



CONGREGATION
BethShalom

The **Polsky**
Religious School

Family Handbook

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MISSION

The Polsky Religious School of Conservative Judaism will create an inclusive religious school environment for children and their families that fosters a life-long love of Jewish learning, Jewish identity, and spiritual growth in accordance with the philosophy of the Conservative Movement.

VISION

We foster family commitment to the study of Torah, worship and performing mitzvot within a caring community.

VALUES

The Polsky Religious School of Conservative Judaism demonstrates values of "*Al sh'loshah d'varim haolam omed: al haTorah; al haAvodah; v'al G'milut Hasadim.*" "The world is founded on three things: on study; on worship; and on acts of loving kindness." *Pirket Avot*—Ethics of the Fathers, 1:2.

Our Why...

The Polsky Religious School of Congregation Beth Shalom differentiates itself from other schools in the Kansas City area in several ways.

At PRS, your child will not only learn the Hebrew he or she needs to prepare to read Torah, Haftarah and lead at least the Torah service. In our school, we cultivate a deep connection to the Hebrew language - a love of Hebrew. While we do not have the teaching hours required for our students to become fluent Hebrew-speakers, they leave PRS wanting to learn more, and with the passion to continue to learn Hebrew and connect with Hebrew-speakers in college and beyond.

This love of Hebrew translates naturally into a love of the land and the people of Israel, regardless of the current politics of Israel. The PRS faculty, myself included, nurture a deep connection to and love of Israel as one of the core tenets of the PRS education. From this place of love and care for Israel and her people, PRS students have the tools to grapple with the difficult issues that face Israel and her people, and honest conversations about those issues are encouraged and facilitated by our faculty as well as clergy in the upper grades

One of the core tenets of the Polsky Religious School is to give our students the skills they require to participate fully in Jewish life once they leave home. Our graduates have the skills to host a Shabbat dinner or lunch, are comfortable making a shiva call, and know what to expect and how to prepare for each holiday. By the time they leave home for college, they know that their foundation is Jewish and their home includes their Beth Shalom community.

Every Sunday morning, our grade-level learning is enriched with community t'fillah, prayer, where students assist in leading services from the youngest age. We eat breakfast together, participate in services together, and then enjoy a mashal – a story with a lesson – together. Some of the stories that Hazzan Ben-Yehuda shares are stories our people have told for generations, midrashim and aggadot from the Talmud and later Rabbinic texts. Some are far more modern, such as the stories of Chelm or stories of the Baal Shem Tov. Each story teaches us something about ourselves and about our history, and each story is a ruby in the crown of Jewish learning.

Throughout the year, there will be several opportunities for your entire family to engage with Beth Shalom through PRS-related events. You will be invited to purely social events as well as events connected to holidays or to Shabbat. I hope you will attend these events with your friends, as they serve to bring our community closer, to foster meaningful, lasting friendships within our Beth Shalom community.

The PRS faculty is committed to nurturing the Jewish soul of each child, supporting the learning of each and every student and family. We are an inclusive, caring school community, and we are very glad you have chosen PRS. We look forward to an amazing school year together with your family!

Religious/Hebrew School Hours

Sunday	9 AM - 12:15 PM
Wednesday	4:15 - 6:15 PM

Sunday: All families should enter through the upper entrance to the building & proceed to Goldsmith Hall at 9 AM. All students will be dismissed to the front lobby at 12:15. One staff member will be outside getting names of students from cars and the other will be inside calling out students to go outside. Students will not be dismissed from inside the lobby until their cars name is called. You also have the option to park, come inside, and check your student out with the staff.

Wednesday: Everyone should be dropped off at the front circle at 4:15 PM, & picked up at 6:15 PM

Do not park your vehicle along the islands in the lot or block the spaces marked "Handicapped" unless you have the appropriate tag displayed on your vehicle.

