

North Alabama Community Hebraic School

NACHaS

FAMILY HANDBOOK

5772

(2011 – 2012)



Rabbi Beth Bahar

Rabbi Phillip Lieberman

Principals

Monica Ward

Larisa Thomason

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At NACHaS, we believe our children should strengthen their faith in God, their love of Torah, and their identification with the Jewish people. We hope to inspire a strong sense of Jewish community and enrich their observance of Jewish practices, literacy, education and values.

NACHaS Goals

- To make a sincere effort to help each student cultivate a sense of pride in being Jewish, and a comfort and joy in their Judaism.
- To develop a sense of respect and caring for each other and a greater feeling of spirituality leading to good deeds and faith in G-d.
- To instill a sense of responsibility for ourselves and those less fortunate through active, personal participation in Tzedakah, T'filah and Tikkun Olam.
- To familiarize students with Jewish observance through worship and prayer including study, attendance at religious services, and special holiday celebrations.
- To familiarize students with Torah, Jewish ethics, modern Israel and to convey an awareness of and appreciation for the richness of Jewish history and literature.
- To stimulate a process of continuous learning and living which extends beyond the Religious School and lasts a lifetime.

A NACHaS Welcome!

Shalom! This is an exciting time for the Huntsville Jewish community as we prepare for our second year of our Religious School program. The name of the school is “NACHaS”, North Alabama Community Hebraic School. NACHaS is a cooperative effort between Etz Chayim Synagogue and Temple B'nai Sholom to provide religious education to Jewish youth in the area. It is an independent entity of the Temple and Synagogue, yet leverages off the resources of both and is made up of faculty, administrators, and board members from both. It is funded by tuition as well as stipends and donations from the Synagogue and Temple as well as the Jewish Federation of North Alabama.

We look forward to having your children with us for the school year and are dedicated to providing a meaningful and educational Judaic program for the North Alabama community.

“And you shall teach them diligently unto thy children” is written in the Torah. Parents and teachers form a crucial partnership in completing this mitzvah. Our fine teachers work very hard to provide a fun, challenging and interesting experience for your child. We use many means to help forge a positive and educated Jewish identity. Our classes incorporate drama, art, music, games, films, books, stories, and special guests.

We are very privileged to use a curriculum that was created by the Education Department of the **Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life** out of Jackson, Mississippi. This manual explains the school goals and curriculum as designed with input from the ISJL, Rabbi, and teachers.

We rely upon your support, constructive feedback and participation. **Jewish Education is a family goal**, and we are here to help you achieve that goal. We hope you will read through this manual and let us know how we can further assist your family in making this year a positive experience. Please feel free to contact either of us at any time.

Larisa Thomason

Monica Ward

Tuition

Tuition for members of Temple B'nai Sholom or Etz Chayim will be **\$225 for the first child** and **\$200 for each additional child**, payable to NACHaS. No child will be denied a religious education due to monetary constraints. Financial assistance can be requested from the NACHaS treasurer or the Board of Etz Chayim or Temple B'nai Sholom. The tuition covers books, supplies, snacks, janitorial services, etc.

Non member tuition will be \$750 per child.

Please make your check payable to

NACHaS
103 Lincoln Street,
Huntsville, AL 35801

Discounts

- Tuition for all children of teachers and principals: \$110 per child

Sunday Class Schedule

- All Sunday classes (including TBS-BMPP and JEEP) will be held at Temple B'nai Sholom (TBS):

103 Lincoln Street,
Huntsville, AL 35801
256.536-4771

- TBS-BMPP and JEEP will begin at 9:00 A.M. and end at 9:45 A.M.
- At 9:45 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. is Sunday Morning Prayer led by various children and the area Rabbis.
- Sunday School students will be in classes PROMPTLY at 10:00 AM. In order to limit disruptions to the class, please plan to arrive with enough time for your children to begin classes as scheduled.
- At 10:45 A.M., there will be a Boker Tov Assembly in the Sanctuary for grades Kindergarten to 5th.
- At 11:15 A.M., there will be a Boker Tov Assembly in the Sanctuary for grades 6th through 9th.
- At 11:00 A.M., snack will be provided.

