

# Congregation B'nai Tikvah Religious School Frequently Asked Questions 2020 – 2021



## What is the structure for the Religious School for 2020 – 2021?

Our Sunday program will see minimal changes. The day will be broken into 4 blocks, each having its own focus. See below for more information on these blocks.

Our weekday program for 3rd – 7th grade will be changing to an individualized tutoring session for 25 minutes once a week. Sessions will be scheduled Monday – Thursday, working with your family to schedule the best time.

## What will my child be working on during Hebrew@Home?

At the beginning of the year each child will be evaluated by their teacher. They will then have a customized set of benchmarks to work on. They will begin with reviewing benchmarks that are familiar and then will move forward at their own pace.

*This is a customizable curriculum. If there is something that interests your child they will be able to spend time working on those interests.*

## What will happen if we cannot return to the building for Religious School on Sundays?

Our Sunday program will continue online. Two of the four blocks will become Zoom meetings. The remaining two blocks will be projects that can be completed at home. These projects will be available either for pickup at the synagogue or will be made available online.

## What safety precautions will be put in place if we can return to the building?

Congregation B'nai Tikvah will abide by all precautions put forward by the CDC and the Illinois Department of Health.

We are implementing the 4 block system to create smaller groups in each room of the building. Students and teachers will be expected to stay home if sick and high touch point surfaces will be disinfected frequently. We will follow guidance on masks, gloves and social distancing.

## What are the 4 blocks for Sunday?

They will be:

- 1) Music & Teffilah
- 2) Grade Level Class Time
- 3) Jewish Values & Holidays
- 4) Community Building & Israel

## What does the new weekday model look like?

Every student will have an individual tutoring session with one of our experienced teachers online. This new program is called "Hebrew@Home"

*This gives our students the opportunity to have individualized attention, focusing on their own progress. By having this program structured online it will help mitigate disruption (pandemic, weather, etc).*

## How will we be able to monitor our child's progress?

We will use an online spreadsheet to track your child's progress on meeting their benchmarks based on our Religious School curriculum. Ariana will occasionally "drop in" to the online sessions to check in on their progress.

## How does the cost reflect the changes to the Religious School?

We have reduced tuition for 3rd – 7th grade to reflect the change in face time hours that those grades will have with their teachers. There have been no increases to K – 2nd tuition this year.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade // \$550  
3rd – 7th Grade // \$850  
8th – 12th Grade // \$400

Tuition will increase \$50 per child after July 15th.

## Do I have to be a member of Congregation B'nai Tikvah to send my child to the Religious School?

Families with students in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade do not have to be members of the congregation. Once students reach 3rd grade, families need to become members of the synagogue.

*There are multiple levels of membership at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, including Junior Family Membership. Please contact Executive Director, Felicia Lev, for more information on membership.*

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\*The name "Hebrew@Home" was created at KAM Isaiah Israel, however this is our own unique program