Polsky Religious School Programming & Ritual Programs

RIMON: Several times throughout the year, there will be a Rimon Service, where PRS families are invited to celebrate Shabbat together as families. All families with school-age students will be encouraged to attend, and the service is specially geared toward them. There will be either an *Oneg*, a celebration, after services, or a meal will be served.

GESHER HOLIDAY AND/OR SHABBAT: Three times during the year, there will be special Shabbat or holiday dinners for all families with school-age students. These meals will be heavily subsidized through a generous grant from the Polsky Family Foundation. Dinners may be combined w/a Rimon family service.

PRS SHABBAT: Twice this year, on December 8 and January 26, there will be a unique engagement opportunity for all students and teachers will come to Shabbat services. Students will participate in special programming with their classmates during part of the services and will be in services during part of the services. Parents are strongly encouraged to come to services that day and stay for the free community lunch that always follows our Shabbat morning services. Students will help to lead parts of the services that they have learned at Polsky Religious School.

SUNDAY MORNING TEFILLOT: Every Sunday, grades K-7 will begin in the Goldsmith Hall with community *tefillot*, *davening* and prayer time. Hazzan Ben-Yehuda will lead the service, and students will participate in the learner's *minyán*, a special service designed for our students to experience prayer, learn the prayers and have an opportunity to lead the prayers they have learned. Parents are encouraged to stay from 9:30-10:00 for this community *tefillah* time. Teachers will be present for *tefillot*.

HEBREW HIGH SUNDAY MORNING: Eighth, Ninth and Tenth grade classes meet on Sunday morning from 10:00 to 12:15. Our 8th-10th graders will be working with a curriculum that takes them beyond their B'nei Mitzvah experience and brings them into the world of seeing the world as a Jewish adult.

Expectations for Conduct

We expect that all students and adults will honor themselves, synagogue property, teachers and classmates with respectful and appropriate behavior. We ask that our parents partner with us to talk to your student about how to be a positive influence in our community. Bullying is not tolerated whatsoever. We take this behavior very seriously and provide the following strategic plan for such behavior. If a student is bullying or causing anyone to feel unsafe in the classroom the following will happen...

1. The student will be removed from class and brought to the office
2. The student will meet with the Director of Congregational Learning and Parents will get a phone call
3. If there is physical violence the student will be immediately sent home and parents will need to meet directly with the Director of Congregational Learning to decide a strategic plan for the students involved

Procedures for Leaving the Campus

While classes or programs are in session, students are not allowed to leave the building unless accompanied by a parent/guardian, or on an officially sanctioned field trip.

If it is necessary to take your child out of school early, please:

- Send a note to the office indicating the time of early pick-up and who will be picking them up. **Students will not be released to anyone other than a parent or guardian without prior written consent.**
- **A parent or guardian must come into the school office and sign the student(s) out.**

Teachers have been instructed to never dismiss a student from class without first being notified to do so from the office. **Students will not be dismissed in the last 15 minutes of class, in order to not interrupt the lesson the teacher has planned.**

Visitor Regulations, Snow and Other Emergency Information

Visiting Parents

Parents are always welcome to visit the Polsky Religious School. We ask that you sign in at the office so that we know who is in the building and can inform the appropriate teacher or teachers.

Visiting Students

Students may bring a guest to class if it has been cleared through this or her teacher ahead of time.

School Closing Information

Polsky Religious School will close due to inclement weather or if road conditions are unsafe. Please check one of the following if you are unsure.

- Call the school office (913) 647-7286
- Text Hazzan Ben-Yehuda at 904-718-9346
- Check the Beth Shalom website www.bethshalomkc.org
- Check the Beth Shalom Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BethShalomKC>

