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BETH SHALOM

21 East Foster Street
Melrose, Massachusetts 02176
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Membership Packet 2009-2010



Summer 2009

Dear Prospective TBS Member,

Thank you for your interest in Temple Beth Shalom! We pride ourselves on being a caring and welcoming community, dedicated to the perpetuation of Jewish values through our ritual, educational, and social activities. This is a momentous time in the history of our congregation, as we prepare to rededicate our sanctuary after a year of construction, and several years of planning and development efforts that made our building's beautiful full-scale renovation possible.

We have always prided ourselves on our "openness," but we bring our ability to welcome everyone to a new level with a new handicap accessible ramp into the building and pulpit, as well as numerous other improvements to our building which will be well appreciated.

Our congregation operates with a somewhat unique model: part-time rabbinic leadership, and full time community wide volunteerism. Our religious services are well attended, not only on the High Holy Days, but throughout the year. The Shalom School provides an excellent Jewish education for our children, and adults gather for lively discussion at our lay-led Torah study group. No prior knowledge or Hebrew expertise is required, and everyone is encouraged to participate fully. Our Sisterhood is active, our jazz nights are lively, and our spirit is warm.

People continually tell me that it is easy to feel part of the community. I encourage you to come to any/all of our activities, and to begin to set down roots in our Temple family. I look forward to meeting you, and invite you to contact me directly at rabbi@tbsma.org if I can ever be of assistance!

Best wishes,

Arnie

Rabbi Arnold M. Fertig, MPA



Dear Members and Friends:

Welcome to Temple Beth Shalom! For over 70 years, TBS has provided a religious, social, and educational home for many Jewish families living north of Boston. We offer informal, participatory, and interesting services; an active Jewish education program for children and adults; a series of family and adult social events; and outreach to the wider community.

This year, we also offer a brand new building, a project 10 years in the making. The decision to reconstruct our 100-year-old aging home started a decade ago, with the beginnings of fundraising in behalf of a building fund. This speeded up three years ago, with the decision to embark on a Capital Campaign, which to date has an astonishing 94% participation rate by members and enormous support by friends of TBS and the Melrose community.

We began demolition in October 2008, and we spent a year as the guests of various Christian religious groups in Melrose and Temple Emmanuel in Wakefield. We are scheduled to reopen in September 2009, with a sparkling new structure that is fully handicap accessible, totally up-to-code for all mechanicals, and a lovely reflection of the soul of our congregation. The planning, design, and furnishing of the building was all overseen by members ... and the result is delightful.

As a member of Temple Beth Shalom, you will have the opportunity to participate in a growing, active, congregation with a well-defined place in the greater Melrose religious community. Whether it's the annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, a community seder, or work with disadvantaged people, Temple Beth Shalom asserts a positive, caring Jewish presence in the community.

Families and individuals are welcome to participate in all Temple activities. It does not matter if you are – or are not – educated in Judaism or even if you can read Hebrew; our goal is to provide a place in the Jewish community for all who wish to participate. Many of our member families are of mixed religious and cultural backgrounds, and we are all richer for it.

Our children are treasured at Temple Beth Shalom. We offer a number of events and services designed to welcome and integrate children and families in the Jewish community.

Once again, welcome. I look forward to meeting you and hope you will become an active member in our community.

Sincerely,

Nancy

Nancy Kukura
President



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2009-2010***

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TEMPLE COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

TBS provides many opportunities for new members to become involved in Jewish community life in Melrose through committees, meetings, and social events.

Education Committee ... supervises the day-to-day educational activities of the Shalom School. Its primary function is to ensure quality religious education and diverse educational programming for the Temple community.

Social Action Committee ... undertakes to address the problems of the greater community. Activities include preparing and serving Christmas dinner for isolated neighbors and collecting food, clothing, and equipment for the needy.

Social Committee ... oversees a variety of social and fund raising events. Its goal is to provide opportunities for members to gather socially as well as to involve the Temple in the greater Melrose community. Past events include folk dancing instruction, family Bruppers (breakfast at suppertime), Sundaes on Sunday parties, and Chanukah and Purim parties. In addition, TBS is known as a major jazz venue in Melrose because of twice-a-year jazz concerts featuring the talents of several professional musicians who are TBS members.

