



*WELCOME BACK TO TEMPLE BETH EL
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 2017-2018*



*Our first day of Religious School is Sunday, September 17
The first day of Hebrew School is on Wednesday, September 27*

School starts at 9:30 am on Sunday in the Weinstein Community Court and terrace with Song Circle and will lead directly into our School Wide Service.

School is dismissed at 12:00 pm on Sunday. Check the school calendar for the four school sessions in which we have an extended day. School ends at 11:30 am on all other sessions.

Beit Café Panim is open in the Frank Adult Lounge

Beit Café Panim is a special session of Café Panim on the first Sunday of each session.

All parents, grandparents and family members are welcome to schmooze at Beit Café Panim!

Café Panim is open on all other Sundays. The Café Panim program was developed and is led by parents to create a greater sense of community and involvement among our parents. It is open every Sunday that Religious School is in session from 9:30–11:30am. Bring a book, a laptop, a notebook, a sketchbook, a game, your knitting, a puzzle—anything that you'd like to 'hang out with at the café'. Share a conversation, a hobby, an idea over coffee, bagels and snacks. Donations are welcome and volunteers are appreciated.

Welcome to our Newest Students

We have a 4K classroom led by Samantha Biatch!

We have 7 students enrolled and have room for 3 more.

4K families will go directly to their classroom, room 105 at 9:30 am.

4K Family Orientation will be at 10:15 am in the Frank Adult Lounge.

4K is dismissed at 11:30 am.

Welcome to our Newest Families

We have approximately **five** new families with more in the pipeline finalizing their paperwork!

We will welcome them during the NEW New Family Orientation program at Café Panim on Sunday, October 15 at 10am.

New Family Orientation will include reviewing the school handbook, meeting clergy and staff, and taking a group picture of all our new families.

Welcome to our Teaching Staff

Teacher	Grade	Day
Samantha Biatch (Fall semester only)	4K	Sundays
Rachel Mitchell *	Kindergarten	Sundays
Lisa Friend-Kalupa	1 st grade	Sundays
Marc Friedman	2 nd grade	Sundays
Amy Krauthamer-Maloney	3 rd grade	Sundays
Hilda Fine (Fall semester only)	Hebrew Through Movement (K-3)	Sundays
Courtney Savercool *	4 th grade	Sundays
Kim Rosenthal	4A	Wednesdays
Hilda Fine (Fall semester only)	4B	Wednesdays
Rabbi Andrea Steinberger & Aidan Borkan * (team teaching)	5 th grade	Sundays
Jodi Harris, Eitan Barak & Rabbi Bonnie Margulis	<i>Mitkadem</i> (5 th & 6 th grades)	Wednesdays
Carly Cohen	<i>Mitkadem</i> Manager	Wednesdays
Kim Rosenthal	6 th grade	Sundays
Michelle Gustafson	7 th grade	Sundays
Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy & Michelle Gustafson	7 th grade	Wednesdays
Rabbi Bonnie Margulis, Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy & Les Goldsmith	Madrichim Leadership Training Course (8 th)	Sundays
Keith Symonds *	Hebrew Review Team Manager (9 th -12 th)	Sundays
Elias * & David *	song leaders from Interlaken	Sundays
Rachel Sauer *	Administrative Assistant for Lifelong Learning	Sunday – Friday (including when school is in session on Sundays and Wednesdays)

* = represents new staff members

New EARLY Dismissal Policy

We recognize that there are some instances where students will have to leave school early. If a student needs to leave early, parents must communicate with the office prior to the student departing the building. The reason for these procedures maximize student learning and safety.

For Students in 4K, K and 1st Grades:

Parents are kindly requested to notify the office at the start of the school session to complete an early release form. School staff will deliver this form to the teacher. Notifying the office can be done in person, by phone or email. At the time of pick up, parents can go directly to the classroom to pick up their child. Please allow extra time to be on time for your commitment.

For Students in 2nd – 8th Grades:

Parents are kindly requested to notify the office prior to or at the start of the school session to complete an early release form. School staff will deliver this form to the teacher. Notifying the office can be done in person, by phone or email. At the time of pick up, school staff will get the student out of the class and escort them to the front door. Student will wait with the door person inside the building. We also realize that sometimes plans change or situations arise where advance notice is not always possible, in which case parents can call ahead on their way to Temple asking for an early dismissal. School staff will get the student out of the class and escort them to the front door. Student will wait with the door person inside the building. Please allow extra time to be on time for your commitment.

Special Dates to Note for Fall 2017 Semester

As you review the school calendar, take special note on the following dates and programs.

Details will follow as we get closer to these special dates.

Event/Program	Date	Time
MaTTY Youth Lounge Hours (NEW)	Every Tuesday beginning September 19	3:45 – 8 pm
NO School: Rosh Hashana eve	Wednesday, September 20	
Tots and Tunes (a 4K family program in addition to a community-wide PJ Library program) (NEW)	Sunday, September 24	10 am
MuTTY Youth Lounge Hours (NEW)	Every Wednesday beginning September 27	2:45 – 4:15 pm
NO School: Yom Kippur (day after)	Sunday, October 1	
Family Education Day: Simchat Torah (NEW) (NO HEBREW SCHOOL)	Wednesday, October 11	5:00 – 8 pm
Biblical Zoo Fieldtrip (NEW)	Sunday, October 22	9:30 – 11:30 am
Consecration for kdg and new 1 st – 3 rd graders	Friday, October 3	5:45 pm
Swarsensky Sunday w/7 th grade (in addition to the community-wide lecture and brunch) (NEW)	Sunday, November 12	9:45 – 11:30 am
B'nai Mitzvah Orientation & Lunch	Sunday, November 19	12:00 – 3:00 pm
NO School: Thanksgiving	Wednesday, November 22	
NO School: Thanksgiving	Sunday, November 26	

I look forward to seeing and hearing all the noise in the building once again. Though the building functions year-round, it's great to have it come alive with our families, teachers, and students present. Our teaching staff is strong, our madrichim (teenage teacher assistants and Hebrew Reviewers) are poised, our office support is experienced, our school program is excellent.

One of my greatest pleasures is having conversations with parents and students. If there is any question, concern, or curiosity I can field, please let me know at any time. I can be always be reached at learn@tbemadison.org.

B'hatzlacha (with success) on a great school year!
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