Registration Form (2 pages)

North Alabama Community Hebraic School School Year 5771 (2010-2011)

Children's Information

Name	Grade	Date of Birth	Gender	Hebrew Name

Parent A's Name

Parent B's Name

Parent A's Address

Parent B's Address (If different)

Home Phone Number

Work Phone Number

Home Phone Number

Work Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

E-Mail Address

Cell Phone Number

E-Mail Address

Parent has legal custody for this student

Parent has legal custody for this student

Include email address in parent directory

Include email address in parent directory

Parent to receive Religious School communications

Parent to receive Religious School communications

Please check all that apply: Parents are married and living together; Parents are divorced; Parents are separated; Single parent; Parent deceased; Other (please explain) _____

Parent A is remarried

Parent B is remarried

Stepparent's Name

Stepparent's Name

Address (If different from above)

Address (If different from above)

Home Phone Number

Work Phone Number

Home Phone Number

Work Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

E-Mail Address

Cell Phone Number

E-Mail Address

Parent has legal custody for this student

Parent has legal custody for this student

Include email address in parent directory

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Parent to receive Religious School mailings

Parent to receive Religious School mailings

Tuition:

First Student affiliated *		=	<u>\$225</u>
Additional affiliated *	# _____	X \$200	=	_____
Unaffiliated *	# _____	X \$750	=	_____

Total \$ Enclosed _____

* Affiliated = members of Temple B'nai Sholom or Etz Chayim

First day of religious school is Sunday August 21, 2011.

NOTE: Signature denotes Parent or Guardian understanding all Children must be picked up No later Than 12:15 on Sunday and that the parent or Guardian has read and will conform to the policies in the NACHaS handbook.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Release Form (confidential, one for each child)

Student's Name _____

In Case of Emergency:

Name _____ Relationship to child _____ Telephone Number _____

Name _____ Relationship to child _____ Telephone Number _____

Name _____ Relationship to child _____ Telephone Number _____

In case of emergency, do you give permission to the administrative staff to call your doctor or take your child to the hospital to receive appropriate emergency treatment? YES NO

Doctor's Name and Phone Number _____

1. Please let us know of any pertinent medical, psychological, emotional, or educational issues not listed below that may require special attention or limit participation in school activities. Please indicate how you and/or your secular school have provided support to your child.

2. Is there any additional information about your child that you feel would be important for us to know? If yes, please explain.

I/We would like an appointment with the Principals to further discuss the information on this form.

Health Concerns: Note*:** Health Form is required if any of the starred boxes below are checked

Allergies*** (foods, medications, bee stings, etc.)

Asthma***

Diabetes***

Seizure Disorder***

Other (explain) _____

Sensory/physical limitations _____

chronic illness frequent need to use the bathroom hearing visual nosebleeds headaches

By signing below, I give permission to NACHaS to use any photographs taken of my child(ren) during Religious School, special events, or Youth Programs on its website or promotional materials. I understand that my child(ren)'s name will not be associated with the photograph and NACHaS will not receive any monetary compensation for posting the photographs. YES NO

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Calendar

- Sunday School will begin at 10:00 A.M. and end at noon (unless noted).
- TBS BMPP & JEEP will be held twice weekly
 - Wednesday from 4:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.
 - Sunday from 9 A.M. to 9:45 A.M.

NACHaS 2011-2012 Calendar

Month	Date	Class Description
August	14th	Registration Party - Details TBA
August	21st	First Day of School
August	28th	Sunday School *ISJL Fellow visit
September	4th	No School - Labor Day Weekend
September	11th	Sunday School
September	18th	Sunday School
September	25th	Sunday School and Rosh Hashanah School Program
October	2nd	Sunday School and Yom Kippur School Program *Rabbi Lieberman visits
October	9th	No School - Fall Break
October	16th	Sunday School and Sukkot and Simchat Torah School Program
October	23rd	Sunday School
October	30th	Sunday School
November	6th	Sunday School *Rabbi Lieberman visits
November	13th	Sunday School
November	20th	Sunday School
November	27th	No School - Thanksgiving Weekend
December	4th	Sunday School *ISJL Fellow visit
December	11th	Sunday School (TBD - this date or the 18th will be Hanukkah Party) *Rabbi Lieberman visits
December	18th	Sunday School (TBD - possible Hanukkah Party date)
December	25th	No School - Winter Break
January	1st	No School - Winter Break
January	8th	Sunday School * Camp Jacobs Presentation
January	15th	No School - MLK Weekend

