



## CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for Rimon Religious School. Housed at Congregation Beth Israel, Rimon seeks to bring Jewish learning alive with a hands-on, discovery-oriented experience that centers on the child, engages the family, and treasures the community. Our vision is for children to question, learn, and grow, creating a vibrant Jewish identity and future arising from the love and knowledge of our rituals, history, and tradition.

Our school, for students in kindergarten through grade 7, meets on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4:15pm-6:15pm and Shabbat mornings from 9:45am until the end of services. Rimon will also feature a leadership program for eighth and ninth graders who will work with the Rabbi on Monday afternoons.

Enclosed in the attached packet are the registration forms, pricing and payment information, the school calendar, and a peek at a fun Rimon afternoon.

Please complete and return the forms as soon as possible as the information will help us plan for this coming year. We invite you to share this information with others, as the school is open to all Jewish families in the Central Massachusetts area.

B'vracha (*with blessings*),

*Rabbi Aviva Fellman*

Rabbi Aviva Fellman  
Rabbi, Congregation Beth Israel

*Rebecca Weiner*

Rebecca Weiner  
Vice-President of Education



In the Jewish tradition, the 'rimon' - Hebrew for 'pomegranate' - is a symbol of goodness and a blossoming future. A pomegranate is said to contain 613 seeds corresponding to the 613 commandments in the Torah.

### Checklist of forms to return:

- \* Student registration form for Rimon (one for each child)
- \* School Payment Form
- \* \$100 per child non-refundable deposit

## A Peek at Rimon...

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The school is structured around three important Jewish cornerstones: learning to read, write, and speak Hebrew; learning about Jewish traditions, holidays, and culture, including our connection to Israel; and Tefillah - learning about Jewish worship and Torah, including participating in services on Shabbat.

A Monday or Wednesday afternoon at Rimon may look like this:

4:00-4:15 Students arrive, check in with the instructors and their friends, and have a small snack.

4:15-4:35 All students gather together to explore the geography of the synagogue, the role of the synagogue, the names for the ritual and other items in Hebrew, and the unique features present in certain congregations and those which are more universal.

Then the real fun begins...

4:35-5:10 Break out sessions:

- Students in levels Bet (grade 2) and Gimel (grade 3) go on a scavenger hunt, finding and sketching the ritual objects that they find and documenting their usage in the synagogue.
- Students in levels Dalet (grade 4) and Hey (grade 5) go through a trove of ritual items and identify each as being in synagogue, home, or both. They work together to create a mini museum, writing the descriptions for their favorite items.
- Students in levels Vav (grade 6) and Zayin (grade 7) research synagogues in other countries and work to create their own ideal shul using influences from Florence to Chiang Mai, and Worcester to Guatemala.

5:10-5:20 Short break and movement with Hebrew.

5:20-6:00 Open Hebrew stations - students can work on their Hebrew skills including but not limited to fluency reading, conversational, and even Torah reading skills. Our Young Emissaries from Israel may include a program about Israel and Israeli culture.

6:00-6:15 All students join together for tefillah and song.

6:15 Dismissal



# RIMON Calendar 2016-2017

(tentative as of 6/29/2016)

September 2016						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2016						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2016						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

December 2016						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 2017						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2017						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28				

March 2017						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

April 2017						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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May 2017						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	6/1		

Yellow = Rimon School dates

Dark purple = Holidays (No School)

Light purple = Intermediate days and “non-restrictive” holidays (school will still be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>.)

Red numbers = No public school



**RIMON RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
REGISTRATION  
2016-2017 5777**



Registration forms can be downloaded and completed, then scanned and emailed to: rimon@bethisraelword.org. Forms can also be mailed or faxed to: Congregation Beth Israel, 15 Jamesbury Drive, Worcester, MA 01609. FAX (508)757-6650. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Aviva Fellman at (508) 756-6204 or rabbi@bethisraelworc.org.

**Student Information**

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Secular School: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (as of September 2016): \_\_\_\_\_

**General Family Information**

Please fill out all sections that apply to your child.

1) Parent's/Guardian's Name (and relationship to child) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

2) Parent's/Guardian's Name (and relationship to child) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Other children in the household (name and age): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person to be called in the event that the parent(s) / guardian(s) cannot be reached:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*(Be sure this person knows that you have put his/her name on this form and that he/she is generally available.)*

Please indicate synagogue affiliation, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Medical Information**

Does your child have any medical concerns? Allergies? Food restrictions? If, yes, please list and explain.

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Family Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No In the event of an emergency, if I can't be reached, I give permission to Congregation Beth Israel to transport my child to the nearest appropriate emergency room.

**Picture Release**

There may be times when we take pictures or videos of events and activities at Rimon that we would like to share. Please indicate preference for including your child in the pictures that are distributed.

Yes  No I hereby give permission for photos of my child to be used in print and/or electronically. All promotional photos will be reviewed by the Director prior to use.

**Additional Student Information**

Please summarize any formal or informal Jewish learning your child has had since pre-school.

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How does your child learn best? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is there any additional information about your child or family that would be helpful for us to know?

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I would be interested in and please contact me about:

Volunteering in the school

Youth groups (Kadima/USY)

Family education programs

Adult education

Holiday activities

Anything else \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

**RIMON RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PAYMENT**



**Rimon Religious School Fee Schedule:**

	Member of Beth Israel	Not a Member of Beth Israel
Tuition for Kindergarten & grade 1	\$500	\$650
Tuition for grades 2-7.	\$700	\$850
Tuition for grades 8/9	\$150	\$200

Students may be eligible for scholarships. Contact Caroline Aboody at (508) 756-6204 or [caroline.aboody@bethisraelworc.org](mailto:caroline.aboody@bethisraelworc.org).

A \$100 per child non-refundable deposit, which will be applied to your child’s tuition, must be received at the time of registration in order for your child to be added to a class list.

The remaining tuition may be remitted in one payment or three equal installments by check or credit card (\$2.00 service fee for each credit card transaction).

***ALL SCHOOL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY DECEMBER 1, 2016.***

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Number of kdg/grade 1 students      \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ (fee) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of grade 2-7 students      \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ (fee) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of grade 8/9 students      \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ (fee) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Options:**

Please indicate your payment choice:

- \_\_\_ (A) One-time payment – Full amount due by August 31
- \_\_\_ (B) Three equal installments (August 31, October 31, December 1)

**Checks should be made out to Congregation Beth Israel.**

**Credit Card Information**

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_