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Ben Bag-Bag taught: *“Turn it [the Torah] this way and that way because everything is in it. Pore over it; grow old and gray over it. Do not budge from it. You can have no better guide for living than it.”* – Pirke Avot 5:24.

“Blessing our children is loving their best selves as their true inner selves.” – Mordechai Gafni

Dear Beth Shalom congregant,

The Beth Shalom Religious School is a sacred community where each child discovers the joys of Jewish learning. With our high quality, creative, educational programming, we strive to bring Judaism and Torah to life for our children. We learn T'fillot (prayers) and holidays, engage in text study, and explore Jewish values. Our children benefit from loving, nurturing staff that provide students with 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. 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 31st, 2011.** Any forms submitted after this date are no longer eligible for the discount. When filling out the paperwork, please take the time to fully complete the forms, as this way all information is documented in the same place. Please do not assume that we have the information “on file,” as we create new databases each year. Remember 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. 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.

If you wish to request a scholarship for either the Religious School or the Youth Department, please contact me. I always welcome questions, comments and feedback, and I look forward to hearing from you. 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 do not have children who are eligible for 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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