year. These events will tie into the major units of study for the class and provide an opportunity for our students to put their new skills to use and to show parents and other family members what they have been learning. Most of these events are on the school calendar already; others will be added as soon as we can schedule them.



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Attendance at Services

One of the goals of the Irving and Edith Friedman Academy of Jewish Learning is to prepare our students to become B'nai Mitzvot and to fully participate as adults in synagogue life. While we can teach prayers and synagogue skills in a classroom, there is no substitute for attendance at and participation in congregational services.

All students are required to attend a minimum of ten (10) Shabbat or holiday services at Congregation B'nai Israel during the school year; attendance at these services supplements and complements regular religious school classes. Services attended can be any combination of Junior Congregation services or regular congregational services.

When your child attends services, they should add a sticker to their card (kept in the main sanctuary). Based on past experience, students may need reminders from parents or bimah occupants to give themselves credit for being at a service. We will go over the use of these cards and stickers at our orientation meeting in August.

School Policies

We have prepared a Parent Handbook to explain many of our school policies. Copies are available in the synagogue and religious school offices, or you can email the religious school and we will send you a copy in electronic format (Word document or PDF). If you have any questions about the policies in the handbook, you can contact Joan Horowitz, religious school director.

Communications

If you have any questions or concerns about what goes on in your child's class, please contact their classroom teacher first. We will also schedule parent-teacher meetings and assessments, as well as sending out "what we're doing emails", as the year progresses.

If you need to talk to the Religious School director at any time for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email or phone number below. I will be available before, during, and after school hours on Sundays and Tuesdays, and at other times by appointment.

Joan Q. Horowitz RSatCBI@gmail.com

505-553-0736 (You can call or text, but responses may not always be immediate. I do not answer the phone or check email on Shabbat or religious holidays.)

Facebook

There is a private Facebook group – Friends of Bnai Israel Religious School – administered by one of our teachers. If you are not already a member of this group, we urge you to join. Updates about the school, including event and schedule reminders, are published through this group.