



Beth El Hebrew Congregation

June 2010

Dear Students and Parents,

Attached are an Application and an Agreement for the Beth El Madrichim Program for the school year 2010-2011 (5770-5771). *Madrich/a* is the Hebrew word for “teaching assistant” or leader. Beth El's madrichim assist a Hebrew or Jewish Studies teacher with the numerous activities that occur in the classroom which contributes to a meaningful Jewish educational experience. As madrichim gain experience, they may be asked to help with lesson planning and teaching. **You must be enrolled in the Religious School to be in the Madrichim Program.**

Below is important information concerning the Madrichim Program.

- **Madrichim must attend a training workshop on Sunday, August 29, 2010 at Rodef Shalom from approximately 10am-2pm.**
- **It is possible that the number of program applicants will exceed the number of available spaces.** Students who participated in the *Madrichim* Program this past year (2009-10) will be given priority. Applications will not be accepted after July 16, 2010.
- **9th grade madrichim will need to make a good faith effort to continue as madrichim in the 11th and 12th grades** Because you will be giving up classroom instruction time in 9th grade, we feel that it is very important for you to commit more time later to your Jewish education. This commitment is made with the understanding that in two years your ability to participate in the madrichim program may change.
- **7th and 8th Grade madrichim will participate in the Madrichim Program in lieu of special topic classes.** During the year, a 7th grade *madrich/a* may participate in a special topic class with the concurrence of the classroom teacher to whom the *madrich/a* is assigned. **Seventh grade students will be in a special course called “Sacred Choices – Adolescent Relationships and Sexual Ethics.” Attending this class will require adjustments to your Madrich schedule.**
- **Madrichim in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades will not receive pay.** Participation may function as community service.
- **Madrichim in the 10th grade** may apply for Wednesday evening only.
- **Madrichim in the 11th and 12th grades may receive a small monetary stipend or Community Service hours.**

Students, if you wish to participate in the Madrichim Program next year, please fill out the enclosed application form and agreement and return them to the Religious School office **by Friday, July 16, 2010.** You may mail, fax (703) 370-7730, or leave the form in the mailbox on Fran Simon's door. If you have any questions, please call Laura Naide, Madrichim Coordinator, at (703) 329-9391 or Barry Smith, Religious School Director, at (703) 370-6644.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Jewish education.

Sincerely,

Barry Smith
Director of Education

Laura Naide
Beth El Madrichim Coordinator