

## Temple Beth Emeth Religious School Grade Placement Policy

The mission of the Religious School of Temple Beth Emeth is to foster in its young congregants the desire to embrace Judaism and learn about the language and heritage of our people in an environment that is age- and socially appropriate.

Religious School runs as follows:

Festival 1	First Grade	Gimmel	Fifth Grade
Festival 2	Second Grade	Dalet	Sixth Grade
Aleph	Third Grade	Hay	Seventh Grade
Bet	Fourth Grade	Confirmation/Havurah	Eighth-Twelfth Grade

Our Religious School is minimally a five year program, Aleph through Hay, prior to Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Some families, however, may enroll their children later. To accommodate these children, Temple Beth Emeth has the following policy, which will include at least **four years** of Religious School instruction:

If a child is entering Religious School at 4<sup>th</sup> grade:

- The child is placed into the age-appropriate religious school grade, Bet.
- All tuition and book fees must be paid
- Children are required to attend an additional Accelerated Hebrew Program for the first semester (through the end of December), which will meet on Saturday mornings from 10 AM to 11 AM. At the end of the semester, the teacher will determine whether the child may “graduate” from this class
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah may be made during the year that the child turns 13, however, Hay class must be completed and the child must be enrolled and attend at least the first year of Confirmation.

If a child is entering Religious School at 5<sup>th</sup> grade:

- The child is placed into the age-appropriate religious school grade, Gimmel.
- All tuition and book fees must be paid
- Children are required to attend an additional Accelerated Hebrew Program for one full year, which will meet on Saturday mornings from 10 AM to 11 AM. If the child is not proficient, additional private tutoring will be required at the parent’s expense.
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah may be made during the year that the child turns 14, however, the child must have completed the first year of Confirmation and be enrolled and attend the second year of Confirmation.

If a child is entering Religious School at 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade:

- The child is placed into the age-appropriate religious school grade, Dalet or Hay.
- All tuition and book fees must be paid

- Children are required to attend an additional Accelerated Hebrew Program for one full year, which will meet on Saturday mornings from 10 AM to 11 AM. If the child is not proficient, additional private tutoring will be required at the parent's expense.
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah may be made during the year that the child turns 15, however, the child must have completed the two years of Confirmation and be enrolled, and attend Havurah.

If a child wishes to receive a religious education at TBE from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the child commences into Confirmation or Havurah, as appropriate. Tuition is paid and the child is privately tutored at the parent's expense. An individualized program will be developed for these children.

College students and older may join the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class conducted by Rabbi Shalhevet.