



The Polsky School

ENROLLMENT PACKET 2021-2022

Dear Parents,

Shalom and welcome! We look forward to a beautiful year of learning together. At our nationally-recognized religious school, we strive to pave the way for future generations of Jewish children to become committed and involved Jews. We instill a sense of Jewish pride by engaging our children with our rich Jewish heritage; Torah, Hebrew, Israel and Jewish ritual are the pillars on which our curriculum stands. Our faculty of outstanding teachers is eager to connect with your child.

Attached are your 2021-22 enrollment forms, please fill them out entirely (if you haven't done so already).

Parent Orientation

We will meet in person on **Sunday evening, August 15, from 7:00 – 8:30** to learn about the PRS program this year, and for parents to meet their children's individual teachers. Students do NOT need to be at this meeting.

Enrollment

If you had a child in PRS in 2020-2021, we have re-enrolled your child(ren) for the 2021/2022 school year. This means that we assume you are sending your child(ren) to PRS this year, and we are planning for them to return.

If you have decided not to re-enroll your child or children in PRS this fall, please email me before August 15.

Curriculum

The PRS curriculum focuses on acquisition of Hebrew reading skills required for Bar and Bat Mitzvah preparation and for full engagement in synagogue life as our children become Jewish adults. While our Hebrew classes focus on reading skills, we also expose our students to modern Hebrew phrases that they can use in the classroom so that they will develop a relationship with the Hebrew language.

The relationship with the Hebrew language is an entrance to their positive relationship with Israel. In every grade, students learn about Israel in different ways appropriate to their grade; from foods and music of Israel to the tremendous diversity of the population, to Israel's geography to her impact on the rest of the world, we instill in our students a love of the land, care for her people, and knowledge of the history of the modern State of Israel.

In each grade, students participate in a study of Jewish values informed by the Torah and our sacred texts. In the younger grades, students learn the basic foundations of Judaism through hands-on activities about Shabbat, holidays, and how we think about and engage with the world as Jews. We talk about and think about God, our responsibilities to each other, and how we take care of the world around us. As the students progress through the grades, the curriculum expands to include study of the Jewish life cycle, study of major events in Jewish history and the places where Jewish communities have thrived, understanding how our sacred texts developed and relate to each other, and, in the upper grades, how to face difficult issues using a Jewish lens to make good decisions, and ultimately, how to live a Jewish life when our children graduate and head to college and beyond.

Education Highlights

- **[Shalomlearning.org](https://shalomlearning.org)** – Some grades will continue to use the curriculum curated and supported by shalomlearning.org. We used this platform for the 2020-2021 virtual school year, and all of these lessons translate to in-person learning; many of our teachers will continue to utilize this curriculum.
- **Hybrid capability** – Every PRS classroom will have the capability for hybrid learning for the 2020-2021 school year, so that if and when your child is not able to come to the building, he or she can join the class via zoom. Classes will meet in person, but everyone will be able to participate every single week if they cannot come to the building. Since we have internet access in each room and either a computer or a tablet in each room, the learning will be augmented with appropriate on-line materials.

Tefillah / Judaica / Story with Hazzan will continue to be broken down into smaller groups so that younger students meet with Hazzan Ben-Yehuda separately from older students on Sundays.

Tuition

**Tuition for the 2021/2022 school year is nearly the same as last year,
with a few changes noted below:**

Kindergarten – 1st grade: \$180 (thanks to a generous gift)

2nd grade: \$590

3rd - 6th grade: \$1205

7th grade: \$900

8th - 9th grade: \$590

10th grade: \$450 (confirmation trip will be billed separately)

There is scholarship funding available if you need tuition assistance. The scholarship process is completely confidential and straightforward, and it helps both you and The Polsky School. Particularly during these times of severe economic strain, please do not hesitate to apply if needed! You will find scholarship materials on our website [here](#).

Please contact [**Melanie Maxwell-Shelkey**](#) in our office for website assistance if you need it.