Month	Date	Class Description
January	22nd	Sunday School *Rabbi Lieberman visits
January	29th	Sunday School
February	5th	Sunday School and Tu B'Shevat School Program
February	12th	Sunday School *ISJL Fellow visit
February	19th	No School - President's Day Weekend
February	26th	Sunday School *Rabbi Lieberman visits
March	4th	11 AM - Purim Carnival (No Classes)
March	11th	Special Programs instead of regular class due to Spring Break
March	18th	Sunday School
March	25th	Special Programs instead of regular class due to Spring Break
April	1st	Sunday School and Passover School Program
April	8th	No School - Happy Passover!
April	15th	Sunday School and Yom Hashoah School Program
April	22nd	Sunday School and Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzma-UT School Program * Rabbi Lieberman visits
April	29th	Sunday School
May	6th	Last Day of Sunday School

Staff Roster - Contact Information available upon request.

Administration

Rabbi	Beth Bahar		
Rabbi	Phillip Lieberman		
Principal	Monica Ward		
Principal	Larisa Thomason		
Board Member	Caroline Lampert		
Board Member	Vic van Leeuwen		
Board Member			
Board Member	Michelle Lapidus		
Board Member	Dennis Bulgatz		
Board Member	Phil Kirshtein		

Teacher Information

Music	Jeff Lapidus		
Art	Natalie Young		
Kindergarten	Sarah Kirshtein		
1st Grade	Michelle and Molly Lapidus		
2nd Grade	Tracy Hurst		
3rd Grade	Lissa Wilson		
4th Grade	Michelle Banks		
5th Grade	Blair Eurton		
6th Grade	Marla Baer-Peckham		
6th Grade	Sharon Schuff		
7th Grade	Marla Pope		
7th Grade	Dennis Bulgatz		
8th Grade	Mary Dougherty		
9th Grade	9th grade families (Monica Ward, & Rabar Bahar coordinating)		
Confirmation	Rabbi Bahar		

Community Hebrew School Information

The following information about the Hebrew Schools at Temple B'nai Shalom and Etz Chayim Synagogue is provided for the convenience of the NACHaS parents.

For information on the TBS BMPP Program, contact

Marla Baer-Peckham or Temple B'nai Sholom

For information on the ECS JEEP Program, contact

Etz Chayim Synagogue

About the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life

The Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life is a not-for-profit corporation that has dedicated itself to bringing educational and rabbinic services to isolated Jewish communities, documenting and preserving the rich history of the Southern Jewish experience, and promoting a Jewish cultural presence within the thirteen state region.

Started by Macy Hart, the former Executive Director of the URJ's Southeast Regional camp, Jacobs Camp in Utica, Mississippi, his dream grew from a Museum of the Southern Jewish experience to encompass an entire cultural experience.

Temple B'nai Sholom Religious School, joined by the members of Congregation Etz Chayim began using the curriculum created by the ISJL in the fall of 2003 when it was just a pilot program. As we enter our seventh year using the curriculum, we find the experience rewarding, exciting and extremely beneficial to our students and teachers, alike.

The ISJL's education program began with 10 communities in the four states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Now in its seventh year, the program has expanded to [72 congregations in 13 states](#). The project seeks to infuse Jewish life into these communities by providing a variety of services:

- [A standard curriculum](#) designed to give teachers the tools and background they need to create a meaningful Jewish educational experience for their students, and to provide a common body of Jewish knowledge throughout our region.
- [Community Visits](#) from the Institute's [Education Fellows](#).
- [An annual education conference](#) designed to train religious school educators to assist the implementation of the regional curriculum.

Our Education Fellow for 2011 is Ms. Reva Frankel, please feel free to contact her.

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