



Temple Israel Religious School

Important Information:

Now the Choice is Yours!

May 4th, 2010

Dear Gan, Alef and Bet Families,

For a few years now, some parents have expressed an interest in a one-day only ALEF and BET (1st & 2nd grade) programs at Temple Israel Religious School. We have listened to your feedback! We are proud to announce that the core ALEF and BET classes will now only take place on Sunday mornings from 10 am to noon.

Other parents have expressed the wish to increase conversational Hebrew at Temple Israel Religious School. Therefore, we have developed two enrichment classes for Tuesdays that feature innovative and fun way to learn Hebrew in Hebrew. (*See details attached*)

Now the choice is yours! You may choose to enroll your child for basic Religious School (core curriculum) on Sundays only. Or you may choose to enroll your child for Sunday's core curriculum **plus** the Tuesday Hebrew enrichment programs as well.

We are proud to announce that there will be no additional tuition fees involved with the Tuesday enrichment class, for those students enrolled in our core Sunday classes.

B'Shalom,

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Innovative Conversational Hebrew Program at TIRS

Chalav u'Dvash for Gan and Alef students

*Temple Israel Religious School is proud to again offer an enrichment program for our youngest students. This exciting and innovative program will teach conversational Hebrew in Hebrew to 1st grade students and to advanced Kindergarten students. The new program is called **Chalav u'Dvash** -- literally "milk and honey"-- and was designed to engage every sense and allow students to experience everyday Hebrew and Israel, while beginning to learn to speak Hebrew. The program features Hebrew storybooks, Israeli games, and "Bentzi" the Hebrew speaking puppet from Israel. In addition to fun, conversational Hebrew, Temple Israel Religious School's Chalav u'Dvash program will be enhanced with hands-on, educational activities such as creative drama, cooking, Israeli dance, crafts, puppetry, and Hebrew music.*

The Chalav u'Dvash program will take place on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30 – 6 p.m. and is available to all Alef and Gan students. The first class will take place on September 14th, 2010.

"ONCE UPON A TIME" –Hayoh Hayah for Bet Students

Since Chalav u'Dvash has been such a phenomenal success, Temple Israel Religious School is excited and proud to now offer conversational Hebrew class to our Bet (2nd grade students) as well. The unique program—developed for Temple Israel Religious School-- will be called Hayoh Hayah (which literally means Once Upon a Time). At the core of the new curriculum, will be materials developed by language expert David Burke, which take fairytales in English and gradually morphs each story into Hebrew —progressively building Hebrew vocabulary week after week, until student know the entire story in Hebrew. On completion of each story, students will to create a performance of the story in Hebrew. The Tuesday enrichment curriculum will be rounded out with Hebrew songs, guest visitors, field trips, cooking and Israeli games.

The Hayoh Hayah program will take place on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30 – 6 p.m. and is available to all 2nd grade students. Although this program will build on the experiences of Chalav u'Dvash, students who did not participate in our enrichment program for younger students are still welcome to register. There is no additional charge for this class, but consistent participation is requested. Hayoh Hayah will begin on Tuesday, September 14th, 2010.

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