



Dear CKS Parents of students in K – 7th grade:

Attached, please find our 2010-2011 Registration Packet. Welcome to all of our new families and welcome back to those families who are re-enrolling! The program will continue very similarly to our 2009-2010 program with the addition of the Shabbat Minyanaires Program (see attached page). For families who may not be familiar with our Religious School, we are committed to teaching children a love of Judaism. Along with teaching the Hebrew language, our Religious School explores other aspects of Jewish culture (Israel, cooking, and history), arts (music, literature, art), and spirituality (prayers, Torah, ritual, and holidays). We believe Religious School should be both an educational and enjoyable experience. Grades K-7 meet each Sunday from 9am-noon. Our rabbi leads and teaches a portion of the Shabbat service every Sunday morning.

Students in grades 8-12 participate in Kehi-Loft, our program for post b'nei mitzvah students. Registration forms and welcoming letter for Kehi-Loft are attached.

Parents are welcome to visit our school at any time and are expected to sign up to volunteer throughout the year, either in the classroom, our school's office, or by helping put together a special event such as a Tu B'Shevat or Passover seder. On Sunday mornings, parents are encouraged to meet other congregants at our Bagel café or adult education classes while Religious School classes are in session.

To register your child(ren) please complete the following forms and mail or bring them into the office with a deposit of **\$75 per child**:

- CKS Religious School K-7 Registration Form
- Parent Volunteer Bond Form
- Tuition Form
- Brit/Covenant form (one for each child)

We hope you and your children will be as enthusiastic as we are about the upcoming school year!

Sincerely,

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Judy Weitze: skillmansix@yahoo.com
CKS Education Committee Chairs

Shari Rothstein: principal@ksnj.org
Principal

SHABBAT MINYANAIRES PROGRAM

As part of our Religious Education program students have been expected to attend Shabbat worship services either on a Friday night or a Saturday morning. This year we have created a special Shabbat Minyanaires Program. Attending services helps to reinforce the prayer curriculum in our school by allowing the children to practice what they are learning, as well as to join in as part of the Jewish community. We want our students to be comfortable in services and increase their appreciation for worship. Additionally, throughout the year various grades will be leading Shabbat services (dates to be announced).

The minimum Shabbat Attendance Expectation is as follows:

Grade	# of Shabbat Services	Additional Notes
K – 3 rd	4	Friday night or Saturday morning
4 th	5	Friday night or Saturday morning
5 th	7	Friday night or Saturday morning Must include at least <u>2 Saturday morning</u> services
6 th	8	Friday night or Saturday morning Must include at least <u>2 Saturday morning</u> services
7 th	8	Friday night or Saturday morning Must include at least <u>4 Saturday morning</u> services

All students must sign in when attending services to receive credit for being there. At the end of the school year, we will recognize all the students that fulfill their requirement.

CKS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM for K-7th Grades

PARENT INFORMATION		
	Adult 1	Adult 2
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Name (First and Last)		
Home Address		
City, State, Zip		
Home Phone		
Work Phone		
Cell Phone		
Preferred email for us to contact you		

CHILD(REN) INFORMATION				
	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
English Name (First, Last)				
Hebrew Name				
Date of Birth				
Grade in School 2010-2011 <small>(Only list children in K – 7th Grade)</small>				
Child's email				
Allergies If YES please describe	Yes or No (circle one)	Yes or No (circle one)	Yes or No (circle one)	Yes or No (circle one)

EMERGENCY INFORMATION		
<p>In case of injury or illness of a child in school, every effort will be made to contact the parent or guardian. The following instructions will remain in place unless revoked by the parent or guardian.</p>		
	First Emergency Contact	Second Emergency Contact
Name (First, Last)		
Home Address		
City, State, Zip		
Home Phone		
Work Phone		
Cell Phone		
<p>IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY I authorize the staff to obtain medical treatment for my child(ren). I understand that I will be contacted immediately.</p>		
_____	_____	_____
Signature of Parent		Date

