



Congregation B'nai Tikvah
Religious School
1001 Finnegans Lane
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Kindergarten- Hei Class Religious School Registration Forms 2014-2015

Dear Parents,

Please carefully read through the information contained in this registration packet.
This is the Religious School schedule:

K students will meet on *Sundays (10:00am-12:00am)*

SUNDAY (9:00 AM - 10:00AM) * FREE Optional Activities & Art Programs**

1st and 2nd Grade students will meet on *Sundays (9:00am-12:00pm)*

**Classes: Alef- (3rd grade)--Bet- (4th grade) Gimel- (5th grade)--Dalet- (6th grade) and
Hei- (7th grade) will meet: Sundays (9:00am-12:00pm) and Wednesdays (4:15pm-6:15pm)**

All of the Religious School registration forms are included for your convenience. It is essential that we have accurate and complete information about your child(ren).

The following items have been included and **must** be completely filled out and returned for your child(ren) to be registered and placed into a class for the 2014/2015 school year.

A separate form for each child in your family must be filled out.

1. Religious School Registration - Front _____
Religious School Medical Release - Back _____
2. Student Confidential Information _____
3. Credit Card Agreement _____
4. Photographs and/or Video Release Form & School Directory Form _____
5. Behavioral Contract _____
6. Jr. Congregation Letter _____
7. **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**
Early Registration Fee check (payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah)
\$ 100.00/child if paid by June 1, 2014.
\$ 130.00/child if paid after June 1, 2014.
8. **New synagogue members must complete membership application and pay first quarter synagogue dues prior to acceptance of religious school registration.**

****NOTE****

Incomplete registration forms will not be processed. Also, all Synagogue financial obligations must be paid up to date at the time of registration. No child will be admitted to the first day of school without full payment of registration and the first half of tuition unless special arrangements have been made in advance.

ALL REGISTRATION MUST INCLUDE A CHECK FOR THE REGISTRATION FEE

ABOUT B'NAI TIKVAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL....

We provide a quality education for students in grades **Kindergarten through Seventh Grade**. For returning students, you should enroll your child in the grade level, which coincides with their public school grade. For example, if your child will enter the First grade in September, 2014, then your child should be enrolled in B'nai Tikvah's First grade program. Third through Seventh grade are named as follows:

Third grade - Kitah Alef

Fourth grade - Kitah Bet

Fifth grade - Kitah Gimel

Sixth grade - Kitah Dalet

Seventh grade - Kitah Hei

For the **2014-2015** academic year our **Kindergarten** program will be offered on Sundays (**10:00am-12:00am**) with a **FREE** optional one hour extended program on Sundays. The students will meet from 9:00-10:00 for additional fun activities before the Religious School program starts.

First and Second grade will be offered on Sundays (**9:00am-12:00pm**). Each program is geared to the developmentally appropriate stages of early childhood. Students will learn Hebrew letter recognition, Jewish folklore and stories. In addition, we combine our program with prayer and holiday celebrations and song, to ensure that children are exposed to a rich Jewish experience.

Our Religious School is offered for Third-Seventh grades with emphasis on Hebrew reading, prayer, holidays, Jewish history, Jewish life cycle, Bible study and Israel.

Part of the **Hei class (7th grade)** will be designed to supplement B'nai Mitzvah training. Individual B'nai Mitzvah training will take place outside of Religious School hours. Students will also have multiple opportunities to learn about Jewish history, traditions as well as build on their prayer skills.

*At Congregation B'nai Tikvah Religious School, we consider each student as an individual and we make efforts to accommodate each student's special needs. The Religious School strongly encourages parents to share with the Religious School Director any Individual Education Program (IEP), or alternatively, the modifications and accommodations section of the IEP and/or a copy of any behavioral intervention plan (BIP) their child may have in secular school. In addition, we encourage parents to share other relevant information about their child (including but not limited to special learning circumstances or behavioral issues) that would be helpful for the Religious School administration and staff to know about. The Religious School will attempt to address these specialized learning needs and make accommodations, where possible, within the Religious School learning environment for any student with special needs. The Religious School will work with parents to design programs that are tailored, where possible, to each child based on individual need. Please contact the Religious School immediately to discuss possible options for your child.

*We will keep school expenses as low as possible while providing a quality Jewish education for your child(ren). The synagogue budget along with dues and/or school tuition increases, if any, will be set at the June Congregational meeting.

