

Dear families:

It is a great pleasure to have your child in our class 3rd grade, Kitah Gimel. I have some announcements and I am sure that an e-mail will be the best way to get the information to you.

1st on Sundays: Please drop your child off at the Talmud Torah building at 9 A.M for T'fillot

2nd: Sundays we will be in the computer room from 11:50 till 12:10, so student pick up will be from the Talmud Torah building.

3rd: Wednesday October 21: I have to go to a training session and I will not be in the class until 5:00 P.M so please drop your child in the Talmud Torah building where the children will be directed for T'fillot with Cantor Sam in the Sanctuary.

4th: Some of the students are ready for the Shema so please send the booklet in a folder. If you have problems downloading it from the Barvaz website,

<http://www.barvazpress.com/modular/conservativemodules.htm>

talk to Janette and she will be glad to help you. The whole class needs the prayer.

5th: Review of the letters at home with your child. Please make sure that your child is working on each letter and can sound them with vowels included.

I will be sending homework from now on - please work with your child for 5 minutes a day. The letters that we know are:

Bet, vet, shin, chaf, lamed, mem. We know all vowels sounds.

6th: we love when your child is at class.

Have a great week

Mora Nora Elias

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Dear Families:

I would like to welcome you and your child to the 3rd grade Talmud Torah Limud class. Most of you already know a lot about me because I have been with Beth El for the last 21 years. I know most of our students from their days at our Preschool since I was part of their education when they were younger.

Our 3rd grade program is very exciting. I like my class to be very dynamic and I expect everyone to attend every class on time. I understand children get sick once in a while and I do know all about sports, dance recitals etc. Please let me know ahead of time so I can send homework for the day that your child will not be in school. My lesson plans are always on our Talmud Torah website: bethelphoenixed.wordpress.com so you can see exactly what we've been doing in class.

Hebrew: New book Shalom U Bracha Primer Express: this book will help your child review all the letter and vowels.

Prayers: Third grade will be learning many prayers this year. Please make sure your child comes to class with full access to the prayer packet that contains the prayer that the class is studying. Ideally, this means that our students have the packets at school and are able to access them at home for practice. Prayers can be accessed by going to: <http://barvazpress.com/modular/conservativemodules.htm> where you should look for "Shema" the prayer that our class will start on our 2nd Sunday (August 30). If for some reason you can't access the prayer you need to e-mail Janette. If you go to: <http://barvaspress.com/hasiddursupport/studentcorner/conservativeprayers.html> your child will be able to not only read the prayers but also hear them read and chanted at this link, even parents who do not know much Hebrew, can help their children and learn with them. If you would like to get all the prayers at once, here are the prayers we will be studying: Shema, Bar'chu, Avot & Imahot, Adom Olan. Please insert them in a 3-ring binder or folder where we can keep them together.

Torah Portion: Every Wednesday we will be learning the Torah portion of the week.

Jewish Values: We will be reading a value story for every letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The stories are amazing and the children love them all.

Jewish Holiday: As the holidays approach we will learn stories about them, how they are celebrated and the prayers that are said.

Israel: From the book "The Great Israel Scavenger Hunt" Our class will travel to the mayor cities and we will open a Café Tell Aviv once again. More information will follow.

In our program we also have Tfillot with Rabbi Lavinsky, Cantor Sam or Janette and Computer Lab. I will send the schedule to you on my next letter.

Please send to school with your child:

Markers, pencils sharpen, scissors, water bottle, a snack or money to get snack in school. If you would like to celebrate your child birthday you may do so by bringing a kosher snack to share with the class. Fruits are the ideal. No sugary snacks please and remember that we have children with allergies to nuts and eggs, so let's be inclusive. Because we are in the preschool building and the all school is nuts free, we can ever let the children eat inside if they bring any food with nuts. Information about how to purchase snacks will be sent home via email in the next few days.

I will see you for open house on Sunday August 23
Thank you for sending your child to our program.
B'Shalom
Mora Nora Elias