2021/22 ENROLLMENT FORM

TODAY'S DATE _____

STUDENT'S NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____

STUDENT'S HEBREW NAME _____ STUDENT E-MAIL _____

FULL ADDRESS _____

PHONE (_____) _____ CELL (_____) _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____ GRADE IN FALL '21 _____

SIBLINGS (LIST) _____

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

PARENT 1 _____ PARENT 2 _____

HEBREW NAME _____ HEBREW NAME _____

ADDRESS (if diff. from above) _____ ADDRESS (if diff. from above) _____

CELL (_____) _____

CELL (_____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

OCCUPATION _____ OCCUPATION _____

WORK PHONE(_____) _____

WORK PHONE(_____) _____

FAX _____ FAX _____

COMMENTS: Is there any information you can give us to better facilitate your child's education? (For example, a special friend, etc.) Does your child have special learning needs? If you need more space, continue on the back.

HEALTH FORM 2021/22

Student's name _____ Birth Date _____

Parent 1 _____ Parent 2 _____

Cell Number (____) _____ Cell Number (____) _____

Health Insurance company _____ Policy # _____

Name of policy holder _____ Ins. Co. Phone # (____) _____

Date of last Tetanus shot _____ **Child's weight** _____ **lbs.**

Does your child currently have or ever been treated for:

_____ Surgery _____ Serious Illness _____ Hyperactivity _____ Frequent
headaches

_____ Allergies _____ Asthma _____ Seizures _____ Diabetes

Other _____

If you answered yes to any of the above, please explain:

Current medication(s), dosage, & reason prescribed _____

Name of physician _____ Telephone # (____) _____

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY (PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED FIRST), PLEASE LIST EMERGENCY CONTACTS WE CAN REACH BESIDE YOURSELVES (**PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY WITH ANY CHANGES**):

1) _____ HOME PHONE _____

RELATIONSHIP _____ CELL PHONE # _____

2) _____ HOME PHONE _____

RELATIONSHIP _____ CELL PHONE # _____

In order to optimize your child's learning environment, please identify any special services s/he receives in public school such as the gifted program, learning center, remedial reading, resource room, or IEP (**if your child has an IEP, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY TO THIS FORM**).

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE OR TREATMENT AND RELEASE OF
INFORMATION FOR MEDIA AND OTHERWISE

To Whom It May Concern:

Effective from August 29, 2021 through May 1 2022; we _____

and _____, the parents and/or legal guardians of _____, do hereby grant Congregation Beth Shalom ("CBS"), its agents, servants, and employees, the authority to direct, authorize and permit any medical care or treatment for our child, _____ ("Child") while in its care. We hereby agree to assume all financial responsibility for such care or treatment on behalf of our Child and to either pay the medical provider directly or to reimburse CBS, its agents, servants, and employees for any reasonable and necessary medical expenses incurred by it on behalf of our Child.

We also do hereby grant CBS, its agents, servants, and employees, the authority to remove our Child from its facilities while in its care in the event of any emergency which, in the sole and exclusive opinion of CBS, its agents, servants, and employees, necessitates such removal. We hereby agree that CBS, its agents, servants, and employees, may transport our Child to such other locations as may be deemed necessary in order to safeguard our Child from the known or perceived threats or risks to their safety.

Media

We also do hereby consent that any information or images relating to our Child may be reproduced by CBS and/or the public media for use in advertising, publicity, or educational activities including, but not limited to, CBS publications and/or videos, prints, television news and websites. Furthermore, we hereby consent that such images are the property of CBS and that CBS shall have the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce in the form of advertising, or otherwise publish and make other uses of such images as CBS may desire. We agree to waive any claims we may have and release CBS, its agents, servants, and employees, from any liabilities or claims arising out of such activities.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), a federal law, requires that schools, with certain exceptions, obtain my written consent prior to disclosure of personally identifiable information from my Child's educational records. With this in mind, I agree that CBS may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" by my signature below. CBS has designated the following information as directory information: student's name, grade level, whether they are a student in good standing, and whether and when the student has graduated. A photocopy of this authorization shall be of the same force and effect as an original for purposes of authorizing and permitting the medical care or treatment requested for our Child.

