



קול שופר KOL SHOFAR

June 3, 2010

Dear Families,

I am excited to tell you about our new Tichon program. In an effort to meet the needs of our busy teens, we will be offering five shorter sessions instead of two semesters. We hope that this new system will accommodate our teens' busy schedules. Students will have the option of signing up for individual sessions, or for the entire year. Also, with our move back into our new building, we will be moving back to our original Wednesday night program.

In reflecting on the past two years, Rabbi Chai, Orah and I decided that a 90 minute class was more beneficial to both students and teachers. Each session students will be able to choose one of two offered courses and the session will conclude with either a Friday night Shabbat dinner program or a Saturday morning teen service and class.

Students will be able to choose from courses on modern Israeli culture, conversational Hebrew, Ethics, Humor, and Art and others. You will be receiving the exact schedule of sessions and courses in August. To see the preliminary dates, please see the other side of this letter.

Graduation/Confirmation/B'nei Mitzvah

Students in our Graduation (12th), Confirmation (10th) and B'nei Mitzvah year (8th graders who have not yet had their Bar/Bat Mitzvah) are required to sign up for a minimum of three sessions. Additionally, the Confirmation and Graduation students are required to attend a special Rabbi's Class five times during the school year.

Madrachim (Teaching Assistants)

In order to be a Madrich/a for our Beit Binah program, students are required to sign up for a minimum of three sessions OR participate in an Independent Study program consisting of listening to class podcasts and attending the five Shabbat programs.

8th Grade

We will be offering three special sessions geared specifically towards our 8th graders. These sessions will explore Jewish identity through liturgy, fiction and graphic novels and will be taught by me. I will be in touch with all of our 8th graders and will discuss with them other subjects they would like to see offered.

At this time I would like to invite all potential Tichon students and parents to attend a Curriculum Advisory meeting on **Wednesday, June 16th at 7pm** (please note the date change). During this meeting, the education team would like to get hear your ideas for future topics and programs. If you are unable to attend on the 16th, but would like to share your ideas, please feel free to call me at anytime.

I am very excited about our new Tichon program and I hope that our upcoming year will be the best ever. I hope that I will see all of you on **Sunday August 29th** when we will celebrate our return to our newly renovated Kol Shofar.

Wishing you a fun and safe summer,

Tracy Rice
Coordinator of Teen Education and Programming



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Tichon Schedule for 2010-2011

September 15- Open House- come meet the teachers and hear more about the structure of the program.

Session 1- September 29-October 27 (5 sessions)- Tentative classes:

- ☆ Conversational Hebrew with Tikva Farber (9th-12th grade)
- ☆ Café Dilemma with Donna Liberman (9th-12th grade)
- ☆ What Does It All Mean to Me- Jewish Identity Through Liturgy with Tracy Rice (8th grade)

Session 1 will conclude with a Friday Night Shabbat Program

Session 2- November 3-December 8 (5 sessions, no class on November 24th)- Tentative Classes:

- ☆ Jewish Humor with Ralph Beren (9th-12th grade)
- ☆ TBD
- ☆ Creating a Personal Tallit with Susan Simon (8th-10th grade)

Session 2 will conclude with a Saturday Shabbat Program

Session 3- January 5-February 2 (5 Sessions)- Tentative Classes:

- ☆ What Can I Do About It- Social Action Class with TBD (9th-12th grade)
- ☆ Modern Israeli Culture with Tikva (9th-12th grade)
- ☆ Drawing Your Identity- Graphic Novels and Jewish Identity with Tracy and Guest Teacher (8th Grade)

Session 3 will conclude with a Friday Night Shabbat Program

Session 4- February 16-March 23 (5 Sessions, no class on February 23)- Tentative Classes:

- ☆ The Art of Survival- Art From The Holocaust with Tracy (all grades)
- ☆ TBD
- ☆ TBD

Session 4 will conclude with a Saturday Shabbat Program

Session 5- March 30-May 11 (no class on April 13 or 20)- Tentative Classes:

- ☆ Jewish Identity Through Fiction with Tracy and Guest Teacher (8th Grade)
- ☆ A Taste of Tichon with Alona Rafael and Sharon Brusman (7th Grade)
- ☆ Confirmation and Graduation Class with Rabbi Chai (10th and 12th Grade)
- ☆ TBD

Session 5 will conclude with a Friday Night Shabbat Program

Confirmation and Graduation Wrap-up class- May 18, Ceremony May 20th.

