

TEMPLE ISRAEL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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"Who is truly wise?
One who learns from all people."

– Pirke Avot 4:1



ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

For the safety of our children, we will enter and dismiss onto the parking lot entrance only. It is important that you follow the directions of our traffic officer. ***Please always drive slowly and watch for children.***

Arrival:

- ***Once students arrive on Temple or Western Campus grounds, they must remain onsite (e.g., they may not go to a neighborhood store or restaurant).***
- **Religious School** – There is no supervision for students before 8:50 a.m. Staff will be in classrooms beginning at 8:50 a.m. to welcome your child(ren).
- **Hebrew School** – Our school hours are 4:15-5:45 p.m. Staff supervision is provided from 3:45-4:15 p.m. **If your child arrives prior to 3:45 p.m., you must make arrangements for his/her supervision.** If you need this service, please call Linda Erlich at 952-926-7520 (evenings).

Dismissal:

- Parents of Kindergarten students are **required to pick up their child at the classroom** at the end of the day.
- In 1st or 2nd grade, we welcome parents, older siblings or car pool members to pick up students at the classroom. Please be sure to let your child's teacher know personally if you plan to pick your child up from the classroom. Plan to arrive five minutes early in order to be at the classroom by 11:30. All 1st and 2nd grade students not being picked up at the classroom will be dismissed at 11:30.
- For your child's safety, **a note and/or phone call** from a parent/guardian is **required for early dismissal.**
- Early release of a student in grades Kindergarten through 3rd Grade requires a parent/guardian picking up the child in his/her classroom.

Late Pick-Up:

If a student's ride is late, we ask you to notify us when possible. The student will be asked to wait in the Lobby OR the Education Department Office.

Dismissal Procedure:



**Please help us ensure
the safety of our children!**



Children must wait in the Children's Waiting Zone under the traffic-free Portico until their carpool moves up to the "CARPOOL PICK-UP ZONE".



Children may only be picked up from the Children's Waiting Zone.



Cars will be directed to the "CARPOOL PICKUP" where children will meet their respective carpools.



Drivers in the drive through lane will be required to remain in their cars to maintain the flow of traffic.



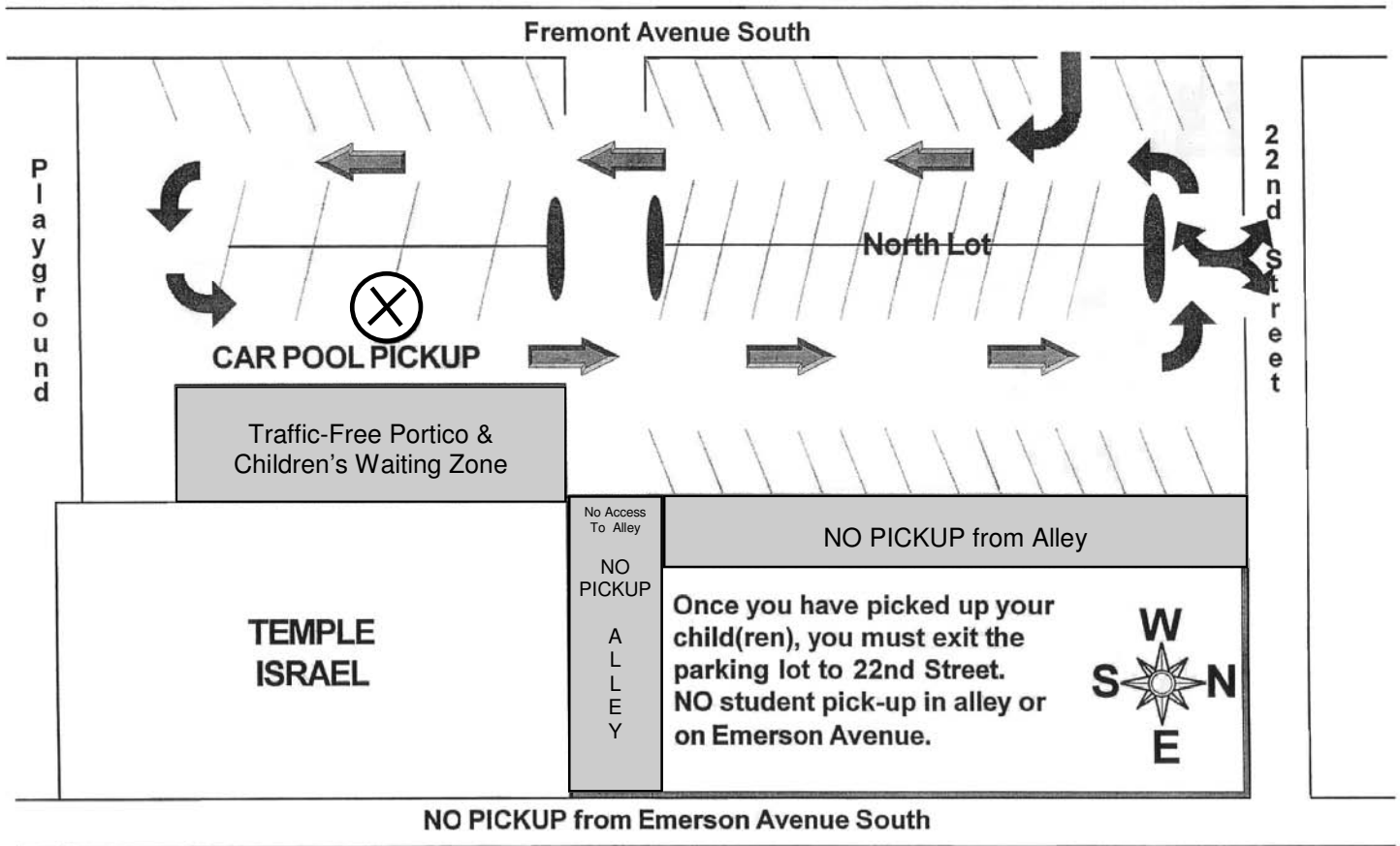
Any families wishing to park and go inside to pick up their children are welcome to park in the North end of the parking lot.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE MAP OF THE PARKING LOT
TO REVIEW THE DISMISSAL TRAFFIC FLOW INSTRUCTIONS.**