***Jewish education is a life-long process and should not end with Bar/Bat Mitzvah or the completion of Kitah Hei. There is much to learn that cannot be completed prior to this time and is only appropriate for older students.**

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Should you have any questions about these procedures,
please call the School Office, 732-297-0295 or email: School@bnaitikvah.org Thank you.

Shalom,

B'nai Tikvah Religious School Committee

CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION
2014-2015

STUDENT'S NAME _____
(first) (middle) (last)

STUDENT'S HEBREW NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ PARENT E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

STUDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

AGE AS OF 9/1/14 _____ BIRTHDATE _____

NAME OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL _____ GRADE AS OF 9/14 _____

FATHER'S NAME _____ MOTHER'S NAME _____

FATHER'S HEBREW NAME _____ MOTHER'S HEBREW NAME _____

OCCUPATION _____ OCCUPATION _____

WORK NUMBER _____ WORK NUMBER _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER _____ CELL PHONE NUMBER _____

KINDERGARTEN

CIRCLE ONE: **KINDERGARTEN**

_____ **SUNDAY (10:00 AM - 12:00AM)** *** **ONLY Kindergarten** Tuition is **FREE*****
(Pay Registration Fee Only)

_____ **SUNDAY (9:00 AM - 10:00AM) *** FREE Optional Activities & Art Programs*****

FIRST GRADE

_____ **SUNDAY (9:00 AM-12:00 PM)**

SECOND GRADE

_____ **SUNDAY (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)**

ALEF (3RD) - BET (4TH) GIMEL (5TH) - DALET (6TH) - HEI (7TH)

CIRCLE ONE: **ALEF (3RD GRADE)** **BET (4TH GRADE)** **GIMEL (5TH GRADE)**
 DALET (6TH GRADE) **HEI (7TH GRADE)**

_____ **SUNDAY (9:00AM - 12:00PM) and WEDNESDAY (4:15 PM - 6:15 PM)**

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CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MEDICAL RELEASE

2014-2015

Congregation B'nai Tikvah Religious School has my permission to obtain immediate medical attention for my child if warranted. I understand I will be notified without delay so that I can be with my child at the emergency medical center of my choice.

Please select one:

1. St. Peter's Medical Center_____
2. Robert Wood Johnson Center_____
3. Princeton Medical Center_____

If my physician is not available and treatment should be administered immediately, the school has my permission to utilize the attending physician at the emergency facility of my choice.

CHILD'S PHYSICIAN_____

ADDRESS_____

TELEPHONE NUMBER_____

In case of an emergency, when parent cannot be reached, school should contact:

Name_____

Phone_____

Cell Phone #_____

Address_____

Relationship_____

Siblings (Names/Ages)_____

Special Living Arrangements_____

Parent's Signature_____

STUDENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORM
CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

Complete and return. Please note that this form will be shared only with the Religious School Director and your child's teacher unless parental permission is otherwise granted.

Student's Name _____ Grade 2014-2015 _____

1. Does your child have any known allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe below what the child is allergic to and the reaction seen.

2. Does your child take any medications on a regular basis? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain and list the medications.

3. Has your child ever been treated for attention deficit disorder (ADD) or attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Has your child ever been treated for emotional or behavioral difficulties? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Is your child in any special learning environment in his/her secular school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Does your child have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) in his/her secular school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. If you answered yes to question number 6, would you be willing to share your child's IEP or alternatively, the modifications and accommodations section of the IEP and/or a copy of any behavioral intervention plan (BIP), with the Religious School? ☐ Yes ☐ No

** Please explain any "Yes" answers to questions 3-7 in the space below, noting the number of the questions (feel free to use back or attach a separate sheet if necessary).

8. Would you be available to attend a meeting to discuss strategies for a successful year of Religious School? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Is there anything additional we should know about your child's learning style or classroom behavior in order to make Religious School as meaningful as possible for your child (feel free to use back or attach a separate sheet if necessary)?

SCHOOL BILLING POLICY
2014-2015

Our efforts to collect outstanding bills are both time consuming and frustrating. Yet, Religious School expenses are ongoing. In order to assure that we can meet our contractual obligations to pay salaries and other necessary operating expenses, Religious School tuition MUST be paid on time. The B'nai Tikvah Board of Directors allows the following payment options for 2014-2015 Religious School tuition:

1. When registering children for Religious School, parents may choose to pay tuition by check or by credit card.
2. Those parents electing to pay by credit card please contact the administrator Lynne WeissMarshall.

