Kadimah

Moving Forward in Reform Jewish Education for Grades 7 through 12

Sivan-Tammuz, 5777 June, 2017

Dear Friends,

We hope you are enjoying your summer…

We would like to welcome you to *KADIMAH* **(**"moving forward"**)**! This Jewish learning program is designed specifically for our 7th through 12th graders. It features an informal atmosphere that addresses the needs of the young Reform Jew living in a secular world. As you'll see from the enclosed registration form, general categories allow each program participant to choose topics of the greatest interest to them. This list will be a guideline for us when we decide what can be offered throughout the year. Before school starts or on our first night of class your child will receive a list of specific electives for the fall of 2017 from which to choose.

If your son or daughter was enrolled in *KADIMAH* last year, you know how important these programs can be; *KADIMAH* promises to offer an even greater array of fun and exciting possibilities. If your child has not been to religious school in a while, you can rest assured that he or she will feel comfortable with our inclusive programming which assumes nothing more than an open mind and a willingness to explore, learn, and make new friends.

In addition to a school calendar, attached you will find (in both Word and pdf formats) all of the forms that we need in order to process your child's registration:

•an application which contains an area for the students to complete, and a separate form for the parent/guardian to complete
•a Covenant of Conduct form
•a fee schedule
•A confidential information form

Please note: all students are required to attend 7th grade in keeping with school policy.

We ask that you read the information carefully, and return your child's application as soon as possible so that we can continue to put together an outstanding school program. If your son/daughter is away at camp, please return the main registration form and send back the Covenant of Conduct and interest forms after he/she fills them out. Forms can be completed as Word documents and returned to us via email if using a credit card, or the pdf forms can be printed and mailed or faxed to the synagogue. **If you need paper forms mailed to you, please reply back and we will mail you what you need.**

Information about our trip to **Washington, D.C.** for students in grades 10-12 is included in the registration form. This trip will take place February 23 through 26, 2018. We look forward to continuing your son/daughter's bond with our congregation through our outstanding program, and hope we can count on your participation as well in making our school continue in strength.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Barry Diamond Cantor David Perper Educator Rebecca Bernstein McVeigh

Beth Haverim Shir Shalom
280 Ramapo Valley Road ~ Mahwah, NJ 07430
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A Junior/Senior High School Program for Grades 7-12

Congregation Beth Haverim Shir Shalom

2017 – 2018 5777 - 5778

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Date of Bar/t Mitzvah: _____ Hebrew Name: _____Grade in Sep '17: _____

Siblings names/grades:_____

Address:_____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address (Parents) _____

Email Address (Student): _____

(We use email quite often to disseminate important information quickly to large groups of people. If you have an email address, but don't often use it, please let us know by checking here ☐ and we will use the telephone to contact your family.)

Parent 1 Name:_____ Address (if diff. than child's) _____

Cell Phone:_____ Use as primary? Y ☐ N ☐

Parent 2 Name_____ Address (if diff. than child's)_____

Cell Phone:_____ Use as primary? Y ☐ N ☐

Student's previous Jewish Education _____

Student's physician: _____Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Company: _____ Group/Policy Number_____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Please list two people to contact in the event of an emergency (after child's parents):

Name: _____Relationship: _____Phone: _____

Name: _____Relationship:_____Phone:_____

In case of emergency, I authorize the faculty and staff of KADIMAH to provide appropriate medical or dental care for my son/daughter,_____ by a Doctor or Dentist at the emergency location nearest to the site of the accident.

Parent's Signature: _____Date:_____

Please return no later than August 1 to Beth Haverim Shir Shalom
280 Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah, NJ 07430

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Kadimah meets MONDAY evenings, 6:45 – 8:30 pm. The tuition fee for grades 7–12 is $675.00 for Beth Haverim Shir Shalom members. Students in grade 8 through 12 whose families are not members of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom are eligible to take part in KADIMAH. Non-member tuition is $775.00.

Payment Options: If paying in full, school fees may be paid by credit card or check made payable to "BHSS." If you are using the "two payment" plan, your card will not be charged before August 15. If paying in two payments, payment must be made by credit card AND both payment boxes below must be completed. We will start forming classes midsummer, so please send in the forms as soon as possible.

First payment (1/2) or Full payment
(Circle One)

Due August 15, 2017

VISA/MC/AMEX (Circle One)

Amount $ _____

_____
Account Number

_____
Cardholder's Signature

Exp. Date (Month/Year) _____

Second Payment (2/2)

Due November 15, 2017

VISA/MC/AMEX (Circle One)

Amount $ _____

_____
Account Number

_____
Cardholder's Signature

Exp. Date (Month/Year) _____

Note: School Fees will NOT be refunded once school is in session and students are attending classes.

