



**May 3, 2016**

Dear Religious School Parents:

Welcome to the Hebrew Educational Alliance (HEA) Religious School. We are pleased to offer a high quality program that provides our students with the basic beliefs, skills, knowledge, understanding and connections to our past and present that will enable them to participate comfortably and actively in all areas of Conservative Jewish life. Non-member tuition rates and class meeting times by grade for the 2016-2017 school year are:

**Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade** students will attend classes only on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. An introductory Hebrew program is included in Sunday lessons for these grades. The fee for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade is \$560.

**Students in grades 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6** will attend Religious School classes on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. until noon and Hebrew classes on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuition and fees for these grades is \$765 this cost includes a \$25 materials fee.

**Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade** will attend Religious School classes 14 sessions throughout the year (on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m) Tuition for 7<sup>th</sup> grade is \$400. We highly encourage participants to donate an additional \$50 toward the Bnai Tzedek fund. Each year the participants of this program will give out up to \$2000 from this fund.

**Students in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grades** will attend Religious School classes approximately two times each month on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This program called Nosh N'Drash includes dinner with classes for each grade level. Tuition for these grades, including dinner, is \$425.

Traditionally, our school has been open only to members of the congregation. As in past years we are pleased to be able to offer a special opportunity to new families, regardless of your membership status. For those families who are not members of our congregation, your tuition is an additional \$100 per child for K-7 grade, and \$75 for 8-10<sup>th</sup>. This fee includes optional High Holiday tickets (please contact the Religious School office if you would like to take advantage of this benefit). After your trial year, you will need to join the congregation in order to have your child(ren) continue in the HEA Religious School. The \$100 overage in tuition you pay for this trial year can be applied to your HEA membership for the following year.

The statement you receive reflects your child(ren)'s enrollment. You can pay your bill in one of two ways: 1) all at once with either a check or a credit card, or 2) you can have your credit card charged or your bank account automatically deducted monthly (September through April).

**PLEASE NOTE: In order to complete the registration process for your child(ren), a payment of at least one month's tuition must be received NO LATER than September 15, 2016 and with the final payment being made no later than April 30, 2017.**

**For your convenience, we have linked ([here](#)) our NEW online information form that replaced previous methods of registration, as well as the payment site. You may fill this form at your earliest convenience as well as pay online between now and August 24 without being assessed an additional processing fee- **we will NOT be registering students with paper forms.****

Your billed amount includes one set of ability-level Hebrew workbooks and grade-level workbooks per student. If you wish to purchase additional copies of classroom texts or workbooks, they are available in the Religious School office. If you need tuition assistance, please contact Neal Price, Executive Director of HEA, in the synagogue office at 303-758-9400 x 204.

The Hebrew Educational Alliance Religious School's format for students in grades 2-6 Hebrew classes are *Graded ability level* and are taught on Wednesdays in addition to having an online Hebrew program for review and homework, while the study of Heritage, Holidays and History takes place by grade level on Sundays. Congregation membership and attendance during both days of class continues to be required in order to receive and hold a Bar or Bat Mitzvah date.

**Our school year begins with a Back to School morning for ALL students and their parents on Sunday, September 4, 2016 at 11:30. This program will feature opportunities to visit friends, meet teachers, view textbooks, purchase Wednesday Pizza and Sunday Bagels, and more! The program will include the synagogue's Annual Picnic! This event is free and you are encouraged to eat and play with us for the afternoon! Kosher BBQ, games and good friends will be plentiful!**

*If you will not be available to attend this special event, you must contact Anna in the Religious School office beforehand to be sure that our information for your child is correct.*

**The school calendar is posted on our website, [HEAdenver.org](http://HEAdenver.org) under Religious School.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (information below) or Anna Szentivanyi at [Anna@headenver.org](mailto:Anna@headenver.org).

L'Shalom,

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