NO REGISTRATION WILL BE PROCESSED UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETED AND SIGNED AGREEMENT AND A CHECK FOR THE APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE.

3. Tuition will be billed in August and November.

Please direct any questions to the Religious School Office (732-297-0295).



PHOTOGRAPHS AND/OR VIDEO 2014-2015



If you **DO NOT WISH** to give permission to use photographs of your child,

PLEASE SIGN BELOW

During the course of the school year, we often take pictures of the children engaged in various school activities. We use these photographs for display on our bulletin boards, walls, photo albums, **website**, as well as newspaper and video publicity. When submitting an article and picture to the newspaper, we will not identify the child by name.

I DO NOT WISH to give permission to the B'nai Tikvah Religious School to use photographs of my child, for any reason.

Child's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



Please return this form to the School Office

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASS DIRECTORY

Dear Parents,

B'nai Tikvah Religious School will publish an updated **2014-2015** Class Directory or "*Friend Finder*" consisting of student names, addresses, phone numbers, parent names and email addresses. This directory is intended for *social purposes* only and will be used only by our B'nai Tikvah community. It will never be used for solicitation or marketing purposes of any kind.

Student information included in this Directory will be obtained directly from *your child's registration form*. If you **DO NOT WISH** to have your child's information printed in the **2014-2015** Class Directory, **please sign below.**
THANK YOU!

I DO NOT WISH to give permission to the B'nai Tikvah Religious School to print the information in the School Directory.

Child's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please return this form to the School Office.

Congregation B'nai Tikvah

Behavioral Contract

Students in the Religious School of Congregation B'nai Tikvah are entitled to a wholesome classroom atmosphere conducive to effective learning. It is the responsibility of the Religious School Committee and the Education Director to establish such learning conditions by providing appropriate teachers under adequate supervision. It is the responsibility of the parents to cooperate with the school and encourage their children to be cooperative so that together we can achieve successful Jewish education. To maintain the most effective classroom learning conditions, the following expectations are set forth:

Expectations of Behavior

1. Students will attend class regularly and be ready to participate in all class activities.
2. Students will show respect for their teachers, their classmates and the synagogue.
3. Students will not act towards or speak to other students in an offensive or disruptive manner.
4. Students will remain in their classrooms during school hours unless given permission.

Discipline Procedure:

1. The teacher will issue a verbal warning for the first offense.
2. The second offense, the student will be sent to the Religious School office. The Director will notify the parent(s) to inform them of the student's removal from the classroom.
3. Upon being sent to the office for a third time, the Director will call the parent(s) to come and pick up the student from Religious School. A conference will be required with the Director, the teacher, the parent(s) and the student. The student will not be able to return to class until this meeting takes place. This meeting will take place within one week of the third incident. In the meeting a behavior plan will be created for a period of one month. During the month weekly updates will be sent to the parent(s) informing them of the student's progress. After one month there will be another meeting to discuss the student's progress.
4. If there are any further behavior incidents, another meeting will be convened with the Rabbi, a member of the Religious School Committee, and the Vice President of School and Youth.

We have read these discipline policies, have discussed them as a family, and understand that this code will be implemented in order to create the best possible learning environment.

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent(s): _____ Date: _____

Teacher: _____ Date: _____

Jr. Congregation Letter

Dear Parents,

The Junior Congregation Family Service is a mini-service, held in the Beit Midrash. It highlights the prayers our students learn in Religious School and the ones they should know for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Numerous honors, such as: opening the Ark, carrying the Torah, leading prayers, receiving aliyot, etc., are given to encourage active participation in the service.

We welcome and encourage parents to come and participate with and to share the Shabbat experience with your child. Your example and support goes a long way towards instilling Jewish values in your child. We strongly discourage parents from dropping off and later picking up children in the circular driveway on Shabbat.

Junior Congregation is offered most Saturdays throughout the school year. The exception being Thanksgiving weekend. Credit for attending Junior Congregation is also given for Shabbat service on such dates.

The service is held Saturday mornings from 10:30 am - 12:15 pm. We have our own [special Kiddish](#) following services.

If you are not receiving Junior Congregation specific e-mails from Barry, please e-mail him at safeer@comcast.net so he can add you to his distribution list. He is also available to answer any questions at the same e-mail address.

B'Shalom,

Barry J. Safeer