

Beit Rayim Hebrew School - Registration Package for 2010/2011

This package provides you with information you will need to register your child(ren) at Beit Rayim Hebrew School for the 2010/2011 school year. The package also includes more in-depth information relating to our philosophy and programs.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Form:

Please complete the attached form titled "2010-2011 Registration Form", and select your payment option. Return completed forms to the school office during school hours or by mail to the synagogue office, 209 -1118 Centre Street, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R9.

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Dates, Times and Fees:

Grades	Sunday Morning	Thursday Afternoon	Priority Rate Tuition (register by May 27th, 2010)	Regular Tuition (register by July 16, 2010)
Kindergarten (3 ¼ hours/week)	9:15 – 12:30 p.m.	----	\$635	\$685
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Registration Guarantee / Priority Rate Deadline:

Registration is on a first-come, first served basis. Priority is given to returning students and their families until **Thursday, May 27th, 2010** (the office closes at noon). A deposit and post-dated cheques or Credit Card details must accompany all registrations.

This guarantees your child(ren) a place in their class, saves you money, and enables the school to plan more effectively for the coming year.

What Tuition Includes:

Beit Rayim Hebrew School will supply all textbooks, CDs and workbooks to the students. Certain textbooks remain property of the school and must be returned at the end of the year.

Additional Supplies that You are Responsible for:

The family is responsible for kippot and disposable supplies including paper, pencils, markers and sharpeners. Any replacement costs for lost or damaged books are the responsibility of the family. During the school year, we may plan field trips to enrich the overall experience of our students. From time to time parents may be asked to contribute a nominal sum to help cover the cost of these trips or other unique expenses.

BEIT RAYIM HEBREW SCHOOL - PHILOSOPHY AND PROGRAMS

Beit Rayim Hebrew School is a well-established Hebrew school with a history going back to 1977. We have put a great deal of care and thought into how to make Hebrew School a meaningful experience for you and your children.

Our program is affiliated with the Mercaz Centre for Jewish Education* and meets the requirements of the USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism) and is designated a United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Framework for Excellence Synagogue School Program. **A Jewish student who has completed their education at Beit Rayim Hebrew School qualifies to have their Bar/Bat Mitzvah at any Conservative synagogue.**

Pride in Judaism:

We are devoted to inspiring Jewish children to embrace the knowledge and faith of their heritage. As an egalitarian Conservative school, our goal is to teach girls and boys equally to become educated, committed and ethical members of the Jewish community.

The Torah and the teachings of Conservative Judaism guide us in our learning and behaviour. Our aim is to show the children that being Jewish is exciting and meaningful. This is accomplished through observing the laws and customs, being able to follow and participate in synagogue services, doing Mitzvot, studying Torah, learning Hebrew, and fostering a love of Israel. Thus, we prepare our children to lead ethical lives as Jews.

We are committed to creating a Jewish learning environment. Our integrated curriculum enables us to maximize the limited hours available in a supplementary school program.

*Beit Rayim Hebrew School receives financial assistance from UJA/Federation and The Centre for Enhancement of Jewish Education (formerly BJE).

Curriculum:

The curriculum is constructed so that each year contributes an important aspect of the total program. Hebrew language, Bible, prayers, synagogue skills, Jewish ethics, philosophy, history, laws and customs, as well as Jewish music and Israeli culture are the focal areas to which our students are exposed. Older students have the opportunity to study for and participate in the Annual Regional Bible Contest. Students are evaluated throughout the year and those identified for either remedial or enrichment will receive the appropriate support.

The students learn about the Jewish calendar and how holidays are celebrated both here and in Israel. Different themes for each holiday are stressed at each grade level and students are encouraged to find personal meaning in the concepts. Celebrations include Sukkot, Chanukah, Passover and Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations.

Homework is assigned from time to time in order to give students the opportunity to work on their own and be responsible for their own learning outside of school. The Chidon HaTanach (Bible Contest) program is offered as an enriched learning opportunity for students who are interested.

Learning Hebrew:

Understanding how children acquire a second language is crucial to our teachers' practices. The approach is an integrated one, which uses communication skills, combined with thinking skills to explore all subject areas. We provide a learning environment rich in language experiences to foster both a love of the Hebrew language and an opportunity to learn to read and use the language. Students become familiar with Hebrew words and phrases. For all children, Sunday morning prayers are an integral part of our program.

Family Learning Opportunities:

There are many opportunities for families to learn together at Beit Rayim Hebrew School. We believe that a partnership between school, parents and children will result in the most meaningful learning experience for your children. **We hold opportunities for Jewish Family Education for each grade where parents attend with their children to engage in hands-on learning.** Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat services or Havdallah services are held several times a year. We are continuously developing our Friday night program to ensure an engaging program for the whole family. Students and their families are welcome to attend numerous other synagogue events during the year, such as the Chanukah party and Purim's Megillah Reading and carnival.

Opportunities for family involvement allow the parents and children to grow together in their love of learning and of Jewish life. Parents are always invited and encouraged to participate in class and school celebrations. Our Jewish Family Education program is a popular and important element of the school program. The opportunity for students to learn beside their parents leaves a lasting impression that says Jewish studies are important.

