



**IRVING AND EDNA NEWMAN
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
OF
B'NAI ISRAEL JEWISH CENTER**

Dear Parents:

It is time to register your children for the 2009-2010 school year.

This year we are making some changes that are designed to strengthen the program and better meet the needs of our school community. Specifically, we are separating our Hebrew from Judaic Studies program. Hebrew will be taught mid-week while Judaic Studies will be taught on Sunday mornings. The midweek Hebrew program will be open for 3rd grade students through B'nai Mitzvah students and divided according to levels. The 3rd and 4th grade students have the option of attending while students from 5th grade and older must attend. For students planning on having a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the future, we do highly recommend starting Hebrew as early as possible. Our program for Kindergarteners through 2nd graders will continue to meet once a week on Sunday mornings with the primary focus being on Holidays, Torah stories, and Jewish values.

For the coming year, school will continue to be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am to 12 pm for all students and also on a midweek afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 pm for those students in our two-day a week Hebrew and Judaic Studies program. Currently, Hebrew is scheduled for Thursday afternoons; however, we are willing to consider moving it to Tuesday or Wednesday if doing so allows more students to attend.

Religious School begins on Sunday, September 13th. There will be a "Back to School Night" on Thursday, September 17th from 6:15-7:15 pm.

For 2009-2010, tuition remains the same:

Kindergarten thru 4th Grade (Sundays only) - \$525
3rd and 4th Grade (Judaic Studies on Sundays only) - \$525
3rd and 4th Grade (with Hebrew option) - \$700
5th thru 7th Grade (Sundays and midweek) - \$700
B'nai Mitzvah Training - \$600

The entire B'nai Israel community supports the education of our children. For those for whom Center membership dues and/or School tuition is out of reach, please follow the procedures set forth on the Tuition page of the registration packet. Tuition will be discounted for those who complete and return their "Early Bird" registration by July 31st.

As always, we are working diligently to ensure an enriching curriculum and fun experience for our children and one that meets the needs of our community's families. This coming year, thanks to a grant from the Bureau of Jewish Education, we have and continue to purchase new books for a school library for our families and students to check out, and we have materials for a new gaga court. Please watch your e-mails for dates to make these projects a reality. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or comments about our program or your family's specific needs, please feel free to call David Gottlieb, Chair of the Education Committee, at (510) 421-1496, Rabbi Feldman at (707) 765-2937 or me at (707) 762-0340 ext. 1. In the meantime, please send in your registration and have a wonderful rest of the summer.

B'shalom,

Tamar Landau, Religious School Director

Enclosed

1. Registration Form (3 pages)
2. Student Profile Questionnaire
3. 2009-10 School Calendar