

TO: Parents: September 1, 2014
FR: The Rabbis & Education Staff
RE: 2014-15 Hebrew School Information

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Dear Parents,

Shalom! The information below and the calendar for school, youth group, and holiday dates and times should answer many of your questions about the school year. Duplicates of parent information materials can be found on the "Parent's Page" on our website. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Rabbi Darren, Rabbi Darcie + Christina

1st – 5th Graders: A seminar-based curriculum built on a three year cycle

Tamid is focused on depth of learning and experience. This year, students will engage in four mini-seminars with holiday focused sessions at Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Hanukah, Purim, and Passover.

Seminar #1: Jewish Thought: God in all religions, Torah, Jewish Theology & Jewish Philosophy

Seminar #2: Jewish World: learning different Jewish traditions and Jewish ethnic groups around the world

Seminar #3: Jewish Ethics: looking at the questions posed by great Jewish thinkers and how they apply to our everyday modern lives

Seminar #4: Israel Today: learning about Israeli food, art, music, centers of art and creativity and basic Israeli geography

1st-5th Grade Hebrew

Hebrew is fundamental to our program and we guide the children through six stages of learning. The first three stages utilize the on-line learning center where students are self-paced and work in class and at home. This will take 2-3 years to complete. Stages 4-6 are focused on prayer competency and Hebrew vocabulary. Each student will receive a set of Tamid Hebrew letter flash cards. Replacement set is \$10.

6th Grade Families: Mandatory Pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting

Current 6th grade students and parents are expected to attend a mandatory Pre-Mitzvah planning meeting to set your child's ceremony date and learn about what to expect in the next 2-3 years as you prepare for your celebration.

This meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16th, from 5:15-6:00pm.

7th Graders: Bar and Bat Mitzvah Program

This one-year intensive meets on Monday afternoons from 4:30-6 PM at Tamid. The curriculum is focused on Jewish ethics and ceremony preparation. Students must complete the Mitzvah Check-list by May, 2015. Families are expected to attend three additional seminars and monthly Shabbat and holiday programs to give their children an important foundation in Jewish life.

The first family seminar will be held on Monday, September 15th from 5:30-7:00pm.

8th - 12th Graders: Hebrew High School

NEW! 8th-12th grades on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:15pm. This program is a time where our teens gather together to learn more about the hot topics in the media, learn how to view things through a positive Jewish lens and spending time learning with Rabbi Darren.

Teens: "Downtown Hunger Action Project"

This service-learning program delivers food to the homeless one Saturday night per month. Each session will include a discussion about the Jewish response to Hunger and a meeting with a hunger advocacy group in New York. Please contact Christina for more information:

cbroussard@tamidnyc.org

Tamid Scouts - Jr. Youth Group Events

For fun and mitzvah based programming, we've selected several dates throughout the year tied into different holidays and seasons where our young Tamid Scouts will work together to earn mitzvah badges and build a stronger Tamid community through helping others. Participation is included with student tuition. Non-Tamid friends are invited to join at an additional cost per event.

Tamid Walking Club - Pick up from PS 234, 276

For students enrolled in the Walking Club, the teacher chaperone will be waiting in the drop off zone at your child's school. Mondays at PS 234 and Tuesdays at PS 234 and PS 276. [During the first week of Hebrew School (Sept 8th/9th), please have a parent or caregiver bridge the hand-off between the Tamid chaperone and your child and school teacher]. Look for the Tamid Balloon.

Holiday and Shabbat Attendance

Students will be exposed to Jewish prayer and holidays every week in class. Please help them reinforce their classroom learning with the "experience" of Jewish life by bringing them to holidays and Shabbat. High Holiday tickets are included in Family Membership levels. Family of student-only members asked to purchase individual seats for themselves. Children do not need tickets to the High Holidays.

Field Trips on NYC Public School Holidays

Included in your tuition are three special field trips on days when NYC public schools are on holiday (October 13, Nov 11, June 4). Non-Tamid friends are invited to join at \$72 which includes transportation and lunch. Please contact Christina to RSVP.

Tamid Achievement Plan

Two years ago we launched the first achievement based learning system in the Hebrew school world. Our incentive-based study program motivates students by providing learning targets and goals and makes them feel great about their success. Students are expected to earn "pins" in the following areas before their bar or bat mitzvah: Hebrew Letter Competency, Prayer Mastery, Mitzvot, and Jewish Ethics. Good luck students!