Date: _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

**I would like the following contact information included on a PRS Family Roster that will be given to all PRS parents to be able to contact each other easily...(check the circle for all that apply)

- Name of Parent(s)
- Name of Student(s)
- Home Phone
- Cell Phone
- Email Address
- Do not include my information in the PRS Family Roster for 2021-2022

The Polsky School Calendar

2021-2022 | 5781-5782



August							September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		

October							November						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30				
31													

December							January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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February							March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28						27	28	29	30	31		

April							May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				

August
 15: Parent Orientation
 25: Hebrew Round-Up
 29: PRS Opening Day!

September
 5: No School
 7-8: Rosh HaShanah
 8: No School
 15: No School
 16: Yom Kippur
 21-27: Sukkot
 22: No School

28: Shemini Atzeret
 29: Simchat Torah
 29: No School

November
 24: No School
 25: Thanksgiving
 28: No School
 28-30: Hanukkah

December
 1-6: Hanukkah
 19, 22, 26, 29: No School

January
 1: New Year's Day
 2: No School
 16: No School
 17: Tu B'Shevat

February
 20: No School

March
 13, 16, 20: No School
 17: Purim

April
 16-23: Passover
 17: No School
 20: No School
 28: Yom HaShoah

May
 1: Last Day of PRS
 4: Yom Ha'Atzmaut
 5: Yom HaZikaron

Green = Important School Date
 Red = No Polsky School
 Blue = Holiday

The Polsky School Emergency Plans

2021-2022

You are at 14200 Lamar Ave, Overland Park 66223

913-647-7279 Congregation Beth Shalom

Serious Injury Plan:

- If a student gets hurt beyond a scrape or a bump, the student will be brought to the director to assess the situation
- If the student cannot be brought to the director/coordinator, the director will be called to assess the situation. Should the injury be deemed serious, the parent will be called
- If the injury is not serious an accident form will be filled out and a copy will be given to the parent
- If the injury is serious enough that the student needs immediate medical attention 911 will be called and then the parent will be called.
- If a parent cannot be reached the emergency person will be notified immediately.
- The director or a designated staff person will stay with the student at the hospital until the parent arrives. The staff person will bring the student's folder to the hospital with them.,

Armed Intruder:

- We will be having "safety drills" two times this year and will notify all teachers and parents when it is happening
- If there is an armed intruder in the building on the intercom for the entire building to hear it will be reported "there is an armed intruder in the building". Clear, direct language allows everyone to know what is happening as the armed intruder is already aware of their position.
- If you can get to the bathroom, take the students into the bathroom and install a barricade. Have the students as close to the middle of the bathroom as possible away from the door.
- Silence cell phones and similar devices
- Contact 9-1-1 and inform them of what is happening and where you are in the building
- Remain in place until you are instructed by the police that it is safe to leave the room. Do not respond to any unfamiliar voices until you can verify their identity, as it may be the shooter attempting to lure victims from safety
- Always follow the instructions of law enforcement. Keep your hands visible, and do not make any unexpected movements
- Read quietly to the students if they need to focus and be distracted

- If there is absolutely no opportunity to escape or hide, attempting to fight back or overpower the shooter may be your only option. This should be considered as a last resort.
- If you decide to flee...
 - Do not attempt to carry anything
 - Move quickly, keep your hands visible, follow instructions of any police instruction you are given
 - Do not attempt to move injured people. Contact 9-1-1 immediately, and notify them of the situation and the location of the injured individuals

Tornado:

- Tornado drills will be twice a year and will notify all teachers and parents when it is happening
- During the drill students will gather in the bathrooms downstairs in a single file line and take cover.
- The director or coordinator are the only ones who will dismiss back to class and let everyone know when it is safe to return

Fire:

- We will be having a fire drill twice a year and will notify all teachers and parents when it is happening
- Only the director or coordinator will be initiating the drill
- If a fire alarm is pulled or any panic buttons are pressed the director needs to be notified immediately
- There will be an attendance list on the back of your door that you will grab and take outside with you or in case of any emergency.
- When the fire alarm goes off, each class will move out of the building in an orderly fashion to their nearest exit. Once outside each class will collect their students in their own area. Take count of all of your students by saying their names out loud and asking them to answer "here". The director or coordinator will come around and check in with your attendance list. Once all classes have been checked in the director or coordinator will dismiss back to class. No one may enter the building after exiting the building for any reason until notified it is safe to go back in.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about any of our safety procedures please feel free to speak to the Director.