We appreciate EVERYONE'S PATIENCE and COOPERATION!

How to Navigate Temple's Parking Lot During Religious and Hebrew School Dismissal

Please park in the North lot and walk to pick up your children, OR enter and follow the arrows on this diagram to the car pool pickup location (X) by the portico. Parking Lot Security and Staff will load cars from the "Children's Waiting Zone". Children will be sheltered under the portico while they wait.



ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Regular attendance is essential to the success of education programming (and sets Jewish Education as a priority).
- The Department of Education requires an 80% attendance record.
- Students who attend Hebrew School **must** also attend Religious School.
- In order to qualify for B'nai Mitzvah, students must be enrolled in and meet the requirements of the 7th grade Na'aseh V'nishma Religious School program.

Maximum number of absences permitted by the Education Department:

K – 6 th Grade	6 per year (3 per semester)
Hebrew School	6 per semester
7 th -8 th Grade	4 per year (2 per semester)
9 th Grade	Requirement will be explained to families during orientation
10 th Grade	4 per year (make up work is required for all missed classes, including excused absences)

- *Additional absences beyond the maximum permitted may require completion of make up work. A reminder postcard will be mailed to the student and parents in grades 3-6 when a student reaches the maximum.*

BEHAVIOR/DISCIPLINE

In keeping with the Jewish value of Derekh Eretz (respect), each classroom will discuss guidelines for appropriate behavior and develop classroom expectations. These will be posted in the classroom. If a student repeatedly disobeys classroom rules and various interventions are ineffective, a student may be sent to the Program Director. A second visit to the Program Director will warrant a phone call home.

CELL PHONES OR ELECTRONICS

All classes have a no cell phone or electronics policy. Students who bring these items to class will be asked to place them in a labeled bag at the beginning of class. Teachers will return the item(s) at the completion of that day's class.

CONFERENCES

The teachers and administrative staff are available for conferences by appointment. In order for our school program to run smoothly, the staff needs to be available for the students during school programs. Therefore, conferences will usually be scheduled for times other than school hours. Hebrew School schedules parent/teacher conferences for all students in December.

DRESS CODE

Students are asked to dress in a manner appropriate to the synagogue. *Please ... no baggie pants or bare midriffs.*

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Program/Position	Contact Person	Direct Dial Phone Number
<i>EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER</i>		
Director	Trish Mintz tmintz@templeisrael.com	612-374-0334
Director of Curriculum and Education	Sharon Rosenberg-Scholl srosenberg-scholl@templeisrael.com	612-374-0374
Administrative Assistant		612-374-0380
<i>EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (PRE-K – 8TH)</i>		
Education Rabbi	Rabbi Simeon Glaser slaser@templeisrael.com	612-374-0315
Administrative Director of Education Religious School Director	Darcy Schnitzer dschnitzer@templeisrael.com	612-374-0319
Hebrew School Director Temple Israel (M/W) Western Campus (T/Th)	Jeri Saad jsaad@templeisrael.com	612-374-0309 612-558-1482
7 th /8 th Grade (Na'aseh V'nishma) Director	Heidi Tarshish htarshish@templeisrael.com	612-374-0307
Administrative Assistant	Barb Brenn bbrenn@templeisrael.com	612-374-0317
Outer Office Phone	<i>During school hours only</i>	612-374-0329
Mitzvah Sites	Voice mail information	612-377-6700, ext. 561
<i>UPPER GRADES AND ADULT EDUCATION</i>		
9 th Grade Rabbinic Dean	Rabbi Simeon Glaser sglaser@templeisrael.com	612-374-0315
9 th Grade Kallah Coordinator	Tracy Bomberg tbomberg@templeisrael.com	612-374-0321
10 th Grade Rabbinic Dean	Rabbi Jennifer Gertman jgertman@templeisrael.com	612-374-0315
10 th Grade Confirmation Coordinator	Wendy Schwartz wschwartz@templeisrael.com	612-374-0344
Adult Learning	Wendy Schwartz wschwartz@templeisrael.com	612-374-0344
<i>YOUTH GROUPS</i>		
4.5.6		612-377-6700, ext. 572
7 th /8 th		612-377-6700, ext. 560
TIPTY	Laurel Herold lherold@templeisrael.com	612-374-0349
<i>FINANCIAL</i>		
Chief Operating Officer	Myra Giesener mgiesener@templeisrael.com	612-374-0318
Scholastic Aid	Barb Nesheim bnesheim@templeisrael.com	612-374-0315