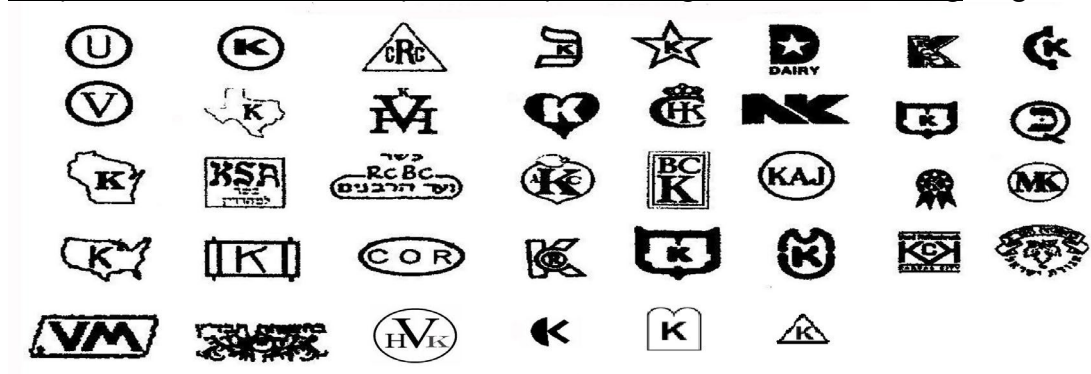
Decisions will not be made before 1:30 p.m. on a Wednesday or before 8:00 a.m. on a Sunday. Parents will receive a phone call or text message in case of a school cancellation.

KASHRUT POLICY AT BETH SHALOM

In this space Kashrut is referring to the body of Jewish religious laws concerning the suitability of food. Since many of our Wednesday students come to the Education Center after a long day of public/private school and other activities, we know that they will often bring snacks with them to have before the beginning of classes. In order to make sure that the Kashrut standards of the Synagogue are maintained, this brief list is being prepared to assist you. Should you have any questions regarding this subject, please direct them to the Education Center office or to the Rabbi. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTE: WE ARE A NUT FREE FACILITY. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SELECT SNACKS THAT DO NOT CONTAIN NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS.

Only snacks with a Kashrut symbol may be brought into the building--e.g.



Some of the more common acceptable snack products are as follows:

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| Sunshine & Nabisco cookies | Sarah Lee cookies |
| Twizzlers licorice | Bachman pretzels |
| Jelly Belly jellybeans | Snyders pretzels |
| Pepperidge Farm cookies | Soda & juice (all flavors except grape) |
| Entenmann's | Hershey Products |
| Girl Scout cookies | Paskesz cookies & candy |
| Orville Redenbacker popcorn | Mars candy products |
| Pringles | Ruffles Chips |
| Pop Secret popcorn | |

Hard cheeses do not need to have a *heksher* as long as they contain no prohibitive ingredients. Processed cheeses may be used within the synagogue as long as no meat or non-kosher additives are contained within those cheeses

In addition, the following bakeries in our community are under rabbinic supervision:

Hen House Bakery (117th & Roe only)
Bagel Works (bread & bagel only)
Meshuggah Bagels (7096 W. 105th St.)

Again, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to check with Hazzan Ben-Yehuda or any of the clergy.

Birthday Treats

If you wish to have your child's birthday celebrated at school, please speak with the classroom teacher at least two weeks in advance to arrange for the proper refreshment. We will be happy to assist you in selecting an appropriate kosher snack. **No homemade food may be served or brought into the Synagogue at any time for any reason.**

Food Allergies

The Polsky Religious School strives to provide a safe learning environment for all of our students as we integrate the ages-old tradition of *seudat mitzvah*, a meal celebrating the performance of a mitzvah, into many of our holiday celebrations. Frequently, traditional foods are served as part of school lessons/celebrations. If a child has a food allergy, it is essential that parents inform the school office on their health form. In addition, parents should brief their child's teacher as to the implications of the food allergy. Children who might require the use of an epi pen due to allergies should be sure to carry one with them at all times. We suggest an epi-pen (labeled with your child's name) be kept in the Religious School Coordinator's office. Teachers will be trained to administer them at the beginning of each school year.

Administrative Policies & Procedures

Absences

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Alcohol/Drug/Illegal Substance Policy

The Polsky Religious School strives to create a safe and healthy environment that fosters learning with a full mind, body, and soul present. Therefore PRS has a zero tolerance policy on alcohol, drugs and illegal substances.

