



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BEHAVIOR AGREEMENT AND POLICIES

One of the most important elements of our congregation is our Temple Shalom of the South Bay Religious School. The goal of our Religious School is to provide a meaningful, lasting Jewish education to children and their families.

We believe a Jewish religious education must provide a positive learning environment that will leave each student proud of his/her Jewish heritage. Our school combines the requisite Torah Study and a sequential program toward building Hebrew language proficiency for B'nei Mitzvah preparation. In addition, we offer an "experiential education" that provides the foundations for students and their families to become productive members of the larger Jewish community.

Woven into our school's collective consciousness are important Jewish values of avodat Hashem v'olam (Godlike service to the world) including tikun olam (repairing the world), tzedakah (righteousness), ahavat Yisrael (love of the land and people Israel).

Central to meeting that goal are both a compassionate, experienced faculty and a tested and flexible curriculum designed to accommodate students from varying backgrounds. We are committed to meeting the needs of all student learners while creating a classroom environment where students can work together in a cooperative model of learning. Our teachers design and differentiate their lessons in order to meet learning differences while building a strong community of learners.

We realize that our goals are ambitious and idealistic to accomplish in one day a week, however, we believe in our work, in our students and in each family's commitment. To successfully meet our goals and provide the best possible experiences for all children, Temple Shalom of the South Bay Religious School implements the policies listed below. **Please read through them carefully, sign and return one copy and keep the second copy for your own records.**

We thank you in advance for working with us to create the type of Jewish Educational experiences that so many of us wish we would have had as children.

B'Shalom

Sheila Silver
Director of Education

Leslie Ponciano
Board/School Liaison



Child/Children

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1. Parents will meet with the Director of Education yearly to review student needs and progress
2. Progress Reports will be sent home at the end of each trimester to be reviewed and commented upon by parents when they are returned
3. Parents will provide information regarding any modifications or accommodations and/or 504 plans to the Director of Education in order to implement a learning plan consistent with the student's secular education program. This information will be kept confidential and only in working with the child and family.
4. Parents and students should check our Religious School website weekly to review work and plan for the upcoming week
5. The Director of Education will observe teachers and lesson presentations on a regular basis and provide meaningful instructional support to the faculty
6. Parents will sign up to plan and work at one of the Religious School events held throughout the year
7. Parents are welcome to observe classes WHEN A SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN MADE IN ADVANCE.
8. Should areas of concern arise regarding a child, the parent should:
 - A. Contact the teacher directly to discuss the concern
 - B. If parent is not satisfied with progress, he/she will then contact either TSSB's Parent Education Liaison or the Director of Education
 - C. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be scheduled as needed – students will be invited to participate in the meeting should behavior be the matter of concern
9. Parents agree to support the dress code and food policy of TSSB's Religious School in order to maintain good relations with Church of the Cross by the Sea with whom we share our facilities.

We/I have read the above RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BEHAVIOR AGREEMENT AND POLICIES and agree to support my child/children's Jewish Education in these ways.

PARENT(S) SIGNATURE(S) _____

DATE _____