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PREVIOUS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EXPERIENCE				
If your child had been enrolled in another Religious School prior to joining CKS please indicate it below.				
	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4
English Name (First, Last)				
Synagogue Name or Name of school Town, State				
# of Years and Grades attended				

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Does your child(ren) have any special living arrangements we should be aware of Yes No (circle one) If YES, please describe
If you do not want your child(ren)'s photo used in publicity, in our newsletter or on our website please check here <input type="checkbox"/>
If you would prefer that your phone number and email NOT be listed in the CKS Religious School Friend Finder, please check here <input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH INFORMATION FORM

CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH INFORMATION

All information is CONFIDENTIAL and will only be shared with your child's teacher so they can best help your child be successful in our school.

PARENT INFORMATION		
	Adult 1	Adult 2
Name (First and Last)		

HEALTH INFORMATION				
	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4
English Name (First, Last)				
Allergies If YES please describe	Yes or No (circle one)	Yes or No (circle one)	Yes or No (circle one)	Yes or No (circle one)
Does your child take any medication on a regular basis? If YES please list and state purpose	Yes or No (circle one)	Yes or No (circle one)	Yes or No (circle one)	Yes or No (circle one)
Does your child have any health concerns or learning disabilities that we should be aware of? Please describe the learning issue as well as any special services provided in your child's school.	Yes or No (circle one)	Yes or No (circle one)	Yes or No (circle one)	Yes or No (circle one)

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM BACK WITH YOUR REGISTRATION MATERIALS

OR you can mail it directly to the Principal –

CKS 253 Griggstown Road Belle Mead NJ 08502 Attn: Shari Rothstein



Kehilat Shalom Parent Volunteer Bond Program

In order to improve your child's education, we are asking parents to become more involved with our Religious School program. When children see their parents participating, it strongly and positively affects the learning environment in the school. We think the parent involvement policy will work towards creating a better educational experience for your child.

Effective for our school year 2010/2011, each Religious School family with children in grades K-7 will be charged a parent involvement bond. You may be familiar with similar programs which encourage parent volunteerism in sports and other extracurricular activities. This bond will be \$50 per child (up to a maximum of \$100 per family*). Your \$50 bond will be fully refundable after an adult in the family has completed one of the volunteer options explained on the attached form. Parents with two or more children may be asked to complete two volunteer jobs in order to receive a full \$100 refund.

Please complete the attached form, expressing your preference for volunteer activities. Make sure to provide at least three choices and we will do everything we can to honor your preferences. Finally, if you are unable, or choose not to participate at the school, please make sure to fill out the top section of the form and your bond will go toward funding programs at the school.

Thank you,

The Education Committee

*If you have special financial considerations, please contact the CKS Financial Secretary.

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FORM TO COMPLETE THE
BOND OPTIONS AND PREFERENCE FORM, THANK YOU**

CKS Religious School Parent Volunteer Bond Program

Bond Options and Preference Form

School Year: 2010/2011

FAMILY NAME _____

Please choose three roles that you would be interested in fulfilling. In the “Your Preference/Ranking” column, please write the number 1 in the row for your 1st choice, number 2 in the row for your 2nd choice and number 3 in the row for your 3rd choice. Everyone will be assigned at least one role. Families with multiple children enrolled in religious school may be assigned a 2nd role.

If you choose not to participate in the Parent Involvement Program and would like to forfeit your bond, please sign here: _____ Dated: _____

Role Name	Time Required	Role Description	# of Parents Needed	Your Preference/Ranking
Class Parent	Entire school year; busier during the Mock Shabbat dates (TBD)	Biggest responsibility is coordinating and attending the class Mock Shabbat services and pot luck meal. Some class parents will need to set up parent rotations for volunteering in the classroom (K-3) and bringing in snack (K-4). Will also need to reach out to parents regarding other special activities and events as needed, as well as asking them to bring in items for special holiday celebrations.	6 – 12 (1 – 2 per class)	
Religious School Office Volunteer	Two times during the school year	The principal will keep a running list of projects that need to be completed.	15-30	
Mock Shabbat Supplies and Set up	One of four dates for the school year	There will be four Mock Shabbats during the school year (TBD). Pick up 2 challot and 1 gallon of grape juice; Pour juice into cups and set up candles in the area next to the kitchen.	8	
Tzedakah Coordinator	Entire School year	Takes tzedakah each week to the bank to deposit. A few times a year, after recipient charities are selected, facilitate the cutting of checks and mail them to the charities.	1	
Backpack Sales/Publicity		Order backpacks for the school and promote and organize selling the backpacks.	1	
Cooking Assistant	Two times during the year	Purchase supplies for monthly cooking projects and drop them off at the synagogue; come in at the end of the cooking day and help clean up. You will be reimbursed for all purchases made once receipts are turned in.	5	