GRADE LEVEL FAMILY EVENTS

Parents are invited to attend special school events throughout the year. At that time, you will have an opportunity to study and participate in a special family program designed for your child's grade. In addition, all students in K – 6th Grade and their families will be linked to a Friday evening or holiday worship service experience during the year. This creates a wonderful, well-rounded partnership with the Family Education opportunities during the year for each grade.

GUEST POLICY

Due to space restrictions and classroom dynamics, it is difficult to accommodate guests. If you have any questions, please contact the program's director.

MEDICATIONS

We will not administer any medications (including aspirin or acetaminophen) without written or phone permission from a parent. If a child needs to take a prescription drug while at school, it must be sent to the Program Director in its original pharmacy labeled container accompanied by a signed permission slip.

PARENT PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNICATION

Communication is very important; we encourage students, parents, teachers, administrators and clergy to work together in providing the best possible learning environment. Please share any helpful information with your child's teacher when they call to introduce themselves. Parents are encouraged to participate in our school programs by serving as class representatives, helping in a classroom, or speaking to students about a Jewish interest, experience or hobby.

In keeping with the times, we are moving to mostly electronic communication. **Please be sure we have your current email (address) so that you receive important information and updates from us.** If you don't have email, please inform us so that we can arrange for alternative communications methods. Throughout the year we will keep you posted, in a variety of ways, as to what is happening in the schools. *Your partnership and support truly enhance the success of our programs.*

PROGRESS REPORTS

Written progress reports are sent home at the end of each semester for grades K-8.

TUITION FEES 2011-2012
(Rates are per child per year)

Temple Israel is proud of our outstanding educational programs. It is our responsibility to provide a quality Jewish education for all of our children. To this end, Temple Israel subsidizes *more than half* of all Religious and Hebrew school costs.

In an ongoing effort to ensure that Temple Israel can continue to provide high quality Jewish education at a lower cost to all families, please consider making an additional contribution to help cover the actual costs of educating our children.

– Thank you

Religious School

Pre-Kindergarten Family Program (9 sessions).....	\$125.00
Grades K through 6 th	\$530.00
Grades 7 th & 8 th	\$660.00
Grade 9 (Kallah)	\$630.00
Grade 10 (Confirmation)	\$750.00

Hebrew School *(in addition to Religious School Fees)*

Alef through Dalet	\$780.00
B'nai Mitzvah Class	\$720.00

- ➔ The sustainability of our school is dependent upon its tuition and fees. Payment for individual programs is due upon receipt of your bill which will be mailed in the fall.
- ➔ We are unable to refund any program fees once the school year has started. Please note that a school year is from its starting day in September through the closing day in May.
- ➔ No one will be turned away due to financial circumstances. Prior to the start of the school year, please contact Myra Giesener, Chief Operating Officer at 612-374-0318 to make payment arrangements. Scholarships are available to help cover education costs. Applications are available by contacting Barb Brenn at 612-374-0317 or bbrenn@templeisrael.com. Scholarship application deadlines are May 1, August 1, November 1 and February 1. Funds may be more limited after deadlines have passed.

WEATHER – CANCELLATION INFORMATION

If the weather is threatening, and you are wondering if school will be in session, please check our

Weather Hotline at 612-374-0345

or listen to WCCO radio (830 AM)

or www.templeisrael.com

4.5.6 YOUTH GROUP

Temple Israel offers our 4.5.6 students a variety of opportunities, throughout the year, to come together in an informal setting in order to experience, learn, have fun and build community. Please be sure to check the 4.5.6 page on the Temple website and watch for flyers for the latest offerings for this age group.

*Educational programming at Temple Israel
is provided, in part, through funding from the*



Temple Israel welcomes individuals with special needs.
Any individual requiring accommodations, should contact
Miriam Seidenfeld at 612-377-8680 or
mseidenfeld@templeisrael.com