When there is a reasonable suspicion that a student has used, or is in the possession of one of the substances or paraphernalia referenced above, the Director of Congregational Learning will remove the student from the class or program, and a parent conference with the Director will take place before that student can return.

Books/Materials

Each child will receive the necessary text materials for their class, which will be checked out to him/her. **It is the student's responsibility to make sure the non-consumable materials are**

returned at the end of the year in the same condition as they were received. Some of these materials will be consumable and will be sent home when they are finished or at the end of the year. If a student is unable to locate his/her books for two consecutive sessions, it is our policy to assume the materials are lost. We will re-order them and bill you accordingly. Any other materials that are defaced, or damaged in any way, will also be billed to you. Please encourage your children to take care of and respect school property.

Help keep our school green—send a non-disposable water bottle to school with each of your children to keep in their desks.

Bullying & Teasing

The following policy was passed by the School Committee. Bullying is repetitive negative actions directed at other children. Bullying is an imbalance of power, so the target has trouble defending him or herself.

Bullying, teasing, and aggressive behaviors will not be tolerated. The classroom teacher, in consultation with the Director of Congregational Learning, will evaluate each incident and select appropriate interventions.

Cell Phones

This policy was approved by the Polsky Religious School committee. The Polsky Religious School is not responsible for any cell phones or electronic devices that are brought to school.

1. During school hours, cell phones and other electronic devices are to be turned off and kept out of sight.
2. Any phone or electronic device that is visible will be taken from the student and returned at the end of class (unless below #4 is applied).
3. New phones have been installed in each classroom. Teachers will have a 4-number code which will allow an outside phone call to be placed if needed.
4. Students may be asked by the teacher to use their smart phone during class, so students should bring them with the understanding they are to be used ONLY when instructed by the teacher to do so.

We recognize that it is a parental decision whether your children should have a cell phone. Our policy is designed to enhance the safety and education of all our students. If a student needs to contact a parent or a parent needs to contact a student, this can be done through the school's front desk (913-647-7290).

Dress Code

We ask that students dress appropriately for the place and purpose. When we pray, we speak to God. When we study, God speaks to us. Please dress appropriately as classes often begin in the sanctuary with a short service. Shoulders should be covered; short miniskirts, short shorts and inappropriate logos on t-shirts are not suitable for services.

Emergencies

If a child is injured while at the Religious School, we will take the appropriate means of intervention and parent(s) will be notified. In more serious cases, the parent will be notified immediately. For any injury in which we feel it is necessary for the child to have immediate emergency medical attention, the paramedics will be called to the school, and parents will be contacted.

Each child must have a current Consent for Emergency Treatment form on file in the school office. If there is a change in any of your child's information, it is your responsibility to inform the office immediately.

Health & Safety

Good health is an integral part of a student's school experience. Polsky Religious School follows public school policy of under no circumstances may a parent bring a sick student to school if the student is showing clear signs of illness.

- In addition to keeping your student out of school, please notify the school if your child contracts any infectious illnesses such as Chicken Pox, Strep Throat or head lice.
- In addition to keeping your student out of school, if your child has a fever or has vomited due to illness, please keep your child out of school for 24 hours.
- If your child is on antibiotics, please wait one full day to send him/her back to school. It takes at least this much time for your child to not be infectious.

Homework

All students will engage in project work, and sometimes they will need time outside of class to prepare. Please support your children in their need to do research or preparations for these projects.

- When learning Hebrew, it is extremely important for some work to be done at home to facilitate retention and the development of skills. It is in your child's best interest to **encourage Hebrew review for at least ten minutes a day.**
- We appreciate your cooperation in supporting the teachers by making sure that any assignments are completed when they are due.

Please consult your child's teacher for clarification on class assignments.

Kipot & Tallitot

Appropriate synagogue garb is to be worn during Religious School classes and tefillot (prayers). The wearing of kipot is encouraged for females. Students of Bar/Bat Mitzvah age should wear a tallit as well during Sunday morning services.

