



# DIAMOND FAMILY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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## Jewish Education for Grades K-12

### INSIDE THIS PACKET:

Every year we receive questions about the upcoming fall. We hope the information provided in this enrollment packet about the 2020-2021 school year is helpful.

### A NOTE ABOUT REGISTRATION FEES:

A registration fee of **\$155 per child** must be paid before the first day of school. Financial Aid request forms may be obtained upon request.

### OUR MISSION:

The Diamond Family Religious School of Temple Emanu-El provides a complete Reform Jewish education that incorporates Jewish values, beliefs, and connection to Israel.

Our school:

- creates a positive sense of Jewish identity among our students.
- develops a sense of community between our students, their families, and the synagogue.
- prepares students to be life-long Jewish learners and community members.

### OUR PHILOSOPHY:

The Diamond Family Religious School cultivates an environment that enables students to develop their Jewish identity while discovering and exploring their Judaism. All students are immersed in an environment that incorporates Judaism into all learning. Through study of Jewish beliefs, traditions, values, history, and culture, students are able to understand and apply Judaism to their daily lives. Our goal is to create a community of caring and connected life-long Jewish learners.

### OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PROGRAM, GRADES K-7:

Temple Emanu-El's educational program offers thoughtful, up-to-date curricula of Judaic and Hebrew studies, allowing us to learn together about Jewish holidays, tradition, values, history, language, and culture.

- **Grades K-2** engage in an introduction to Judaism through an exploration of the synagogue, mitzvot, Genesis, and Jewish holidays. This curriculum is enhanced through weekly tefillah, music, Hebrew, art, storytelling, and yoga.
- **Grades 3-7** participate in a multi-faceted program that incorporates Hebrew liturgy and Judaic studies. Our Hebrew program is a "Montessori meets martial arts approach," in which students are able to work at their own pace and in small groups to engage the language and prepare for b'nai mitzvah. Additionally, our children work on their applied Hebrew skills using the language they are learning in real-world applications – holidays, celebrations, music, literature, and conversation. In Judaic studies, students study Jewish Heroes (3rd), Jewish Values (4th), Parsha Shavua (5th), and the Holocaust and Israel (6th). 7th graders put their learning into action by combining the past 4 years of study with trips to see and apply Judaism in real life.

## OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PROGRAM, GRADES 8-12:

Our high school students learn with spirited, thoughtful activities and discussions on Sunday mornings.

- **Confirmation Academy (8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade)** has a three-pronged approach that focuses on adult Jewish learning, Leadership Training, and social justice.
  - **Eighth graders** apply Judaism in programming, leadership, and community service.
  - **Ninth graders** meet for Reform Judaism & Comparative Religions.
  - **Tenth graders** will learn about issues central to Reform Judaism in for their trip to the Religious Action Center (RAC) in Washington, D.C.
- **Post-Confirmation (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)** meet with a clergy member for a lunch session from 12:30-1:30pm several times throughout the school year. The focus is primarily on discussing issues of Jewish identity as they relate to separating from parents and going away to college.

We know that it is very important to many of our students to be assistant religious school teachers, called *madrichim*, as well. We have scheduled Sunday mornings accordingly so that those students who wish to participate in the *madrichim* program will still be able to teach as well as to learn. **Please note: in order to be a madrich(a), all eighth, ninth, and tenth graders must be enrolled in, and attend, our high school program.**

## SCHOOL START DATE – SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020

### SCHOOL HOURS AND SCHEDULE:

Grades K-7	9:00 AM — 12:30 PM
Grade 8	10:30 AM — 12:30 PM
Grades 9-10	10:10 AM — 11:00 AM
Grades 11-12	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
<i>Madrichim/MITS</i>	8:30 AM — 12:30 PM

### SCHOOL FEES:

<b>Grades K-2</b> <b>\$730+</b> <b>Registration</b>	<b>Grades 3-7</b> <b>\$1,020+</b> <b>Registration</b>	<b>Grades 8, 9, &amp; 10**</b> <b>\$500+</b> <b>Registration</b> <small>**Confirmation fees billed separately</small>	<b>Grades 11 &amp; 12</b> <b>No fee-Must register</b> <b>Students must submit</b> <b>Madrichim application.</b>
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In order for a student to register for religious school, his/her family must be in good financial standing. All membership dues and religious school tuition must be current. If you have extenuating circumstances, financial concerns regarding school fees, or would like information about available scholarships, please speak directly to Stephen Blick, Executive Director. You may contact him either by phone at (770) 395-1340 or by email at [sblick@templemanuelatlanta.com](mailto:sblick@templemanuelatlanta.com). **Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis, and must be applied for each year.**

School fees may be paid in full, by check or credit card. Or, you may choose to bill school fees to your My Emanu-El account up to 6 month