Bulletin Committee ... consists of a Bulletin editor and a one-member support staff. The editor assembles a monthly electronic bulletin with information provided by various Temple members and employees. The Bulletin provides the Congregation with such information as the service schedule, upcoming activities, news from the Rabbi and the Shalom School Director, financial contributions to TBS, and special news about the achievements of members and their families.

Ritual Committee ... is responsible for all aspects of Temple religious services. The committee approves changes in ritual practices, purchases books and materials for services, maintains the condition of the Torah Scrolls, and, collaborating with the Rabbi, plans the calendar of services. You do not need to have a background in Jewish ritual or knowledge of Hebrew to participate.

Membership Committee ... has the crucial job of reaching out to new members to TBS. The committee is responsible for updating and maintaining the membership packet, sponsoring events to welcome and introduce new members, helping to orient new members to Temple life, and providing new member information to the Temple community.

Sisterhood ... is open to any woman who is a member of TBS or is a Jewish woman from a nearby community. Meetings are both informative and fun. Sisterhood's mission is to bring Jewish women together to learn and laugh with one another in a welcoming group of women of varying ages and interests. Sisterhood also has an ongoing book group and knitting group.

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There are four membership categories. A Family Membership includes two heads of the household and all children living at home. A Family Senior Membership includes a couple who are at least 65 years of age. A Single Member is an unmarried person, widow, or widower. A Single Senior Member is an unmarried person, widow, or widower who is at least 65 years of age. Shalom School tuition is separated from Temple dues; information is contained in the school section of this membership packet.

Membership Dues Rates 2009-2010

Family	\$1725
Family Senior	\$1125
Single Family / Individual	\$1050
Single Senior	\$ 850



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Shalom School year! The Shalom School provides a warm and friendly, creative and interactive learning environment where students can explore their Jewish identities, acquire Hebrew reading skills, and develop an understanding of and a love for Israel. We are fortunate to have knowledgeable and dedicated teachers who carefully plan their lessons according to our school curriculum. Our classes are large enough for engaging group activities, and sufficiently small to provide excellent individual attention.

Classes will begin on:

Sunday, Sept. 27..... Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

Wednesday, Sept 30..... Grades 8-12 (at Temple Shir Tikvah in Winchester)

Thursday, Oct. 1..... Grade 7

Sunday, Oct. 4..... Preschool

CLASS	MEETING DAYS AND TIME	TUITION	
Preschool	9 Sunday sessions, 9:45-11:30 am	\$180	
Kindergarten, Grade One, Two, Three	Sunday 9:30-11:30 a.m.	\$600	
Grade Four, Five, Six	Sunday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, 4:00-6:00 p.m.	\$850	
Grade Seven	Thursday, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Sunday morning B'nai Mitzvah tutoring	\$1500	
Grade Eight, Nine, Ten, Eleven, Twelve	Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Classes meet at Temple Shir Tikvah in Winchester	\$650 (This fee has been subsidized by \$200 from the Rovner Scholarship Fund for TBS members who are in good standing)	

There is an additional \$40 book/supplies fee for Preschool–Grade 7.



Policy for Admission to the Shalom School

1. Students of members in good standing of TBS may attend the Shalom School.
2. Children of members in good standing of a local synagogue that has no established religious school program and has entered into a reciprocal agreement with TBS. The reciprocal agreement will establish a payment schedule agreed upon by both parties and allow admission to the Shalom School at a non-subsidized rate.
3. Children of non-members who are affiliated with an out-of-area synagogue will be reviewed annually on a case-by-case basis for admission to the religious school. All attempts will be made to encourage membership. The tuition rate will be non-subsidized.
4. Children of preschool age may attend the Shalom School preschool program for no more than one year without benefit of membership. If that student and family wish to continue in the religious school program they must become members or meet the criteria noted in this document (#2, #3, #4).
5. If the student population ever exceeds capacity, TBS members have first priority for admission to the Shalom School.