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FAMILY NAME _____

Role Name	Time Required	Role Description	# of Parents Needed	Your Preference/ Ranking
Event Coordinator	One event for the school year	In charge of one major Religious School event; will be given guidelines to follow. Involves coming to school on the day of the event, shopping for supplies, etc.		<do not write here>
		Sukkot	2	
		Tu B'shevat	2	
		Passover	2	
		Israeli Independence Day	1	
Madrichim* Coordinator	Entire School Year	Email with madrichim (teen teaching assistants), organize their schedule, help coordinate any meetings between principal and madrichim.	1	
Religious School Education Committee	Meets once/month for entire school year plus other tasks when required	Makes policies for the Religious School. Oversees the principal. Over time, this committee has a major impact on how the school is run and what is taught. This will fulfill your entire year requirement, regardless of how many children you have enrolled.	2	

* Formerly our Toranim program

CKS TUITION FORM

FAMILY NAME _____

	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4
TUITION/FEES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergarten FREE Tuition \$75 Registration Fee• Grades 1-7 \$800 Tuition NO registration fees				
SIBLING DISCOUNT Applies to children in Grades 1 - 7	\$0	-\$50	-\$50	-\$50
PARENT BOND <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applies to Grades K-7• Max \$100/family	+50	+50	\$0	\$0
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT If Paid in FULL by 5/23/10	-\$50	-\$50	-\$50	-\$50
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$	\$

Deposit of \$75 per child due by 5/23/10 to confirm your spot(s) for 2010-2011. Once your deposit is paid, the balance of \$725 per child (in grades 1st – 7th) is expected by opening day.

All checks payable to CKS.

If special arrangements are necessary for payment please contact the CKS financial secretary.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
(please print)

Congregation Kehilat Shalom Religious School
A Brit for 3rd – 7th grades

Brit is the Hebrew word for “covenant”. A covenant is a promise or a pledge. Our Jewish tradition teaches that the covenant God made with Abraham and Moses includes us as well. By fulfilling the covenant we become a people in partnership with God, and with our community.

Your religious school education is a covenant between you, your parents and your teachers. Please read this CKS Religious School Brit. Sign and return to your teacher.

THE STUDENT’S BRIT:

- I will be the best student I can be.
- I will do the homework my teachers ask of me.
- I will come to class on time, prepared with my homework and necessary materials.
- I will treat my teachers, madrichim (teen teaching assistant) and classmates with honor, dignity, worth and respect.
- I will attend religious school, missing as few days as possible.
- I will participate in religious school activities, including attending Shabbat services.
- I will respect the building and customs of our synagogue.

THE PARENT’S BRIT:

- I will make the commitment that my child attends religious school.
- I understand that if my child misses too many religious school sessions I may need to hire a private tutor.
- I will make the commitment that my child attends all aspects of the religious school educational program, including attending Shabbat services.
- I will check for homework assignments and encourage their completion.
- I will encourage my child to read Hebrew at home on a regular basis.

THE TEACHER’S BRIT:

- I will be the best teacher I can be.
- I will be enthusiastic about what I am teaching.
- I will be a role model who treats others with honor, dignity, worth and respect.
- I will be prepared for my lessons.
- I will help my students become learn and understand the values Judaism.

We have read and understand the brit and will do our best to fulfill its mission.

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent(s): _____ Date: _____

Teacher: _____ Date: _____

ONE PER CHILD PLEASE