

August 2017

Dear 8th-12th graders,

Do you love working with young children? Are you creative, organized, fun-loving and a little bit zany? Do you think about becoming a teacher someday? Are you interested in earning community service hours?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, our **Madrichim Program** for 8th–12th graders is for you! The word "Madrichim" is derived from the Hebrew word, "derech," meaning "road," "path," or "way." Our *Madrichim* assist our Religious School teachers in the classroom, act as role models for our younger students, and take on important leadership roles in our community. *Madrichim* serve as teacher's assistants for grades K–6 on Sunday mornings and/or Tuesday afternoons. In order to serve as a madrich/madricha you must be enrolled in our TBS Teen Kehillah. You will have the amazing opportunity to help our younger students grow and develop Jewishly by:

- Leading small group discussions and lessons.
- Assisting children who need academic, social or emotional support.
- Helping to keep the classroom running smoothly by collecting *tzedakah*, prepping art projects, preparing snacks and more.
- Serving as a positive Jewish role model, showing our students just how much fun and meaning there is in Jewish learning and life.

In addition to working in a classroom each week, you might be asked attend *Madrichim* Orientation and Workshops. These sessions are designed to help *Madrichim* build relationships, develop their teaching skills and succeed in their classrooms. Together, with your peers, you will learn to:

- Support classroom teachers.
- Understand the different learning and social needs of individual students.
- Be a team player who is both flexible and creative.
- Create classroom learning communities infused with Jewish values.
- Strengthen connections between students and Jewish learning.
- Build and enhance core knowledge, skills, and commitments needed to be successful.

Some of our students have special needs and may need one-on-one assistance in the classroom. We are looking for responsible and attentive teen aides who can commit to excellent attendance.

High School Students earn volunteer/service hours or are paid in credit for hours worked.

Madrachim are paid:

There is no pay for Sunday/Tuesday volunteering for 8th Graders

1 st Year	\$ 5.00/Session	} Or a madrich/madircha can choose to receive community service hours.
2 nd Year	\$ 7.50/Session	
3 rd Year/4 th Year	\$10.00/Session	

Anyone interested in being part of the Madrichim Program must return the enclosed application **NO LATER THAN Thursday, August 31, 2017.**

L'shalom,

Jodi Kaufman

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SAVE THE DATE!

Please plan to here for opening day of religious school, Sunday, September 10th

**Temple Beth Sholom
Madrachim Program Application
2017-2018**

Name:		Home #:	Cell #:
Address:		City:	ZIP Code:
Date of Birth:	Grade (Fall 2017):	Student Email:	

I wish to receive Community service hours a paycheck (see letter for payscale)

1. Have you ever been in the Madrich/Madricha program before? No Yes

2. Describe any work experience or leadership programs in which you have participated: _____

4. Which days would you like to work (*check all that apply*)

Sundays Tuesdays

5. What grade levels/positions are you interested in (*check all that apply*)?

K-2 3rd/4th 5th/6th Tech Madrich Buddy/Special Needs

6. Please list any other specific requests: _____

I, _____, understand that madrichim placement will be based on my previous *madrichim* attendance (if returning) and the needs of the Temple Beth Sholom Religious School. I understand that as a *dugma* (a role-model) I am required to be enrolled in my grade-level religious education program. I will arrive on time (Sunday, 9:15 a.m. or Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.) and maintain consistent attendance. Should I need to miss work, I will contact the necessary people (the teacher or Jodi), via phone or email in advance. I will also do my best to attend all required meetings and workshops during the religious school year.

Student Signature & Date: _____

Parent Signature & Date: _____

Please return this application to the Education Office no later than Thursday, August 31, 2017.