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Dear CBA Religious School families,

This current school year has been a true joy. During this time, we continued to embrace the value of creating a community in person. Energetic youth group events occurred. Shabbat grade dinners were celebrated. Boker B'yachad (Sunday family education) created the opportunity for parents to meet one another. Simchat Shabbat and Tot Shabbat were observed with great joy and participation. We revisited existing congregational friendships, and we welcomed in many new congregational family friends. Congregation Beth Am is honored and privileged to provide safe spaces to explore our ancient teachings and to connect with our dynamic congregational family.

As we approach the concluding weeks of our CBA 2024-2025 school year, I pause on the many successes from this current year. We worked towards the goals of strong Jewish identities, love of Hebrew, connection to the land and people of Israel, and curiosity of our sacred traditions. We made space for Jewish music, worship, conversation, and creating Jewish meaning in our complicated modern world.

As we prepare to conclude the current school year, we continue to plan for the coming '25-'26 school year. We are asking that you take the time to register for the upcoming school year in the weeks to come. Your early registration helps us plan for teachers, physical location needs, and materials. Our community is strengthened by your presence.

We are delighted to present you our **2025 –2026/5785 - 5786 School Year CBA School Registration Materials**.

For the 2025 – 2026 School Year, we will continue to meet at JCYS on Sundays, at Congregation Beth Am for our Tuesday and Wednesday (unless we need a larger space on Wednesday) Hebrew School sessions. And to help us determine space needs, kindly register as soon as possible.

Attached to this email, you will find a PDF labeled "Important School Registration Information Sheet." Please take time to familiarize yourself with the information included on that document. This sheet gives pertinent information regarding school policies, days, times, and fees for all classes including beginning dates, schedule options, and more.

We are planning for an exciting and enriching year ahead and to do this efficiently, we need your help. **Please complete your online registration and tuition deposit by going to your "My Beth Am" portal.**

1. There, you will find the online registration and tuition deposit button labeled “25-26 Religious School Enrollment.”
2. The form does not save automatically, nor submit, until you complete all the fields and hit the submit button at the bottom. So please know that your draft won’t save.

Your registration will help us plan for special events and hire staff. Please help us prepare with your timely registration.

Again, school registration forms should be completed electronically by **going to www.bethambq.org, logging into your “My Beth Am” portal, and pressing the “25-26 Religious School Enrollment” button.** There you will find all the registration materials required to register your child(ren) for the upcoming school year, including:

- a. Confidential Student Information: If there is any information that you can provide which will help determine the proper class placement for your child(ren), please include that information on this form. Information about learning challenges is of particular importance. The information you provide will be kept confidential. It will be shared, if necessary, only with a child’s teacher(s).
- b. Emergency Contact Form
- c. Dual Schooling Policy Form
- d. Photography Release & Student Internet Access
- e. Tuition: Please see the School Registration Information Page for the 2025 – 2026 School Tuition Fees.

We are committed to providing your child(ren) with a high-quality Jewish education. We are committed to bringing your entire family a sense of closeness to the Jewish people, and a connection to our own blossoming congregational community. Please, if you are experiencing financial hardship call the CBA Treasurer in the synagogue office and he will assist you in any way we can. All information you share with him is strictly confidential.

I want to express my thanks and appreciation for your commitment to the ideals of Jewish education and your ongoing support of the Religious School and its faculty. If there is anything that you would like to discuss with me or if I can be of help in any way, please do not hesitate to call (847) 383-5017.

L’Shalom,

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