Grade/Class

Date Received

Congregation Kol Shofar
Registration Form for Tichon 2010-2011
Please return no later than July 15, 2010



Please complete a separate registration form for each child you are registering in Tichon.

Date, New Student, Returning Student, Student's Name, Hebrew Name, Birth date, Sex, Name of Regular School, Grade in Fall, Address, City, ZIP, Parent 1 Name, Parent 2 Name, Telephone: Home #, Parent 1 Work #, Parent 2 Work #, Cell Phone, Parent Email(s), Tichon Student's Cell Phone, Tichon Students' Email

If this child has two households, please furnish the following information. Would you like school material sent or emailed to both addresses? Yes No

Name & Relationship, Address, City, ZIP, Telephone: Home #, Work #, Cell Phone, Parent Email(s)

Siblings in Beit Binah or Tichon? Name, Grade

Person other than parent to contact in case of an emergency

Name/Relationship, Phone, Pager, Cell Phone, Email, Physician's Name, Phone

Please describe medical conditions, allergies, learning, or classroom needs of which we should be aware:

Medical Consent/Field Trip Permission. - I the undersigned, authorize Congregation Kol Shofar to call a physician or seek emergency room treatment as necessary for my child in case of any emergency and agree to pay all expenses incurred.

Parent Signature Date

Tuition includes Kadima and USY (youth group) membership fees.

The actual cost of educating your child is \$300 MORE than what we are charging in tuition. Please consider paying the actual cost of tuition if you are able. Paying the actual tuition cost allows us to help those families who are currently experiencing economic challenges. Thank You.

TICHON (High School)

Table with columns: Wednesday Evenings, Please select a grade, If Using a Credit Card, Cash/Check/Bank Draft, Total. Rows include All Five Sessions, 1 Session, 2 Sessions, 3 Sessions, 4 Sessions, Confirmation/Graduation Fees, and TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED FOR THIS CHILD.

Tichon Fees are non-refundable.

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Behavior Policy

We expect all students to engage in appropriate behavior at all times. This includes behaving with respect towards fellow students and teachers; treating the synagogue and school building with reverence; and refraining from causing any type of disturbances. Students who disrupt class or cause problems within the *Tichon* community will be subject to disciplinary consequences including meetings with their parents and the Rabbis. If need be, they will be asked to leave the *Tichon* program.

Students are not allowed to smoke on synagogue and school property and the staff will confiscate all smoking materials. Vandalism of the building and grounds or any acts of violence will absolutely not be tolerated. We also have a zero-tolerance policy regarding the use or possession of any kind of alcohol, drugs or weapons on synagogue and school property. Anyone found with drugs or weapons will be removed from *Tichon* immediately.

Additionally, leaving class and wandering around without permission is unacceptable. Students are always welcome to sit with friends in appropriate areas with proper supervision.

Because the synagogue is responsible for the safety and welfare of the students at all times, anyone who plans on leaving Tichon early must inform the teacher and the Tichon Coordinator.

I have read and agree to the Tichon Behavior Policy

Student Signature

Parent Signature

*Occasionally photos of your student might be included on our web site or other Kol Shofar/Beit Binah/Tichon printed publications. Images will never include any name or other identifying information. If you do **NOT** want us to publish in print, electronic, or video format the likeness or image of your child, please sign in the space below.*

Parent/Guardian Signature

Kadima/USY Field Trip Information

Transportation: (Please initial all that apply.)

- You may call me to help drive when necessary. I can fit ____ kids in my car. _____
- If necessary to get to an event, I give permission for my child(ren) to be driven by USY students with a legal driver's license. _____
- If necessary to get to an event, I do not give permission for my child(ren) to be driven by USY students with a legal driver's license. _____

Medical Insurer and Policy #: _____

BILLING INFORMATION – You must check one of the following:

- Full payment is enclosed in the amount of _____
- Please charge my credit card*. I am enclosing a completed Credit Card Authorization Form.
- Please charge my bank draft. I am enclosing a completed Bank Draft Authorization Form.
- I am enclosing a completed Reduced Financial Request form for my Tichon tuition.
All reduced financial requests will be reviewed for approval.

* American Express, Visa, and MasterCard only.