I understand that my family must be financially "current" with respect to Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, and that my child may not be allowed to attend religious school until this obligation is satisfied.

Signed: _____

The L'Taken Seminar at the Religious Action Center is one of the most impactful experiences our Confirmation classes experience during their time at Kadimah. The trip is scheduled for February 23 – 26, 2018. Teens from all over the country gather in Washington, D.C. for a weekend of fun and learning about issues facing our nation. They write speeches on the issue that they are most passionate about, and then go up to Capitol Hill to speak to their senators and representatives. As a part of the weekend, we also spend some time in Georgetown, at the Smithsonian, and pay a visit to the Holocaust Museum. The entire experience is an amazing one; our students come back transformed in powerful ways, with a new-found understanding that what they feel and believe can make a real difference. **Please check here ☐ if you would like your child to go on the RAC trip!**

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORM – 2017-2018

This page is to be completed by a parent **if desired**. The information on this form will be seen only by the rabbi, educator, and your child's teachers, so that we may best serve your child. Please return by August 1 to Rebecca McVeigh at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, 280 Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah NJ 07430.

Student's name: _____ Grade: _____

Does your child have any learning disabilities and/or is your child in any enrichment/special needs programs in his/her public school? Please explain.

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Is your child on any medication (such as Ritalin, allergy medication, antidepressants.)?

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Are there any special family situations that we should be aware of (such as single parent, joint custody, intermarriage, etc.)?

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Is there any other information that you feel we should know in order to better meet your child's needs?_____

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It is our desire to meet the needs of all the students in KADIMAH and their parents as well. Please use the space below to indicate any thoughts, concerns or comments YOU have regarding the KADIMAH program.

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If there is anything further you would like to discuss, Rabbi Diamond, Cantor Perper or Rebecca McVeigh would be happy to call. Please sign below and one of us will contact you.

Parent(s) Name(s) _____ Phone: _____

KADIMAH Student Information Form (due by September 1)

This page is to be completed by student. Please answer the questions below openly and honestly. KADIMAH is your program and your input is very important to us.

Name:_____ Grade (Sept '17)_____

What has been the highlight of your Jewish education so far? (List as many as you wish.)

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In which grade did you begin your Jewish education? _____ Where?_____

Is there a particular area you feel under-educated Jewishly? (Such as Hebrew, the holidays, our culture, our literature, prayers, etc.) Feel free to name as many as apply:

_____

Kadimah meets on Monday evenings from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. Typically, the beginning part of the evening contains "core" classes, which are taught to grade level groups.

After core is pizza break. During that time we also make any important announcements, students who are working on a community service project and would like to describe it to their peers have an opportunity then. At that time also we celebrate anyone who became bar or bat mitzvah the previous weekend and cheer on anyone becoming bar or bat mitzvah the following weekend!

After pizza is electives. Approximately 4 times a year, we will distribute via hard copy or email (or both) an "Elective Choice Form," which is to be filled out with student's top three choices and returned. Based on those forms, students are assigned electives. The electives usually run 5 sessions, so there is time during the year for someone to have 4 different electives. We try to give everyone one of their first three choices, whenever possible.

Help us to decide which electives to offer by telling us how you like to learn, and about which topics. Please use the space below to tell us what you enjoy by checking all that apply:

I enjoy and/or would like to learn more about:

☐ meditation ☐ acting ☐ reading ☐ discussion

☐ movement ☐ art/crafting ☐ cooking ☐ Hebrew conversation

☐ Hebrew prayer ☐ Torah/Bible ☐ Israel ☐ current events

☐ music (listening) ☐ music (singing) ☐ music (playing) ☐ social action

KADIMAH *BRIT DERECH ERETZ*
(due by first session of school)

In an effort to realize the expectations that you as parents and we as a school have set forth for your child's religious education, we have established the following Brit Derech Eretz (Covenant of Conduct), to be signed by both parent and student. Please discuss this with your child before signing.

Any student who disrupts school by engaging in physical contact with other students, unwarranted "speaking out" in class, use of foul language, misuse of the building or its furnishings, or any other behavior found unacceptable by a staff member, the educator, the cantor, or the rabbi, will be asked to leave the class. In this event, a parent will be contacted, and may be asked to escort the student home for the remainder of the session.

If this behavior persists during subsequent school sessions, the student and his/her parent(s) will be asked to meet with a representative of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom's Board of Trustees, the educator, and the rabbi, to discuss the child's status in our religious school.

I (print student name)_____ agree to abide by the above Covenant of Conduct.

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

I (print parent name) _____ have discussed the Covenant of Conduct with my child and will do my utmost to see that he/she maintains a respectful attitude and demeanor to his/her fellow students, the staff of the religious school and synagogue, and the synagogue building.

Parent signature: _____ Date:_____