



Hebrew Connection Information Sheet



WELCOME TO THE HEBREW CONNECTION PROGRAM

The Hebrew Connection program provides your child with the unique opportunity to be privately tutored in Hebrew (a total of 25 sessions). This allows students to learn at their own pace and to receive personalized attention. The Hebrew Connection goes hand-in-hand with the Family Learning Circle. Family Learning Circle has several elements that are crucial to its goal of teaching the whole family. This program only works when you participate in all activities – Sunday morning classes, adult education classes, family activities, and tutoring. You are expected to attend all programs; however, **to maintain your eligibility for the Hebrew Connection program you must attend at least 75% of each program**. The Education Office sends out a yearly calendar at the beginning of the school year and reminders will be in the school e-newsletter.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Whether your student is tutored at home or at the Temple, there are several steps you can take to give your child the best possible learning environment. It is important that the tutor and student meet in a quiet, clean environment. All workbooks, folders, assignments and writing implements should be out and ready when the tutor arrives. Students learn best when there is consistency in their environment, so try to have the tutoring sessions in the same place each week. Many students prefer to have privacy during their sessions so they can fully concentrate on learning. However, you are encouraged to check in frequently with your tutor about your child's progress. If your child is being tutored in your home, an adult, other than the tutor, must be present in the house at all times.

HOMework

The most important elements of learning to read Hebrew are repetition and practice. You should expect your tutor to assign your child(ren) worksheets or reading practice between sessions. Because students and tutors only meet once a week, it is imperative to your child(ren)'s success that he or she completes all homework assignments. It is your responsibility as a parent to make sure that the student schedules regular practice times during the week.

PROGRESS

To make your child(ren)'s experience in the Hebrew Connection as successful as possible, it is important that you share with your tutor any information about your child(ren)'s learning needs, preferences or past tutoring experiences that may help him/her to teach your child(ren). Your tutor will give you regular updates throughout the year to keep you aware of your child(ren)'s progress. During the final tutoring session, your tutor will meet with you about your child(ren)'s progress throughout the year, current standing and suggestions for future learning needs. An end-year Progress Report will be sent to the parent(s) and will also be copied to the student's file at TBS.

RESCHEDULING SESSIONS

Try to keep a regular schedule for tutoring sessions. When students miss sessions they miss opportunities to reinforce their learning. When a student must reschedule a session you can minimize the effect by encouraging them to do extra drills and practice exercises.

Because of the unique nature of the Hebrew Connection program, flexibility and patience is of the utmost importance. Emergencies happen, but you must give your tutor 24 hours notice before canceling a session. If you cancel a session with less than 24 hours notice or do not show up to a session, the session is lost and the tutor is under no obligation to make up the session. Tutors will, of course, extend the same courtesy of 24 hours prior notice to their families. If your tutor misses a session without prior notice please call the Temple Beth Shalom Education Office at 714-628-4620.

PROMPTNESS

We know that both our tutors and families lead very busy lives. Many of our tutors have sessions scheduled back to back. Your tutor may not be able to stay after or make up missed time if your child is late or not ready to begin when the tutor arrives. While your tutor will make every effort to be on time to your session, if they are late, they will make up the missed time either at the end of that session or at another time that is convenient for you.

A FINAL WORD

Learning Hebrew can be challenging for children. It is important that you offer them all the support and encouragement you can, and please remember to sign the time sheets so that we can keep an accurate count of your child(ren)'s sessions. Your interest and positive attitude affect your child. If you have any questions feel free to call the Education Office or meet with us face to face. We look forward to a wonderful year!

FLC - Family Program Meeting Dates

Saturday, October 3, 2009
Saturday, January 30, 2010
Saturday, March 6, 2010
Saturday, April 10, 2010
Saturday, May 15, 2010

**All sessions will meet from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at
Temple Beth Sholom.**

The FLC program requires a minimum of 75% attendance in both Adult Education and the Family Program in order to be eligible for this program in future years.

Temple Beth Sholom
Hebrew Connection Tutor Request
2009-2010

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We are excited that you will be participating in the Hebrew Connection program this year! In order to match your child(ren) with a tutor, we will need the following information from you.

Please complete & return this form to the Education Office by Friday, August 28, 2009

Student(s)' Name(s): _____

Preferred tutor name: _____

- If you do not have a preferred tutor, one will be assigned.
- Every effort will be made to place your child with your preferred tutor; however, tutoring appointments must be arranged based on the scheduled availability of both the tutor and the family.

Please put an "X" next to all of the days you are available and indicate the times your student(s) will be available.

Monday Times: _____

Tuesday Times: _____

Wednesday Times: _____

Thursday Times: _____

Friday Times: _____

For students being tutored at home:

In order to help create appropriate tutoring clusters for our tutors, it would be helpful to know of any TBS families who live in your area and might also be participating in the Hebrew Connection Program. Please list those family names: _____

Temple Beth Sholom Religious School
 2009-2010
 Family Learning Circle Activity Tracks
 Family Learning Circle Adult Education Tracks
REGISTRATION/CHECKLIST

FLC Adult Education Tracks

- At least one parent (but both are welcome!) must register for at least five adult learning sessions. You can either register for two 3 session classes or one 5 -12 session class.

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- Please read the Hebrew Connection Information Sheet carefully.
- Please fill out the Hebrew Connection Tutor Preference Form and return it to the Education Office no later than August 28, 2009.

