

What is the schedule of my child's classes?

We are committed to operating within the traditional hours for Religious School and Hebrew School. Please see page 3 for that information.

My kid(s) are already doing so much online, I want to give them a break!

Given what's going on in the world today, it becomes even more important that your child(ren) have the opportunity for Jewish community, consideration of big ideas, and a boost to their Jewish identities. This is the time to make sure your student(s) have the support of their teachers and TBS. Please be in touch with Director of Education Miles Roger if you are concerned about your child being able to thrive in our online program.

What if my child has a disability that limits how much they can really absorb with remote learning?

Please, by all means, get in touch with Miles Roger to discuss how we can support your child and family to ensure meaningful education can continue.

How will attendance be handled? What about service requirements?

The policies established by the Religious School committee remain the same. Please check the Parent Handbook for specific details. Teachers and/or madrichim will take attendance during class and will report that to the Religious School Office. Please continue to join us for Family and/or Tot Shabbat services via Zoom. We are still sharing the code word that you will email Rebecca Reed.

I worry that my child is not being able to make connections with other children in the current atmosphere. How will you address this?

Building community is at the core of what makes TBS special. Our teachers will start each class session with an opportunity for each student to check-in so that we can build connections among the students. As appropriate, our teachers will also help students get to know one another through various learning techniques. We are also exploring various opportunities for groups to be together in-person in a safe way. At this moment, we do not have specific details we can share as the feasibility of these programs is constantly changing.

I worry about Hebrew, in particular. How will Hebrew learning take place so that my student will not feel behind?

Hebrew teachers will be working with small groups of students for 40-minute periods to ensure students are able to get the attention that they need. With a small group of students, our teachers can accomplish in 30-40 minutes what would normally take two hours. Groups will also be designated so that students at similar levels will be grouped together.

I'm worried my child will be bored. How can you keep them engaged?

As is our goal when we are in the building, we will include different modalities to present content. Our teachers have been learning about various tools and methodologies available to engage students in online learning. This past spring we only scratched the surface of ideas that are available.

How will my children get their books that we use in class?

You will be able to pick up (contact-free) bags at TBS customized for each grade that include textbooks and other learning materials that your child will need for school through December. Pick-up will be available on Sunday, August 30 and Tuesday, September 1. Check your email for additional information.

What platform(s) will TBS use for online classes?

We will be utilizing platforms like Zoom and Google Meet for our classes.

What if I don't have time to really help my child with complicated projects, or to monitor them when they're in class?

Any craft we include will be able to be done by the child alone. Once they log in to class, our teachers are responsible for them and will handle questions and provide technical support to the extent that they are able.

What will happen in January?

We will continue to assess the safety and efficacy of different options. When we know the best course of action, we will communicate quickly and clearly with you.

The students used to have specials, like Kahal and music. What will happen to those?

As you may know, singing is particularly difficult to teach/lead remotely. BUT, we will offering group Kahals that will include music so that the students will be able to pray and sing along. (All the words they need will be on the screen.) We will also offer music during class times and Hebrew Through Movement for grades PreK-3. You can look forward to hearing your child(ren) praying and singing with their screen.

What if I have questions about school tuition?

Please contact Lynn Richmond, our Executive Director, to discuss this.

I'm still not convinced that online learning is right for my child this year. What should I do next?

We are committed to making sure your child can remain connected with TBS and engage in meaningful learning. Please reach out to Miles Roger to discuss a way we can keep your child engaged with our community.

Timing by Grade – (September through December, 2020)

Please note that each child will need to be on their own device when accessing class.

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>Hebrew School</i>
PreK/Kindergarten	8:30am (30-45 min.)	
1 st Grade	9:30am (30-45 min.)	
2 nd Grade	8:30am (~45 min.)	
3 rd Grade	9:30am (45-50 min.)	
4 th Grade	9:30am (50-60 min.)	One of the following: 5:30-6:10pm 6:10-6:50pm 6:50-7:30pm Specific times will be assigned before September 14
5 th Grade	8:30am (1 hour)	
6 th Grade	8:30am (1 hour)	
7 th Grade	9:30am (1 hour)	5:30-6:30pm
8 th /9 th Grade (YES)	10:45am (1.5 hours)	
Confirmation	10:45am (1.5 hours)	