



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are excited to announce that registration is open for the 2018-2019 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 is open to students in Kindergarten through High School. New this year, we are revising our meeting times to better accommodate the needs of families' differing schedules.

- Pre-kindergarten: Monthly Tot Shabbat from 11:15 to 11:45 am
- Kindergarten and Grade 1: Every Shabbat 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.
- Grades 2-7: Wednesdays from 4:15-6:15 pm, and Shabbat mornings from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.
- Twice Monthly Supplemental Learning: Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm (alternating between family programming and tween/teen programming -- BI BITE -- lead by Rabbi Fellman.)
- Teen Madrichim Program for Post B'Nai Mitzvah students, working and learning on Wednesdays from 4:15-6:15 pm, and Shabbat mornings from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Enclosed in the packet are the registration forms, pricing, and payment information. School will begin on September 22, 2018. A full calendar will be distributed in August.

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; the school is open to all Jewish families in the Central Massachusetts area.

B'vracha (with blessings),

Rabbi Aviva Fellman

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Rabbi, Congregation Beth Israel



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.

Forms to Return:

Student Registration
(one per child)

School Payment Form

\$100 per child
non-refundable deposit

**RIMON RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
REGISTRATION
2018-2019 5779**



Registration forms can be downloaded and completed, then scanned and emailed to: rimon@bethisraelworc.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 #1 Information

Last name: _____ First name: _____ MI _____

Date of Birth: _____ Hebrew Name: _____

Name of Secular School: _____ Town: _____

School Phone Number: _____ Grade (as of September 2018): _____

Student #2 Information

Last name: _____ First name: _____ MI _____

Date of Birth: _____ Hebrew Name: _____

Name of Secular School: _____ Town: _____

School Phone Number: _____ Grade (as of September 2018): _____

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 (check if same as above) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Other children in the household (name and age): _____

If parents do not reside at the same address, with which parent does the student(s) reside? _____

Please indicate synagogue affiliation, if any: _____

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.)

Relationship: _____

Our organization thrives with its volunteers. I would be interested in helping with:

___ Volunteering for Rimon

___ Family education programs

___ Holiday activities

___ Anything else _____

Parent's Signature/Date _____

Student #1 Medical Information

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

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 school administrator prior to use.

Additional Student Information

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

How does your child learn best?

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

Check here if you want to discuss educational accommodations for your child

Student #2 Medical Information

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

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		Beth Israel Member	Non-Member
Kindergarten/Grade 1	Shabbat/Weekly	\$250	\$350
Grades 2-7	Wednesdays and Shabbat	\$525	\$625
Supplemental Learning All Grades (Family Sessions)	Mondays, one meeting/month	\$125	\$175
Supplemental Learning Grades 6-High School (BI BITE Program)	Mondays, one meeting/month	\$125	\$175

**Teen Madrichim Program: Eligible students will participate in the classroom as leaders and learners during Rimon Wednesday and Shabbat class meeting times. Compensation available. See handout for details.*

Students may be eligible for scholarships. Are you not a BI member yet?
Contact Caroline Aboody at (508) 756-6204 or 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 fees are per-student.

ALL SCHOOL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY DECEMBER 1, 2018.

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

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

Number of supplemental learning
(Family Session, fee per student) X (fee) = \$

Number of supplemental learning
(BI BITE Session, fee per student) 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

Teen Madrichim Program

for 7th-12th grade teens



Our Rimon Madrichim Program promotes the development of leadership and lifelong learning skills as our teens serve in K-7 religious school classes.

What is It?

“Madrich” (masculine) or “Madricha” (feminine) means leader or guide. Madrichim (plural) serve as assistants in the religious school classroom working with younger students who are learning Hebrew and t’fila, and act as role models for lifelong learning. They also develop valuable communication and leadership skills by working with adults and other students within the community, and increase their self-confidence as Jewish adults.

How Will They Know What to Do?

The Madrichim Program is an opportunity for teens to gain communication, leadership, and organizational skills. Periodic informal workshops with the Rabbi and School Director will give teens the skills needed to assist in the classroom.

Do You Get Paid for This?

Eighth and Ninth Grade Madrichim will work on a volunteer basis while they develop their classroom and leadership skills. Madrichim who have volunteered for at least one year, and have positive performance reviews, can begin receiving compensation in Tenth grade. Some payment may come in the form of scholarship funds for camp and USY events. Incoming Tenth graders who do not have a full year of volunteer experience are eligible to serve on a volunteer basis the first school semester, then receive scholarship funds the second semester.

What is Expected of Madrichim?

- Be positive role models and serve as mentors
- Attend training workshops
- Arrive 10 minutes before classes begin
- Attend classes regularly and on time (notify teacher in case of absence)
- Review lessons with teacher
- Assist teacher with preparing materials and other administrative tasks
- Participate and encourage other students to participate in lessons, songs, etc.
- Help involve students in their lessons
- Work one-on-one or in groups with students, as directed
- Accept constructive feedback

Contact Rabbi Aviva Fellman with any additional questions: (508) 756-6204, or rabbi@bethisraelworc.org.