Important Reminder:

- **As you register for your Tracks, please be aware of all dates, times and locations to ensure your availability to participate fully. The FLC program requires a minimum of 75% attendance in both Adult Education and the Family Program in order to be eligible for this program in future years.**

FLC ADULT EDUCATION TRACKS		
Adult(s) Name:		
<i>Circle your class choice(s)</i>		
1	2	"Shmirat haGuf: How Jewish Texts Protect Our Bodies"
1	2	"Coffee Talk with Rabbi Cohen"
1	2	"Reflections of a Jewish Couch Potato"
1	2	"The Sandwich Generation: Caring for our Parents While Growing With Our Kids"
1	2	"Iyunei Yisrael: Big Issues Facing Israel Today"
1	2	"Southern Rabbis and the Struggles For Civil Rights in the
1	2	Beginning Hebrew

I have read the Parent Manual and Hebrew Connection Information Sheet.
 I have chosen an FLC Adult Education Course.
 I have completed and attached the Hebrew Connection Tutor Request Form.
 TBS has my permission to take photographs/videos and/or provide information pertaining to my son/daughter to be used for publicity purposes in various media, including school fliers, the weekly e-newsletter, TBS website, Kol Sholom, and community publications. I realize that no commercial use will be made of the photographs or videos.

 Print Name

 Signature

Please return this completed & signed form to the Education Office by Friday, August 28, 2009.

Temple Beth Sholom Religious School
2009- 2010 Adult Learning Tracks

"Shmirat haGuf: How Jewish Texts Protect Our Bodies"

Instructor: Tami Weisman, TBS Education Intern

Honey cake for Rosh HaShanah, matzo ball soup for Pesach, challah for Shabbat...With our Jewish culture being so centered around food, what else does our tradition have to say about food and health? We will examine this important topic through a Jewish textual lens to learn how our tradition teaches us to enjoy our special foods while honoring our bodies.

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, October 4 – Board Room
Sunday, October 11 – Board Room
Sunday, October 18 – Kiddush area

"Coffee Talk with Rabbi Cohen"

Instructor: Rabbi Heidi Cohen

Coffee Talk with Rabbi Cohen is an opportunity to ask all those questions you always wanted to ask the rabbi, but never had the time to sit down and just chat. We will explore current event issues and how they effect our community and our Jewish lives. Such topics will also include: 'It's December, we have one home but families from two faiths – what do we do?' Or: 'Our children are asking about God and what happens when we die – what do say to them? And how do we answer these questions for ourselves?' Bring your coffee mug, sit down and let's talk about all those issues together.

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, October 18 – Rose Garden
Sunday, November 15 – Board Room
Sunday, December 20 - Library

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“Reflections of a Couch Potato”

Instructor: Wendy Bocarsky

Many of us spend our leisure time in front of the television. But not all of that time is wasted as much can be learned from an hour of quality viewing. In each of the three sessions of this course we will view an episode of a different popular program and analyze its Jewish content for accuracy. Using rabbinic texts we will also discuss the ethical issues presented in the particular story. Bring your own popcorn.

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, November 8 - Library

Sunday, November 15 – Library

Sunday, November 22 – Activity Center

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“The Sandwich Generation:
Caring for our Parents While Growing With Our Kids”

Instructor: Rabbi Heidi Cohen

The aging of a loved one can be a difficult experience for everyone. As people live longer than ever before, more adults are joining the "sandwich generation," those people with the dual responsibility of raising children while caring for aging parents. This course will examine Jewish perspectives on aging and care giving while reviewing practical advice for facing difficult questions.

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Board Room

Sunday, January 10

Sunday, January 24

Sunday, February 7

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“Iyunei Yisrael: Big Issues Facing Israel Today”

Instructor: Tami Weisman, TBS Education Intern

Israel is a country constantly being faced with new challenges. In this course, we will discuss the various issues that Israel faces and examine how they affect Israeli society. We will use Israeli film, music, the newspaper, and other relevant media to inform our exploration of these issues.

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Library

Sunday, January 10

Sunday, January 24

Sunday, February 7

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**"Southern Rabbis and the Struggles For Civil Rights in the South:
1954-1967"**

Instructor: Rabbi Allen Krause

This course gives a brief look at some very brave men, and some who could not rise above the fear that was a constant presence in the Deep South of the 1960s. One rabbi surprised his congregation by appearing on television on the dais at a national NAACP conference, while another was the darling of the Ku Klux Klan. Illustrated lectures will bring life to material from one of the most turbulent periods in American history.

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Library

Sunday, February 21

Sunday, March 7

Sunday, March 21

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2008- 2009 Adult Learning Tracks

Beginning Conversational Hebrew **Instructor: Sima Nachshon**

If you have always wanted to learn Hebrew, this is the class for you! The course will begin with an overview of the aleph-bet, the Hebrew alphabet. The class will then move to the very basics of modern conversational Hebrew, as it is spoken in Israel. Together, we will learn basic verb structures and how to construct simple sentences. This class is for anyone interested in joining the next Adult B'nai Mitzvah class. (The class meets at the same time as TBS Teen Night 7th-10th grade classes)

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Classroom 5

Tuesday, September 29
Tuesday, October 6
Tuesday, October 13
Tuesday, October 20
Tuesday, October 27
Tuesday, November 3
Tuesday, November 10
Tuesday, November 17
Tuesday, November 24
Tuesday, December 1