

Havurat Tikvah
the havurah of hope



**Havurat Tikvah
Religious School**

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L'dor v'dor...

from generation to generation —
preparing our youth for a lifetime
of Jewish enrichment

**Religious School
Handbook, Directory
and Calendar
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Check your Havurat Tikvah Shalom Y'all Weekly Eblast
in your email every Monday for upcoming events!

Philosophy

Havurat Tikvah Religious School is dedicated to providing Jewish children a quality Jewish Education that will not only prepare them for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, but also encourage a joyous attitude towards Judaism that will be the framework of a strong Jewish identity and the foundation of a Jewish life.

Attendance

Havurat Tikvah Religious School has a 75% attendance policy. Regular attendance in religious school is an absolute necessity in order to attain a complete Jewish education and allow our students to participate fully with their classmates as many long-term themes and projects are part of our Religious School curriculum. Attendance is also critical for the student to remain on track for B'nai Mitzvah.

In addition to Religious School, those students in grades 4-7 are required to attend Shabbat services subject to the Religious School curriculum.

If you know in advance that your child will be absent for more than one day, please inform your teacher.

Location

All classes are held at the Havurat Tikvah's rented space in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church located at 2201 Springdale Avenue in Dilworth unless otherwise specified.

Arrival Time & Tardiness

Classes will begin promptly at 10:45am and dismiss promptly at 12:45pm. We have such wonderful information to share with your children and such a short time to do so!
School hours: Sundays - 10:45am-12:45pm

Early Dismissal

We understand that there may be times when your child or family has pressing commitments. Therefore, we ask you to inform your instructor of an early dismissal prior to Religious School, unless it is an emergency. We also ask that you do not disrupt the class when you leave with your child.

2010-2011 School Calendar

08-27-10	Erev Shabbat Services & Dinner - 7:00pm Friday night service for families
08-29-10	Start of school with a 1-hour-only orientation. Parents invited. - 11:00am; Madrichim orientation - 10:30am.
09-05-10	No School
09-12-10	Class
09-19-10	No School
09-26-10	Sukkot - JCC?
10-03-10	Guest Rabbi
10-10-10	Class
10-17-10	Class
10-24-10	Class
10-31-10	No School
11-07-10	Class
11-14-10	Class
11-21-10	Class
11-28-10	No Sunday School
12-05-10	Menorah Contest
12-12-10	Class
12-19-10	Class
12-26-10	No Sunday School
01-02-11	No Sunday School
01-09-11	Class
01-16-11	No Sunday School
01-23-11	Class
01-30-11	Class
02-06-11	Class
02-13-11	Class
02-20-11	No Sunday School
02-27-11	Class
03-06-11	Class
03-13-11	Purim
03-19-11	Purim Spiel
03-20-11	No Sunday School - Purim Carnival - JCC
03-27-11	Class
04-03-11	Class
04-10-11	Passover Family Program
04-17-11	No Sunday School - CMS Spring Break
04-24-11	Class
05-01-11	Class
05-08-11	Class
05-15-11	Class
05-22-11	Last day of Havurat Tikvah Religious School
06-05-11	Picnic for Havurat Tikvah Religious School and Congregation

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Cell Phones, iPods and Electronic Devices

These devices are not permitted to be used at Havurat Tikvah Religious School. If your child has one of these devices, it must be completely powered off and stored away. Any electronic device being used in class will be taken away by the teacher.

Kippah Policy: Our Jewish “Uniform”

Boys and girls are required to cover their heads at Havurat Tikvah Religious School. A Kippah denotes respect for and love of God. We honor God and show our respect when we cover our heads. We have kippot available for use, but you may also want to acquire your own.

Kashrut

Havurat Tikvah is completely kosher. Please, do not come to school with any foods that do not carry a hechsher or are not kosher. This includes food from fast food franchises.

Homework Policy

Homework is designed to act as reinforcement of material that is being studied in class. Frequently, it is necessary for teachers to assign homework and this is routinely true for Hebrew studies. Our objective is to have homework be reasonable, relevant and interesting. We ask you to remind your children about their homework responsibilities and to ensure that their assignments are completed. Parents may be asked to initial or sign the homework when it is completed.

How do I support my child's Jewish education?

Coming prepared to Religious school makes a tremendous difference.

- We have found a direct correlation between a student's attendance and their achievement, interest and attitude. Help your child to maintain regular attendance and arrive at school on time for classes.
- We can best help your child if we are aware of his/her needs. If your child is experiencing difficulties in public school, she/he will most likely experience similar challenges in Religious School. Inform the teacher of any physical, social or learning challenges that your child may be experiencing.

- Many of our students are involved in various extracurricular activities. Sports, music, scouting, etc., are all important, but please place priority on your child's Jewish education.

Behavior/Discipline

We ask that you take seriously the commitment that you and your children have made to attend the school. The Havurat Tikvah Religious School has 4 basic rules for student behavior:

- Exhibit respect for all people by using an appropriate tone of voice and language.
- Maintain the *kedushah* (holiness) of our space by taking care of our facility. Remember, it belongs to others and we are guests here!
- Be students of Torah Study by following directions and positively contributing to the learning atmosphere.
- Uphold *Shmirat Ha'Guf* by keeping hands and feet to oneself.

We seek to create a warm, secure and joyful learning environment for our students. This is essential in helping our students develop a sense of love for and identification with Judaism as well as the Havurat Tikvah congregation. In order to maintain a positive atmosphere in our Religious School, there must be mutual respect and understanding among teachers, students and families — each is a partner in creating this environment. Our teachers and students will treat each other with dignity and respect. Expectations for our classroom behavior are clearly defined. It is important for teachers, students and parents to understand that there are consequences for disruptive and disrespectful behavior. Those consequences include an opportunity for doing *t'shuvah* (correcting one's behavior). Jewish tradition describes a process of four steps to be performed by the understood that the doing of these four steps is not simple.

The student will:

- Recognize how the behavior was inappropriate.
- Admit verbally that the behavior was inappropriate.
- Make amends for the behavior to whoever was hurt as a result of it.
- Resolve firmly not to repeat the behavior.

In the event that the disruptive or disrespectful behaviors occur, they will be handled in the classroom whenever possible. Parents will be notified if the student's behavior becomes inappropriate. Should it become

necessary for a student to be removed from the classroom, the following procedures will be used to maintain a positive learning environment:

- When a student's behavior is disturbing/distracting to the rest of the group/school, the child will receive a first constructive warning.
- If the student's behavior persists, the teacher will notify the parents and discuss the problem and create a proper response.
- If the student's misbehavior continues after the first three attempts to correct it, the Education director and Religious School committee will have no choice but to expel the child from school.

Tzedakah

The school program teaches the importance of *tzedakah*, or acts of goodwill, toward those in need. We encourage all of our students to bring a tzedakah donation (the amount is of your choice) each week to school. The money will be distributed to various organizations/causes of the students' choice several times a year.

Note from the Education Director

By working together, we can make our school a success. Our goal is to give our children and families the best tools and ways to create their own Jewish journeys.

Thank you for your support and help in our endeavors!

B'Shalom

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Education Director

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