Passport to Israel

This community-wide, savings-incentive program provides matching money to 3rd through 8th graders through the Flo Harris Supporting Foundation. There are 2 ways to participate in this program.

- The first way is beginning in the 3rd grade, families can contribute \$150, Beth Shalom contributes \$50 and the Jewish Community Foundation will match this combined \$200 with another \$100 for a combined total of \$300.
- In the second option, Beth Shalom will increase its contribution from \$50 to \$100, families will increase their contributions from \$150 to \$200, and the Jewish Community Foundation will match this combined \$300 with another \$100 for a combined total of \$400. In addition, Beth Shalom will open this program to second grade students. The Jewish Community will not participate in the second grade contribution, but will in all subsequent 3rd through 8th grade years.

- Passport money may be used for approved Israel programs and March of the Living. **The Beth Shalom deadline for turning in your contribution is December 1 — there will be no exceptions.**

Scholarship Assistance

Religious School scholarship assistance is available for families who are members in good standing for one year prior to their application.

Beth Shalom families can obtain scholarship forms from the school office for both religious school and summer programs. They should be completed and returned to the school office, along with your most current W-4.

Keren Ami (Kayemet)

What was known in the program as "Tzedakah" will now be called "Keren Ami". We want to be intentional with our use of Hebrew and "Keren Ami Kayemet" is money for needy people. Keren Ami will be collected at the start of each K-10 class. (One suggestion is that each child bring a zip lock bag with enough change for the entire month.) Teachers discuss the importance of Keren Ami Kayemet from the very first day of classes, and students are encouraged to participate in this mitzvah, as they are able. Throughout the year students will be encouraged to bring other items, such as blankets, clothes or toys to support Congregation or school-sponsored social action projects.

Polsky Religious School Emergency Plans

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 School Director.

Supply List 2021 -2022

Kindergarten

- School box with name
- 3 pencils
- Tacky glue & a glue stick
- Washable markers
- Scissors
- 1 box of tissues
- 2 pocket folder with their name on it

1st Grade

- School box with name
- 3 pencils
- Tacky glue & a glue stick
- Washable markers
- Scissors
- 1 box of tissues
- 2 pocket folder with their name on it

2nd Grade

- School box with name
- 3 pencils
- Glue stick
- Washable markers
- Scissors
- 1 box of tissues

3rd Grade

- 4 pencils
- Two large glue sticks
- Washable markers
- Scissors
- 1 box of tissues

4th Grade

- 4 pencils
- Two large glue sticks
- Washable markers
- Scissors
- 1 box of tissues
- Expo Markers
- 1 pack of 3x5 note cards OR
- 3x3 post-it notes

5th Grade

- A pencil bag or box for supplies
- Several pencils
- A box of colored pencils, markers, crayons, or a combination of these items (whatever the student prefers for some creative projects)
- 1-2 glue sticks
- A pair of scissors
- A folder with pockets
- A spiral notebook, composition book, or 3-ring binder with loose leaf paper (student's choice)
- A box of tissue
- Hand sanitizer

6th Grade

- 1 pack of pencils
- 1 colored pencils pack
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 piece of white posterboard
- 1 composition book
- 1-inch 3 ring binder

7th Grade

- A pencil bag or box for supplies
- Several pens or pencils
- A box of colored pencils and/or markers
- A folder with pockets
- A spiral notebook, composition book, or 3-ring binder with loose leaf paper (student's choice)
- A box of tissue
- Hand sanitizer