The objectives of our programs are to foster enthusiasm for Judaism and a desire for greater Jewish learning in both adults and children, to enable parents and children to learn together and from each other, and to give parents and children tools to enhance their knowledge and practice of Judaism.

The combination of high level learning and hands-on activities has proved to be enticing and stimulating to parents and children, leaving the participants enthusiastic about Judaism and eager for further Jewish practice, learning, and exploration with their families.

Kabbalat Shabbat and Havdallah Services:

The school fosters familiarity with “Jewish life skills” such as Kabbalat Shabbat, the Friday night service, and Havdallah, the service that distinguishes between Shabbat and the rest of the week. We will be holding eight Kabbalat Shabbat services and a Havdallah service during the year. Attendance by your family at least once in the school year has become an integral part of our school curriculum.

Every month a different class “hosts” a Kabbalat Shabbat service. This is a great opportunity to share in a Friday night service with your family. Families are welcome to sponsor their child’s Kabbalat Shabbat service. Donation receipts are provided for donations of \$18 or more.

Music and Dance:

All students participate in these programs, which are important areas of the student’s education. Through singing and movement, we teach about the holidays, language, and a love of Jewish culture. Songs learnt are Israeli or prayer related.

Maximum Class sizes:

To create an optimal learning environment, we limit class sizes. Upon reaching our pre-set grade maximum we will take names for a waiting list. A second class will be opened once sufficient enrollment is reached.

Accountability:

At Beit Rayim Hebrew School, each student is carefully monitored and evaluated by the classroom teacher. Student portfolios are kept for each student in order to oversee student progress. Report cards are issued twice a year and parents are invited to discuss their child’s progress with the teacher throughout the year.



School Parent Committee/Parent Involvement:

Parents can make a real difference to their child’s positive experience in class. An active Parent Committee oversees planning and sets policies for the school. All parents are welcome to participate in the monthly meetings. Many other opportunities exist for parent volunteers including assisting with special events, telephoning, and chaperoning trips. Each individual’s contribution is welcomed and appreciated. Call the school office for more details.



Snack Club:

Beit Rayim School Council offers Snack Club every Sunday. For just \$50 per child per school year, your child will be provided with a **nutritious, kosher snack every Sunday at Hebrew School**. Please be sure to check off the Snack Club box on the Registration Form.

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PAYMENT SCHEDULES – Fees payable by post-dated cheques or CREDIT CARD
NOTE: 3% Admin Fee will be applied to payments made using CREDIT CARD

Schedule 1, PRIORITY REGISTRATION – Register by May 27 th , 2010 (Office closes at noon)								
Grade	Tuition	Deposit (by May 27, 2010)	July 1/10	Aug 1/10	Sept 1/10	Oct 1/10	Nov 1/10	Dec 1/10
Kindergarten	\$635	\$185	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Grade 1	\$635	\$185	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Grade 2 –7	\$1,355	\$275	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180

Schedule 2, REGULAR REGISTRATION – Register by July 16, 2010 (Office closes at noon)								
Grade	Tuition	Deposit (by July 16, 2010)	July 1/10	Aug 1/10	Sept 1/10	Oct 1/10	Nov 1/10	Dec 1/10
Kindergarten	\$685	\$235	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Grade 1	\$685	\$235	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Grade 2 –7	\$1,455	\$375	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180

- For families with more than one children: \$50 deduction for the second child and an additional \$25 deduction for the third child and each additional child
- All cheques should be made payable to “Beit Rayim Synagogue and School”.
- All Credit Card payments are subject to a 3% administrative fee. See page 6 for details.
- Hebrew School Fees and Membership Dues may NOT be combined in same cheques or CREDIT CARD payment(s).
- NSF payments, CREDIT CARD rejection and/or incorrect card data are subject to \$15.00 handling fee. If paying by CREDIT CARD please complete the CREDIT CARD Payment form attached and return with the rest of the package.
- Charitable tax receipts will be issued for full amount of tuition fees paid in the given calendar year
- **All deposits are non-refundable**
- **There are no refunds after December 31st, 2010**

BONUS!

**\$100 savings off Synagogue Membership Dues per child
for Hebrew School families that are also synagogue members**

Fair Dues:

Confidential requests for financial assistance for tuition require completion of a Fair Dues request form. The synagogue's Fair Dues Committee must receive the completed form along with the deposit to the Beit Rayim Hebrew School Office for review. Please allow a few weeks for your application to be reviewed.

Late Registration Fee:

All registrations received after **July 16th, 2010** will be subject to a \$200 late fee.

Refund Policy:

If a child is withdrawn at any time prior to **December 31st, 2010**, the maximum refund will be pro-rated to the last day of the month of withdrawal less a \$125 administrative fee. All requests for refunds must be sent **in writing** to the attention of: Beit Rayim Hebrew School. No refund will be issued after December 31, 2010.

Credit Card Administrative Fee:

Please note: A 3% Administrative Fee will apply to all payments made using Credit Card to offset Merchant Fees that Beit Rayim Hebrew School incurs when processing payments received using Credit Card. Please complete the blue form attached and send it back to us with the rest of the package.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EDUCATIONALLY AND SPIRITUALLY
FULFILLING YEAR WITH YOUR CHILDREN!**