



OSEH SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Dear Religious School Families,

We are excited to plan the next academic year at Oseh Shalom. Our mission continues to be to provide an enriching Jewish learning environment filled with schoolwide programs, field trips, retreats, active learning, mitzvot, tefillah (prayer) and chessed (kindness).

Attached, please find the 2018-2019/5779 Religious School Registration Forms. We ask that you send the completed forms to us with the deposit by June 30, 2018. **Again this year is the ability to enroll, pay, and complete Religious School registration on our website: www.oseh-shalom.org.** The registration packet includes:

- Registration Form
- Tuition Chart
- Madrichim Program Information and Registration

Early Registration offers a \$50 discount off of your total tuition, for registrations completed with the \$150 deposit by **6/30/2018**.

Programs:

Pre-K meets twice a month, on Sundays, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Grades K-2nd meet on Sundays, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Grades 3rd-6th meet on Sundays, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. and midweek cyber-tutoring

- **ShalomLearning:** ShalomLearning includes classroom and online components, as well as one-on-one tutoring. On Sundays, students learn about Jewish traditions, values, and history through classroom lessons that incorporate technology-based instruction. During the week, students work independently on learning Hebrew and prayers through self-paced online lessons. Once-a-week, students will meet with their classroom teacher via, Skype, Google Hangouts, or FaceTime to reinforce their independent learning.

Grades 6th and 7th are divided into two Hebrew sections (**Bar/Bat Mitzvah Prep and Shoharit**).

- **Bar/Bat Mitzvah Prep:** This Hebrew class will focus on trope and Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation. The teacher will work with the entire class on required Saturday morning prayers and trope. Individual lessons will also be conducted on each student's parsha. (Individual sessions will occur through pull out meetings during Sunday School) The Judaics class will be based on the Parasha Project. Students will learn about their Parasha and perform mitzvot throughout the year.

- **Shaharit (non B'nai Mitzvot Year):** This Hebrew class will focus on prayers from the Saturday morning service. Emphasis will be placed on proper prayer pronunciation and deeper prayer meaning/connections. These students will also utilize the ShalomLearning program and have one-on-one midweek tutoring.

UpperSchool:

Grades 8th-12th will meet on alternate Sunday's from 10:50 - 11:30 am. Students will participate in their Madrichim duties and then **attend class during the last time block in the Teen Lounge.**

- **TeenConnect** – The TeenConnect program meets the first and third Sunday of the month, plus one Saturday evening. The purpose of the organization is to provide a hands-on learning environment where teens can actively participate in Jewish life as they progress to adulthood.
- **Upper School Torah Study** – This class meets the second and fourth Sunday of each month. It is designed for students who desire a more academic atmosphere. Students will delve into the Torah, learn commentary from the great Rabbis throughout history, and discuss/debate the modern relevance to central parashah themes.
- Our **Madrichim Program** (Teacher's Aid) provides an opportunity to learn valuable leadership skills, while staying connected to the synagogue.

All Students will participate in learning outside the classroom. Jewish education is not meant to stop at the classroom door. It is meant to be lived and applied to all aspects of our lives. Therefore, **student participation is expected in our key programs.**

- **First Friday Family Services** will be held at 7:30 pm on the first Fridays of the month. The services are more kid-friendly and include a special Tot Shabbat service for those in Kindergarten and younger. Attendance is required for students in 3rd through 7th grade.
- Students and families will also attend **Oseh Experience (formerly B'Yachad)** events. These will include holidays, Friday evening services and Saturday morning services. The religious school is partnering with the education and religious committees to create Shabbat and holiday events that incorporate prayer services, learning, fun and social action. Dates for The Oseh Experience can be found on the school calendar.
- Each class will also host one **Kabbalat Shabbat** where families will be able to gather for a class meal and then attend services led by the students.
Dates for Kabbalat Shabbat are:
 - December 7 4th Grade
 - January 4 5th Grade
 - February 3 3rd Grade
 - February 16 6th/7th Grades
 - April 5 2nd Grade
 - June 7 K-1st Grade/ Consecration
 - June 9 Confirmation/ Graduation
- Community and leadership building are an integral part of Oseh Shalom's Religious School focus. For this reason, all students will be invited to several **field trips** during the school day and special **after-school extended programs.**

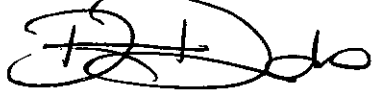
Finally, all families will be invited to attend a **Shabbaton (retreat)** in connection with the **Annual Congregational Retreat, January 18-20, 2019.** Students and families will celebrate Shabbat as a community in an authentic and creative way, pray and study

together, engage in interactive team building activities, and bond into a cohesive team. Students will experience quality Jewish time together and deepen their involvement in Jewish life. This will provide an opportunity for “living the learning”, an experiential framework of Jewish time, space, text and community that will transform a group of individuals into a community, connected to and through Jewish life and values.

I wish all families a wonderful and relaxing summer. Please visit the school while we are on break. Call to set up an appointment. I would love to hear your insights on how we can make next year our best year at Oseh.

Thank you for all you have done for our school this year, and I look forward to spending another wonderful year with you.

Regards,

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