8th Grade – 10th Grade

- No supplies required at this time



2021-2022 Faculty Roster

Room	Grade	Name	Email
208/209	Kindergarten	Ellie Frager	ellie.frager@gmail.com
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105	Third Grade	Lauren Levy	laurenannlevy@gmail.com
102	Fourth Grade	Liz Chopp	lizrosenchopp@gmail.com
104	Fifth Grade	Hannah Katz	hannahekatz@gmail.com
110/111	Fifth Grade Hebrew	Tami Sal	tsal@hbha.edu
104	Sixth Grade	Hannah Katz	hannahekatz@gmail.com
110/111	Sixth Grade Hebrew	Tami Sal	tsal@hbha.edu
103	Seventh Grade	Dawn Gale	dawngale11@gmail.com
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103	Ninth Grade	Dawn Gale	dawngale11@gmail.com
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The Polsky School Calendar

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Sundays:

- 9:30 am - 10:00 am Tefillah & Story with Hazzan
 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Class for K-9
 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am Class for 10th Grade*
- *starting October 3

Wednesday: 3rd - 7th

- 4:15 pm - 4:30 pm with Hazzan
- 4:30 pm - 6:15 pm with Teachers

August	29: Simchat Torah	December	February	May
29: Parent Orientation	29: No School	1-6: Hanukkah	20: No School	4: Yom Ha'Atzmaut
September	October	19, 22, 26, 29: No School	March	5: Yom HaZikaron
7-8: Rosh HaShanah	3: Confirmation Class Begins		13, 16, 20: No School	8: Mother's Day
8: No School	November	January	17: Purim	22: Last Day of School
12: First Day of School	24: No School	1: New Year's Day	April	
15: No School	25: Thanksgiving	2: No School	16-23: Passover	
16: Yom Kippur	28: No School	16: No School	17: No School	
21-27: Sukkot	28-30: Hanukkah	17: Tu B'Shevat	20: No School	
22: No School			28: Yom HaShoah	
28: Shemini Atzeret				

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



Gesher Family Programming



Gesher Family Programming are community building events geared for families with kids in kindergarten through 8th grade but open to all. RSVP's will come out before each individual program. These programs are made possible thanks to the Polsky Family Foundation.

Questions? Please email our Director of Youth & Family Programming Becca Levine at blevine@bethshalomkc.org

SEPTEMBER

Simchat Torah Sock Hop to celebrate the Torah and pack sock bags for the Jewish food pantry

Sept 28th
5pm-6pm
Goldsmith Hall

OCTOBER

Two by Two Deanna Rose family scavenger hunt

Oct 17th
1pm-4pm
Deanna Rose

NOVEMBER

Bark K Bark Mitzvah for all Beth Shalom families and their dogs

Nov 7th
2pm-5pm
Bar K

DECEMBER

Rick Recht Concert & Maccabee Madness Hanukkah Party

Dec 5th
12pm-2pm
Goldsmith Hall

JANUARY

Tu B'Shevat Succulent Planting Workshop

Jan 11th
7pm-8pm
(Location to

FEBRUARY

Village Shalom Shabbat Service Volunteering

Feb 25th
4pm-6pm
Village Shalom

MARCH

KCUSY Purim Carnival

(Date to come)

APRIL

Beth Shalom joins the JCC for Jewish Night at Kauffman Stadium, Royals Game and Kosher Tailgate

(Date could be April-June)

MAY

Mitzvah May at the Kansas City Mitzvah Garden

(Date to come)

For timing, dates, RSVP, and individual program information please visit www.bethshalomkc.org



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Beth Shalom's Polsky Religious School Offers a Modern Approach to Religious School with ShalomLearning®



This fall, Polsky Religious School will proudly offer the ShalomLearning program for grades K-7.

Values Curriculum

The ShalomLearning's values-based curriculum explores seven Jewish values and their relevance in our everyday lives. Students will learn to use Jewish sources to make responsible decisions and build positive relationships.

Hebrew Curriculum

Using the ShalomLearning Hebrew program, we will teach your children to read Hebrew, chant prayers, and understand their meaning. At home, your child can log into the ShalomLearning portal to practice.

Virtual Classroom

Learning together in a virtual classroom, students will interact with each other in a real-time, teacher-led class. By being able to log in from home (or anywhere), students understand that learning and Judaism happen everywhere, not just in the Religious School.



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