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Dear Shabbat School Families,

The weather is warming up and it's time to register for the 2017-2018 / 5778 school year at Congregation Beth Sholom (CBS). We have a wonderful year of Shabbat School in the works for you and your family, changes and additions to our programs, and we're looking forward to all the opportunities to learn about and experience Judaism.

Some exciting additions to our program include a brand new program for **post-B'nai Mitzvah students**. Our 8th and 9th graders are invited to join us once a month on Thursday evenings to study with Noa Barr and once a month on Shabbat mornings to study with Amanda Russell. This new program will enable our teens to continue their journey of Jewish education into their teen years.

The **pre-B'nai Mitzvah year** will also note some changes as 7th graders (and some 6th graders) will attend Shabbat School on Thursday afternoons. This shift will enable our students to support their friends and attend Shabbat Services more regularly, especially when their friends and family members become Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

The calendar is included for your reference and is once again available online for you to connect to your own online calendars. The online version will be maintained and up-to-date so please check their as details are still being added for the next school year.

You'll notice some special events taking place on **Sundays** and I hope you'll reserve these dates:

8/27/2017	Welcome Back Picnic @ Mountain Lake Park
10/22/2017	Parshat Noach @ the Zoo
1/21/2018	Torah on the Trails in Muir Woods
3/25/2018	Contemporary Jewish Museum Tour and Art Making

Amanda Russell returns to CBS as our rabbinic intern this year and we are excited to welcome her back to Shabbat School. She will have a presence at tefillah and post-B'nai Mitzvah workshops each month. David Agam continues as our Youth Group Advisor, working with our tweens and teens in Kadima and USY. Stay tuned for additional information about those programs toward the end of the summer.

Of course there is more planned, but you'll have to stay tuned, check us out online, and join us on Shabbat mornings and Thursdays to discover all that 5778 has to offer!

This is your registration packet...

In order to register your child for our Shabbat School program, the following items are due to the CBS office by **June 30, 2017**. The sooner you can return these forms to us, the better we can plan for the fall. Everyone who submits their registration and emergency form as well as their tuition by July 1 will be entered into a raffle drawing. Prizes will be awarded the first week of classes.

Enclosed in this packet you will find the following:

- ✧ Registration (including emergency information) Form
 - Be sure to **fill out the back** and SIGN the bottom
 - It is important that we have emergency contact information for two people –
OTHER THAN PARENTS/GUARDIANS!
- ✧ Tuition Form
- ✧ Shabbat School calendar for 2017-2018 / 5778

We do all we can to ensure that **no** child will be turned away from any of our programs for financial reasons. You may request a scholarship application by checking the appropriate box on the Tuition Form.

We have worked hard to keep fees to a minimum while also maintaining an excellent staff and program. Please keep in mind that the actual per-child cost of running Shabbat School programs is greater than the tuition rates we charge. We encourage anyone who is able to include an additional contribution of **\$180** per child above the standard fee to please do so.

Please take a moment to read through this packet of materials. Following enrollment, our **Parent Handbook** will arrive via email. If you have any questions about programs or the registration process, I am happy to provide you with additional information at any time. You can reach me at 415.940.7098, via email rgoodman@bethsholomsf.org or stop by on Tuesdays or Thursdays this summer.

L'shalom,

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