Policy for Service Attendance

All Grade 4-7 students are expected to attend a minimum of six Temple services (Friday evening, Saturday morning, or holiday) during the school year. A recognition certificate will be given to those students who meet the service requirement at the Closing Ceremony.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Preschool (*Gan*)

This monthly class is a wonderful introduction to Judaism for children ages 3-5 years old. Filled with song and spirit, the children learn about the Jewish holidays, their traditions, and significant symbols. Games, crafts, and creative projects accompany each session. The children are taught the importance of *Tzedakah* and *Mitzvot* and how these are embedded not only in our culture but in our Jewish obligation. Beginning letter recognition and familiar prayers and blessings are introduced. The class is taught by a licensed Early Education teacher.

Kindergarten / Grade 1 (*Gan Hovah/Kitah Alef*)

This is a weekly, two-hour Sunday morning class. The Kindergarten/Grade 1 class has fun learning in a creative, easy-going environment. Subjects include: Hebrew/Prayer, Holidays, Bible, Israel, *Mitzvot/Tzedakah* (Jewish obligations) and the Synagogue. Teacher resources, including wonderful picture books, games, art projects, and music classes, are incorporated. Children enjoy a weekly snack of *challah* and grape juice, and they participate in holiday programs with their new friends in the K/1 Class.

Grade 2 / Grade 3 (*Kitah Bet/Gimel*)

This is a weekly, two-hour Sunday morning class. Subjects include: Hebrew, holidays, *Gemilut Chasadim* (the value of loving-kindness), *Mitzvot/Tzedakah* (Jewish obligations), and Prayers/Blessings. Grade 2 students are introduced to the letters and vowels in the textbook Shalom U'vracha, The New Hebrew Primer. Grade 3 students continue to build their skills in The Back to School Hebrew Reading Refresher. Holidays are highlighted through story, discussion, crafts, traditional holiday foods, and blessings. Students prepare to lead the *Sh'ma* and participate in the Kindergarten–Grade 3 Friday evening service. Games, art projects, music, and innovative activities create a fun and interactive community-building experience that is enjoyed by our students.

Grade 4 (*Kitah Dalet*)

Students meet twice a week (Sunday and Thursday) for two hours each session. Subjects include: Bible, Holidays, Hebrew/Prayer, and Israel. Lessons include a daily reciting of the *Hatikvah*, Israel's national anthem, as well as Hebrew conversational phrases. Students enjoy interacting with one another using Hebrew language! The Hineini Book One Hebrew textbook is used along with the accompanying CD for an interactive home review. Our curriculum goal is to increase reading fluency with team games and partner reading. Students read and discuss Bible stories using The Explorer's Bible, Book One. Students participate in class discussion of the holidays and prayers; in addition, they prepare for a Grade 4–7 Shabbat morning service in the spring.

Grade 5 (Kitah Hey)

Students meet twice a week (Sunday and Thursday) for two hours each session. Subjects include: Hebrew, Prayer/Blessings, Bible, Israel, and Holidays. Grade 5 students learn in pairs and focus on reading fluency and a general understanding of the prayers, using Hineini, Book Two. The Explorer's Bible allows for the discussion of Jewish history during Biblical times. Welcome to Israel is the text that Grade 5 will use in their continued study of Israel. In addition, Grade 5 students participate in a Jewish music program and weekly school service where they lead and recite the Shabbat prayers with the rest of the school. Students prepare for and participate in a Gr. 4–7 Shabbat morning service in the spring.

Grade 6 (Kitah Vav)

Students meet twice a week (Sunday and Thursday) for two hours each session. Subjects include: Hebrew, Prayer, Conversational Hebrew, Jewish History, and Ethics and Values. Students are involved in discussion-oriented lessons and they work in groups and pairs to accomplish educational goals and objectives. Grade 6 students spend significant time building their reading fluency and understanding of Shabbat prayers in preparation for becoming *B'nai Mitzvah*. Hineini, Book Two and the Gates of Prayer siddur are the textbooks used for Hebrew studies. The History of the Jewish People, Vols. 1 and 2 and Ten Thousand Children are the textbooks used for Jewish History and Holocaust studies. Music classes and *Kabbalat Shabbat*, a weekly prayer service that welcomes the Sabbath, enrich the Grade 6 studies.