Best,

Hazzan Tahl Ben Yehuda

Director of Congregational Learning



Polsky Religious School

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2021-2022

Dear Parents and Scholarship Applicants:

One of the most endearing aspects of Beth Shalom Synagogue is the continued provision by many of its members for future generations. Contributions made for the benefit of our youth are accumulated in the Permanent Scholarship Fund, and the income from the invested fund is available for scholarships. These scholarships are allocated in the form of grants, and are given on the basis of financial need.

Please read this application thoroughly. It must be filled out **COMPLETELY** and signed by a parent. No application can be considered if not completed in full. Scholarships are only granted to those families who are in good financial standing with Congregation Beth Shalom or have made approved arrangements with the Congregation. Part of the approved arrangement will be your agreement to pay a portion of the tuition fees through a monthly draft of your bank account or charge to your credit card for an agreed upon sum.

Please return the completed application to Trinity Lawson (Polsky Religious School, attn: Trinity Lawson, 14200 Lamar Ave, OP KS 66223) along **with a copy of your most recent 1040 with all schedules attached.**

All applications will be kept in strict confidence.

NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED UNLESS ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. WHEN AN ITEM DOES NOT APPLY, PLEASE PRINT "DOES NOT APPLY".

STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE LAST BIRTHDAY _____
Day Mo. Year

HOME ADDRESS _____
Number and Street

_____ City State Zip

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

With whom does student live?

Both Parents _____ Mother _____ Father _____

Other (Specify) _____

Who assumes responsibility for the payment of tuition and other school fees?

PARENT INFORMATION

FATHER OR GUARDIAN

Name _____ Age _____

Home Address

Home Phone _____

Name of Employer _____

Profession _____

Business Address

Income & Expense Information

Income from all sources:

Salaries & Wages: _____

Investment Income (Interest & Dividends): _____

Other Income: _____

Special Expenses or Payment Obligations the Committee should be aware of:

MOTHER OR GUARDIAN

Name _____ Age _____

Home Address

Home Phone _____

Name of Employer _____

Profession _____

Business Address

Income & Expense Information

Income from all sources:

Salaries & Wages: _____

Investment Income (Interest & Dividends): _____

Other Income: _____

Special Expenses or Payment Obligations the Committee should be aware of:

OTHER INFORMATION

Please list all children in family, including applicant:

NAME	SCHOOL	AGE
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NAME	SCHOOL	AGE
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NAME	SCHOOL	AGE
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During the last four years, have any children in the family received, or are they now receiving any scholarship aid whatsoever? _____ If yes, please give full details including the dollar amount of aid and person or institution granting the scholarship.

Please list any other persons receiving financial support from the family.

Name _____ Age _____

Relation to Applicant _____

Amount of total annual support from the family \$ _____

Total amount of financial aid from other sources received for the other children \$ _____

Are you currently applying for or receiving any other aid for this student or any other aid from other children? _____ If so, whom and where?

Please explain any circumstances of which the Committee should be aware in considering your application

In place of a tuition grant, will you sign a non-interest-bearing promissory note which could be repaid over a period of years or in a lump sum?

Yes _____ No _____

THIS APPLICATION CANNOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS THIS SECTION IS COMPLETED IN FULL & YOUR MOST RECENT 1040 IS ATTACHED.

Total Tuition \$ _____

Application is hereby made for a grant in the amount of \$ _____

Balance of fees to be paid by the family \$ _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature

Date

TUITION RATES FOR 2021-2022

Kindergarten: \$100 (thanks to a generous gift)

1st - 2nd grade: \$590

3rd - 6th grade: \$1205

7th grade: \$900

8th - 9th grade: \$590

10th grade: \$450 (confirmation trip will be billed separately)

REMEMBER—FORMS ARE Due ASAP. Please address: Attn. Trinity