



# Bet Shira Jewish Education Center

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Dear Parents,

Shalom! Enclosed you will find our Jewish Education Center (JEC) brochure including registration and tuition forms for next year. Please complete these forms and return them no later than **June 1, 2010**.

The JEC is looking forward to another exciting and engaging year. Our dedicated teachers are excited to teach our nationally recognized curriculum and are aware that our wonderful students will enjoy engaging in deep and active study of Hebrew Language and important Jewish concepts. This year our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum includes our new required program, Kid's Shul, from 10:30AM-Noon Saturday mornings during First Shabbat. Each Saturday morning during the first Shabbat of the month our students will lead their own mini-minyan out of their own Siddur. The program will be facilitated by staff and will be a learning minyan for our students to become comfortable leading the Shabbat service.

The opening day for the JEC will be **Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** We will welcome everyone for an exciting new year and hold our parent orientation. Here you will receive a brief overview of the school year and meet the members of our JEC committee. We would love for you to become involved in the JEC committee headed by Alyse Messinger and Neal Stebbing.

During the year we will keep everyone informed of all activities and programs at our JEC through electronic newsletters and flyers, email notifications and our website. Following the Jewish concept of *Bal Tashchit* (not to waste and to protect the environment) the JEC is reducing snail mail. Please read your e-mail throughout the year. Please let us know if your e-mail or home address has changed so we can update our records.

**Jewish Education Center hours and days are:**

**Gan through Kitah Bet (Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)**

Sundays 9:00 a.m. - noon.

**Kitot Gimmel through Vav (3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Sundays 9:00 a.m. - noon

Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Gesher (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Wednesdays

(B'nai Mitzvah Bank with Cantor Kula optional for Grade 6 and 7) 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Class for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Judaica High (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Payment in full is due by **August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**. If you opt to make your payments in three or nine installments, you must sign up for the FACTS plan by August 2nd, 2010. Please call the JEC office for information and to answer your questions.

Our goal is to create the best possible Jewish living and learning environment for every student and family. Thank you for your involvement and cooperation. We look forward to your active participation in our Bet Shira JEC and Bet Shira Congregation throughout the year.

Enclosures: JEC Brochure, Financial Commitment Form, Registration Form, Tuition Agreement Form, Liability Waiver, Family Contribution