Grade 7 (Kitah Zayin)

The *B'nai Mitzvah* class meets for two hours on Thursday for classroom instruction and on Sunday morning for individual tutoring. Subjects include: Hebrew, Prayer, Jewish Historical Figures, Conversational Hebrew and *Midrash* (Stories). Grade Seven uses the textbook Jewish Heroes, Jewish Values, which introduces noteworthy Jewish personalities and their contributions to society, along with the Jewish values that they teach us. The class uses Hineini, Books Two and Three and the Gates of Prayer siddur for Hebrew studies. Uplav Alef and Bet are used for Conversational Hebrew. Every Thursday ends with a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service in which the whole school joins in a joyous prayer ceremony that welcomes the Sabbath.

Grades 8–12 (High School Program)

The High School Program meets weekly on Wednesday evenings, 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Temple Shir Tikvah in Winchester. Students begin the evening with a pizza dinner and song session with Cantor Beth. Students take core classes in the fall, followed by electives in the winter and spring. Core classes include comparative religions (Grade 8), a study of Jewish denominations (Grade 9), *Tikkun Olam* – the Jewish mandate to take direct action in repairing the world (Grades 10–11), and being Jewish in college (Grade 12). Electives may include a study of Israel, exploring Jewish culture through cooking, introduction to Talmud, or Jewish portrayal in the media.



THE SHALOM SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM 2009-2010

Please fill out a separate form for each child & verify accuracy of information that is pre-printed

We thank the Dr. Miah H. Rovner and Esther A. Rovner Scholarship Fund whose generosity helps us to defray the cost of tuition for all students in the Temple Beth Shalom religious school, in this, and future years.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ HEBREW NAME: _____

PUBLIC SCHOOL: _____ SCHOOL GRADE(this fall): _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

English & Hebrew Reading/Writing Ability (as relates to Grade Level):

ALLERGIES/MEDICAL ISSUES: _____

PARENTS' NAMES: _____

MOTHER'S ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

MOTHER - EMAIL: _____ CELL: _____ WORK #: _____

FATHER'S ADDRESS (if different): _____ PHONE: _____

FATHER - EMAIL: _____ CELL: _____ WORK #: _____

SIBLINGS' NAME(S), DATES OF BIRTH: _____

Previous religious education? _____ If so, where? _____

I am registering my child for: (Please note that some classes may be combined due to enrollment numbers)

- () Preschool \$ 180 () K \$ 600 () 1st \$ 600 () 2nd \$ 600 () 3rd \$ 600 () 4th \$ 850
- () 5th \$ 850 () 6th \$ 850 () 7th \$ 1,500 () 8th \$ 650* () 9th \$ 650* () 10th \$ 650* () 11th \$ 650*
- () Multi-Child Discount of 15% (Applicable to Third Child [lowest tuition] in Family)

(* Tuition includes a subsidy of \$ 200 per student from the Rovner Scholarship Fund - Shir Tikva's tuition charge is \$850 per student)

ALL FAMILIES MUST BE MEMBERS OF TEMPLE BETH SHALOM FOR SHALOM SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - with the only exception being the Preschool class.

\$ 100 Tuition Deposit (Preschool Full \$ 180 Tuition) + \$ 40 Book/Supply Fee is Due at Registration (Grades K-11) - 1/2 of the Total Amount is Due by the First Day of Classes - Balance Due by Dec 1st. (Preschool) - Full Payment is Due at Registration

Tuition (see rates listed above) \$ _____

Book/Supply Fee (\$ 40 per child - Grades P through 7th only) \$ _____

Late Registration Fee (\$ 30 for registrations after 6/30/2009) \$ _____

School Tax Deductible Donation - Thank You! \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

(Make Check Payable to: Temple Beth Shalom) Amount Enclosed = \$ _____

To mail your form & deposit: attn: Lew DiNitto - TBS Financial Secretary, 33 Myrtle Avenue, Wakefield, MA 01880

Unless I have checked "NO" below, I authorize the use of my child's name and photograph for non-commercial purposes in connection with Temple Beth Shalom & the Shalom School, including the TBS website. NO

Please indicate below anything in the child's background that you would like the religious schoolteacher to know.