



# CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

*A conservative, egalitarian synagogue*

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“Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.” – Carl Sagan

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“The very world rests on the breath of children in the schoolhouse.” – Talmud (Shabbat, 119b)

Dear Beth Shalom congregant,

The Beth Shalom Religious School is a place where we seek to help each child discover the joys of Jewish learning. With our high quality education and creative programming, we strive to bring Judaism to life in concrete and meaningful ways for our children. We engage in text study, exploration of T’fillot (prayers) and holidays, and work to understand Jewish values. Our children have the benefit of loving, nurturing staff that provide the individual attention to help each child grow and succeed.

Enclosed in this packet you will find our Religious School Enrollment Forms and the Youth Department Membership Forms. Fees for the Religious School are determined by the number of classroom hours your child(ren) receive(s). To ensure our school’s ability to hire teachers and purchase textbooks according to class size, we are offering an incentive to turn in your forms and payment early. **There is an early bird discount of \$50 per child for completed forms that are RECEIVED by May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.** Any forms submitted after that date are no longer eligible for the discount. When filling out the paperwork, please take the time to fully complete the forms. It is much easier for our staff if all information is documented in the same place. Please do not assume that we have the information “on file.” Please be sure to include registration and snack fees.

Youth Department forms are also included. Please include the names of all children (including USY age youth) on this form. Note that youth department dues are included in the enrollment for Religious School students. However, even if there is no need for additional payment, please submit the paperwork so that we have accurate information.

Scholarships are always available for both the Religious School and the Youth Department, so please contact me if you wish to request a scholarship. I always welcome questions, comments and feedback, so please contact me anytime. I am so excited about what this upcoming year will bring. Let’s continue the adventure of learning together!

B’shalom,

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P.S. If you don’t have children who would benefit from our programs, please feel free to pass this on to a friend. Non-members are welcome at an adjusted rate structure.

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