



THE TEMPLE
CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

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Dear Religious School Families,

We're looking forward to a great year of meaningful Jewish learning and experiences for your child at Congregation Achduth Vesholom's Religious School!

Registration: In order to register your child for class, please complete and return the following registration forms:

1. Religious/Hebrew School Registration Form
2. Health Information Cards (fill out one for each child in your family)
3. Religious School Fees & Payment Form
4. Field Trip Permission & Power of Attorney Form
5. Library Registration Form
6. Permission Form

Most of our communication about Religious School is done via e-mail, so it is especially important for us to have correct email addresses.

Payment and Fees: We have a two-tiered structure for Religious School fees. For many years, the cost of our Religious School has been subsidized by our congregation. While this is a very common practice among congregations nationwide, many synagogues also ask families who can to voluntarily pay the full unsubsidized cost of their child's Religious School education.

The standard tuition for the 2017-2018 school year now includes the snack fee:

- \$310 per students in Zera – Grade 3
- \$540 per student in Grades 4-6 (\$300 tuition + \$230 for Weekday Hebrew Classes)
- \$310 per student in Grades 7-8
- \$310 per student in Grades 9-12

**A separate letter will be sent to upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah families in the coming weeks regarding this year's Bar/Bat Mitzvah fees.*

The Temple is able to keep these fees low because the congregation's budget subsidizes the difference. The actual cost to educate each Religious School student is much higher. Therefore, we are giving families the option to pay more than the standard cost in order to reduce the subsidy. **The difference between the standard tuition and the unsubsidized tuition is tax deductible.** There is no expectation that anyone will pay more than the standard tuition, but every bit helps take the strain off the Temple's budget. We encourage you to support our school this way to help more families who might otherwise not be able to afford to send their children to school.

The unsubsidized tuition for the 2017-2018 school year is:

- \$600 per students in Zera – Grade 3
- \$830 per student in Grades 4-6 (\$600 tuition + \$230 for Tuesday Hebrew Classes)
- \$600 per student in Grades 7-8
- \$600 per student in Grades 9-12

Please complete and sign the registration and payment forms and return them to the Temple no later than *August 31, 2017*. Your child will only be allowed to attend class when we have received the completed registration and fee payment forms.

If your family would like to be considered for a **limited number of scholarships** available for our Religious School students, please contact Temple Treasurer Scott Goldberg at 765-749-4739 or scott@goldbergindustries.com as soon as possible! Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Scott will be glad to send you the necessary forms to complete to be considered for a scholarship for your child.

First Day of Classes: Religious School for students in Zera through 8th grade begins on Sunday, September 17 at 9:45 a.m. Students and parents will meet in the Sanctuary for a brief welcome. Teachers will then take students to class and Rabbi Sarko will speak with parents. **Every family should be represented at this important informational meeting.** Classes end at 12:00 p.m. We encourage all children and adults to take an active role in our Religious School program.

Confirmation class will also begin on Sunday, September 17. A separate calendar of meeting dates will be provided.

Hebrew classes for students in grades 4-6 begins on Tuesday, September 26 and Wednesday, September 27 at your designated time between the hours of 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Thank you for being our partner in your child's Jewish education!

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Lenny Sarko
Principal

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