



# Temple Beth Elohim B'nai Mitzvah Magical Mystery Tour Grade 7 Program

## Talmud Torah – Classroom Learning

## תלמוד תורה

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade learning program takes place on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-8:30 pm. The curriculum includes text study, Hebrew and mitzvot.

### Text Study

### תורה

Our text curriculum will focus on Prophets and Writings, the second and third sections of Tanakh. Seventh grade students will be able to choose from a selection of text electives based on their interests. Each elective will use primary texts to explore a particular topic. Examples of possible electives are:

- ✧ Strong Women in the Bible, Part II
- ✧ Hip Hop Midrash: Jewish Texts and Values in Popular Music
- ✧ Lies and Deception in the Prophets
- ✧ The Call to Leadership: Lessons from our Biblical Leaders
- ✧ Biblical Art: Artifacts in the Bible and Modern Ritual Objects

### Hebrew

### עברית

Students will engage in multi-level Hebrew language classes. Classes will be provided based on skill level and student interest. The primary goal will be continued preparation for Bar/Bat Mitzvah. This is in addition to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tutoring that students receive 7 months prior to their celebrations.

### Mitzvot and Values

### מצוות ומידות

Students will learn about two categories of mitzvot: (1) Im Ein Ani Li Mi Li → “Person to Self” and (2) Kehilah Kedoshah → “Community.”

## Shabbaton – Weekend Retreat

## שבתון

The BM<sup>3</sup>T retreat for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders accomplishes several goals:

- ⇒ to allow students to spend time with and get to know one another better
- ⇒ to introduce many of the themes and topics taught during 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- ⇒ to experience Jewish worship in an informal setting
- ⇒ to create and build community within BM<sup>3</sup>T
- ⇒ to relax and have fun!

Students and staff will spend Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning engaged in a variety of hands-on activities and interactive learning programs. We will eat and sing, worship, study and play in a variety of groups and settings throughout the retreat.

## Ma'asim Tovim – Service in the Community

## מעשים טובים

Part of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience is becoming an active and responsible member of the community. Over the course of the BM<sup>3</sup>T experience, students will engage in long-term community service activities that will connect to their learning in the Mitzvot curriculum. Students will participate in social action and social justice training and workshops to prepare them for long-term commitments to community service work, which they may choose any of the following areas of interest:

**Hunger and Homelessness** are not just things we read about or see on the news. Step out and make a difference at local shelters and soup kitchens, and see that inside, we are all equally unique while also being very similar.

**Literacy** is something that we often take for granted, while others are not as fortunate. Helping younger children learn how to read is an act not to take lightly.

**Interacting with the Elderly** brings to life the words of different Jewish sources and what they say about aging and respecting the senior members of our population. Share your story, and identify with someone else's through projects, programs and work.

**Helping Others With Special Needs** reminds us that everyone is different, and that we are all created *b'tzelem Elohim* – in the image of God.

**The Arts** bring different types of people together through creativity and expression. Do you believe that a picture says a thousand words? Creating that picture with others is even more powerful and special.

**Athletics** provide an opportunity for people with different strengths and abilities to develop team skills and learn new strategies to work with others. Together, you can play for a cause.

In November, small groups of students will begin regular, volunteer relationships with partner organizations in the above areas. Level of involvement will range from weekly to monthly.

## Mishpacha B'Yachad – Family Learning Together

## משפחה ביחד

There are a series of Family Programs designed to familiarize you and your children with the Bar/Bat Mitzvah process: learning Torah portions; family communication and changes; the Mitzvah program; prayer, choreography and liturgy of the Shabbat service; and your family's relationships to the greater temple community.

## T'filah – Worship

## תפילה

Students will be expected to attend 7 Shabbat services during the course of the year. Some of these may be the BM<sup>3</sup>T Retreat, Rock Shabbat and Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

## Bar/Bat Mitzvah Preparation

## בר/בת מצוה

Preparation that leads towards the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony is one part of the BM<sup>3</sup>T experience. This includes: individual tutoring beginning 7 months prior to the ceremony, meetings with our clergy, preparation of a d'var torah and family learning programs.

JELLY (Junior beth ELOhim Local Youth) is the youth group for TBE members in grades 6 and 7. JELLY has events once a month, including roller skating, laser tag, local sports events, bowling, and snow tubing. JELLY also maintains a strong commitment to social action and the TBE community.

The JELLY Advisory Board is an opportunity for JELLY members to help plan and run events throughout the year. JELLY Advisory Board members also participate in leadership training on the Havayah Youth Leadership Team (YLT).

JELLY membership is free! To sign-up for JELLY and start receiving event mailings, membership forms are available online and on the Havayah bulletin board across from the Religious School office.

## Contact Information

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