

TEMPLE EMANUEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DEADLINES

July 1 for 1st priority for session requests and friend placements. August 1 to receive a financial incentive of a \$150 discount per child, per class. (All new students to the school will receive the \$150 discount regardless of when they register.)

ELIGIBILITY

Registration in Temple Emanuel's Religious School is open to synagogue members. (Pre-School Sundays is open to non-members as well as members.) If you are not a member of the congregation but would like information about membership, please contact Alex Grumbacher in our Temple office, 856-489-0029. He will be happy to answer your questions. If you have questions about the Religious School, please contact Rabbi Debbie Cohen, Rabbi for Lifelong Education, 856-489-0035.

FORMS

There are three ways that you may register your child. You may register using our school's online form at templemanuel.org. The site also provides a link to a downloadable PDF form that you can fill out and send back. You can also contact that Religious School at 856-489-0035 to have a form mailed.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Temple Emanuel takes a great deal of care to make sure every Jewish child feels welcome at our Temple and in our Religious School. If your child has a special learning or health need, please indicate it on your registration form. All information will be kept confidential and shared only on a need-to-know basis. You may also contact Rabbi Cohen at, dbcohen@templemanuel.org, or 856-489-0035 to discuss your child's needs personally.

CLASS HOURS

3 & 4 year olds

Pre-School Sundays: One Sunday/Month from 9 to 11 am

Kindergarten through 6th Grade – Judaica on Sunday Mornings

Families Choose either Session 1 or Session 2

Session 1: 9 to 11 am

Session 2: 10:30am to 12:30 pm

2nd Grade HeadStart Hebrew

This is an optional enrichment program.

Families choose either Tuesday or Wednesday 4:15 to 6:15 pm.

Hebrew I to Hebrew III (3rd to 5th Grade)

Hebrew is required beginning in 3rd grade for students preparing for B'nai Mitzvah.

Families choose either Tuesday or Wednesday 4:15 to 6:15 pm.

Hebrew IV (6th Grade)

Temple Emanuel is offering Hebrew IV

at two time slots beginning in the 2009-2010 school year.

Families choose either Tuesday from 4:15 to 6:15 pm or Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm

7th Grade STAR Program

Students meet on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm and have a field trip, related to their classroom curriculum, monthly. A schedule of the trips will be provided in August. All 7th grade students take a core class and an elective. Please select either Jewish Lifecycles or Conversational Hebrew as your elective.

Confirmation Academy – 8th & 9th Grades

8th and 9th Graders meet on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm. Students receive an elective selection form in August to choose classes for the year.

Confirmation Academy – 10th Grade

10th Graders meet Tuesdays from 7-9 pm in the Fall and 7-8:30 pm in the Spring.

ELITE – 11th & 12th Grades

11th & 12th Graders meet Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm

SNACK ROOM

A supervised snack room is available on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:45 to 4:15 pm for students who arrive early.

B'NAI MITZVAH REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for celebrating *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* at Temple Emanuel set by our Education Council and board of Trustees:

Students become eligible for *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* upon:

1. Reaching their 13th birthday according to the secular calendar studying Hebrew for four years be currently registered and attending our Religious School or Confirmation Academy at the time of their *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*. In addition, students reaching B'nai Mitzvah in 6th or 7th grade, commit to being registered and attending classes to the end of their 7th grade year. It is the hope at Temple Emanuel that all B'nai Mitzvah students will continue their religious education through Confirmation in 10th grade.
2. Having a satisfactory work and attendance record from the Religious School.
3. Attendance by students and their parents at two or three special *B'nai Mitzvah* Family Education programs during 6th grade, designed to get to know our clergy and one another.
4. attendance by students and their parents to a minimum of 12 *Shabbat* services at Temple Emanuel in the year prior to celebrating *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*. At least 5 services must be on *Shabbat* mornings, the rest can be *Shabbat* (Friday night) or Havdalah, including Junior Congregation.
5. completion of 12 Mitzvah hours at least 6 weeks prior to the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* celebration.