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Dear Families:

We are happy to announce that we are now accepting enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year for families in the Religious School and Hillel High School.

To enroll your child(ren) in either of our schools, complete the enclosed Enrollment Card and Tuition Payment Preference Form & Contract. **Return both to the Religious School office along with your tuition & fees office by Thursday, April 15.** A tuition schedule is attached.

Your prompt payment **by April 15** will be reciprocated with a lower tuition rate.

If paying by FACTS Tuition Management System for the coming year, your forms must be accompanied by the completed FACTS forms and you must complete a separate registration form for each child registered in the Religious School and/or Hillel High School.

NEW THIS YEAR: Any student enrolling in Hillel High School who wishes to be confirmed or graduate, MUST attend all 5 years (grades 8 – 12). Please note: Hillel High School classes are held on Wednesday night. There is no longer a separate option for Emery Weiner or Beren Academy students. All students currently enrolled in Hillel High School are “**grandfathered**” in under the old policy.

The hours for the Congregational Schools will be as follows:

Religious School

Grades K–2	Sunday	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Grades 3–7	Sunday	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
	Saturday	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (Junior Congregation)

Students in **Grades 3-5** are expected to attend **9** Junior Congregation services during the school year as part of their Religious School training. Junior Congregation meets from 9:30 —10:30 on most Shabbat mornings during the school year.

Hillel High School

Grades 8–11	Wednesday	7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Grade 12	Wednesday	7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Rabbi Rosen’s home

Throughout the year there will be activities for Hillel High School which occur on Sundays. Please be sure to check the HHS calendar as it becomes available and mark these dates on your calendar.

There will be no fundraising appeals this year. However, if you wish to make a contribution, we are always very appreciative.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Should you need financial assistance, scholarships for the Religious School and Hillel High School are available. For an application please contact Cheryl Nussenblatt in the school business office at 713 666-1884, ext. 342 or email her at cnussenblat@bethyeshurun.org as soon as you receive this letter. **All scholarship applications must be returned to the school office by Thursday, April 15** when enrollment forms are due. Scholarships must be renewed each year and it is necessary to make a new request for the 2010-2011 school year. While every effort will be made to help those in need, we will be unable to assist those whose forms are turned in after the available funds have been distributed. It is in your best interest to get your forms in on time.

If you need clarification about any of our school programs, please contact Rabbi Brian Strauss, Interim Principal or Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs, Hillel High School Principal, who will be happy to answer your questions.

Please look for a packet this summer that will contain information regarding our policies and curriculum. This packet will also include a form that will allow you to provide to us your child's special educational needs.

Your compliance with our enrollment guidelines in a timely manner will enable us to serve your child(ren) better. We thank you for your prompt attention and cooperation.

We truly look forward to having your child(ren) in school with us next year.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Brian Strauss
Interim Religious School Principal

Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs
Hillel High School Principal

Confirmation and Graduation Policy
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

1. Students are eligible for Confirmation if the following requirements are met:
 - a. Families are members of Congregation Beth Yeshurun and are in good standing at the time of Confirmation.
 - b. The student has continuously attended classes **at Congregation Beth Yeshurun Hillel High School since and including 8th Grade**. Students must also be in good standing from year to year within the Hillel High School program, having completed any make up work due to excessive absences before the start of the next school year. Students must participate in the two yearly *mitzvah* projects, the three Confirmation classes with Rabbi Rosen, the Confirmation retreat, and complete all assignments. Students may not miss more than three classes per semester without make up work being assigned. Missing 30% of the classes in a given semester will disqualify the student's eligibility for Confirmation.
 - c. Failure to complete the above requirements in a timely manner will disqualify a student from eligibility for Confirmation

2. Students are eligible for Hillel Graduation if the following requirements are met:
 - a. Families are members of Congregation Beth Yeshurun and are in good standing at the time of Graduation
 - b. **The student has continuously attended classes at Congregation Beth Yeshurun Hillel Program since and including 8th grade**. Students must also be in good standing from year to year within the Hillel High School program, having completed any makeup work due to excessive absences before the start of the next school year. During the 12th grade, the students must meet all graduation and attendance requirements set forth by Rabbi Rosen in his registration materials.
 - c. Failure to complete the above requirements in a timely manner will disqualify a student from eligibility for Hillel Graduation.

Any exceptions to these policies will be handled by Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs, Rabbi Steve Morgen and The Education Committee.