

Temple Beth Sholom Gersten School

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Dear Families and Students,

Boker Tov! I hope this finds you well and enjoying a wonderful, exciting, and relaxing summer. I look forward to hearing all about how you have spent the weeks since I last saw you. I have been having a blast spending time with Ariella. Wait until you all see her; she is currently working on walking.

This year, at the **Gersten Torah and Hebrew Schools**, we will be focusing on *t'fillah* and our relationships, personal and communal, with prayer. I know this will provide the students awesome opportunities to connect with each other, their Judaism, and the adult members of Beth Sholom. *T'fillah* is what connects Jews in the Bay Area, throughout the country, and around the world. What our students learn this year will help them to feel a part of any Jewish community, anywhere, at any time.

Torah School will begin on **Sunday, September 11th at 9:30am**. I ask that all students, pre-school through high school, join me and Rabbi Manhoff in the sanctuary upon arrival. We will begin another wonderful year together and break into classes from there. This year, some of our Gersten graduates will be serving as Teacher Assistants. I am so grateful for their continued commitment and help.

Hebrew School will begin on **Tuesday, September 13th at 4pm**. I look forward to seeing all students fourth grade to those preparing to become a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* that day. Students may also begin Hebrew School in third grade.

Temple Beth Sholom has a Family Shabbat service on the first Friday of every month at 6:30pm. Those services are followed by a communal dinner provided by volunteers. This year, three Family Shabbat services will be led by Gersten students. The October 7th service will be led by all returning Hebrew School students. The February 3rd service will be led by all Hebrew School students. And the May 5th service will be led by the entire Gersten School. As has become tradition, the Hebrew School students will make dinner for the May service.

Registration will be online again this year. If you have not received an invitation to fill out a google form to register your students, please email Rinat at gerstenschool@gmail.com. *Payment for the school year is requested before the first day of classes.*

GRADES PK – 3: Members -- \$350.00/year

Non-members -- \$475.00/year

GRADES 4 – 7: Members -- \$450.00/year

Non-members -- \$600.00/year

****The maximum yearly fees for a member family's combined tuition shall not exceed \$1100.00.**

If you need to arrange a payment plan or if your family needs a scholarship, please contact Rinat or Rabbi Manhoff (ravmanhoff@aol.com or 357-8505) directly *before* classes begin.

I look forward to seeing each one of you very soon and to sharing in another momentous year of growth and discovery.

L'Shalom,

Rinat Manhoff