



אם אין אָני לי מי לי. וכשֶׁאָני לְעַצְמִי מָה אָני

*“If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I?  
(Avot 1:14)*

Dear Parent(s),

It has been a wonderful year at the Rodeph Sholom Religious School and I'd like to thank all of you for your involvement and support in making this a successful year for our children and families. I'd like to especially thank those families who supported our **Religious School Scholarship Fund** this past year. Due to your generosity many families have been able to send their children to our Religious School.

We believe that every Jewish child is entitled to a Jewish education, because we know that a strong Jewish identity will help them thrive beyond the walls of the synagogue and in life. We know that a meaningful Jewish education is *priceless*, but due to the very difficult economic times, we are anticipating that more families will continue to need financial support, so it will be a true blessing if you are able to help us provide that support to our families (again). It has been Congregation Rodeph Sholom's policy to accept every child into our program regardless of their financial ability.

The Religious School tuition only covers about 70% of the real cost, so if you are willing and able to add those 30% to your child's tuition, it would help another child to receive a Jewish Education at Rodeph Sholom.

To make it easy, we have done the math for you, just check the box that reads “suggested donation” on the registration form and add the amount to your check.

Of course any donated amount is very much appreciated.

Hillel, the great teacher of the Mishnaic times teaches us that it is OK to do things for ourselves, but if we *only* do things for ourselves, what good are we? Life begins to have real meaning only when we begin to consider the needs and wants of others.

Gratefully,

Tirza Arad  
Religious School Director



**REGISTER PRIOR TO JUNE 30TH AND SAVE \$50**

GRADES	TUITION	ADD DONATION	DAYS
<input type="checkbox"/> Nevatim (per cycle)	\$ 265.00 per student		Monthly/Bi-Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten/First Grade	\$1190.00 per student	\$360.00 per student	Wednesday
<input type="checkbox"/> Second/Third Grade	\$1275.00 per student	\$380.00 per student	Monday
<input type="checkbox"/> Fourth Grade	\$1485.00 per student	\$445.00 per student	Monday/Wednesday
<input type="checkbox"/> Fifth/Sixth Grade	\$1675.00 per student	\$500.00 per student	Monday/Wednesday
<input type="checkbox"/> Seventh Grade*	\$1525.00 per student	\$460.00 per student	Tuesday
<input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Grade	\$1525.00 per student	\$460.00 per student	Tuesday
<input type="checkbox"/> Ninth Grade	\$1695.00 per student	\$500.00 per student	Tuesday
<input type="checkbox"/> Tenth Grade**	\$1175.00 per student	\$350.00 per student	Tuesday
<input type="checkbox"/> Eleventh/Twelfth Grade	\$ 675.00 per student	\$200.00 per student	Tuesday

**TUITION INCLUDES ALL TEXBOOKS, MATERIALS, SNACKS, SPECIAL AND FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**Special Program Sign-up:**

- Kif-Kef (Before School Program, **No Fee**, see attached information)
- Steinman, Special Education Class (**No Fee**, see attached information)

**SPECIAL FEES BELOW WILL BE BILLED (do not include in check)**

Bar/Bat Mitzvah fee* (one year before Bar/Bat mitzvah date)	\$ 2825.00 per student
Confirmation fee** (10th grade)	\$ 470.00 per student
Parent Association Fee	\$ 36.00 per family

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Enter the amount of the School Tuition for your grade(s) from the schedule above \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADD Donation to Religious School Scholarship Fund (see schedule above and enclosed letter) +\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADD Late Registration Fee (If sent after June 30, 2010) + \$ 50.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please include the total of tuition and fees with your child(ren)'s registration.**

**\*Please note:** Students in grades 5-8 attend one conclave weekend during the school year. Students in grade 9 attend the Religious Action center (RAC). Conclave fees for grades 5-8 and RAC fees for grade 9 are included in the tuition.

\* **Bar/Bat Mitzvah** fee includes Cantor's instruction Family Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes, Kiddush & flowers, and security fees.

\*\* **Confirmation** fee includes robes, reception, flowers, oneg, instruction, etc.

I hereby apply for admission for my child(ren) to the Religious School of Congregation Rodeph Sholom in accordance with the established non-refundable tuition schedule, and in accordance with the procedure set forth by the Education Committee for the administration of the Religious School. Registration of my child(ren) also signifies a commitment on my part to assist my child(ren) and to be supportive of them in their Religious School projects and programs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**IMPORTANT! PLEASE FILL OUT THE EMERGENCY AND PERSONAL INFORMATION!  
 YOUR CHILD(REN) WILL NOT BE REGISTERED WITHOUT IT!**

**PERSONAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

In case of injury or illness of a child at school, every effort will be made to contact the parent or guardian. The following instructions will remain in force unless revoked by parent or guardian:

If injury or illness is minor, give first aid? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If injury is serious and parent cannot be contacted, do you wish your personal physician contacted? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Name of Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If you cannot be reached in case of an emergency, give names of persons to be notified:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Confidential Information**

Please check any conditions experienced by your child(ren), knowledge of which will enable the school to effect a more satisfactory experience for him/her:

\_\_\_\_\_ Vision \_\_\_ Hearing \_\_\_ Allergy \_\_\_ \*Educational \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(1) Student's Name \*If your child has special educational needs, please explain below.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Vision \_\_\_ Hearing \_\_\_ Allergy \_\_\_ \*Educational \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Student's Name \* See comment above

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\_\_\_\_\_

**For new students only:**

- Did your child(ren) previously attend another Religious School? \_\_\_\_\_
- If so, Name of Synagogue/Religious School \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
Grades Completed \_\_\_\_\_
- Did your child(ren) previously attend the Rodeph Sholom Day School? \_\_\_\_\_ What Grades? \_\_\_\_\_

**In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize the staff to obtain emergency medical treatment for my child(ren). I understand that I will be contacted immediately, as will my physician.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Guardian's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Guardian's Signature

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE ADDITIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION ON THE OTHER SIDE.**

**ADDITIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION**

**(OPTIONAL)**

**Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):**

**As the new school year begins, your child(ren)'s teacher is looking forward to getting to know him or her better. We would appreciate it very much if you would take the time to write a paragraph about your child(ren) below. You may include such items as, what makes them smile, what they enjoy doing in their spare time, and what activities you enjoy doing with your child. You may also include, what you feel your child(ren)'s strengths are and what might be some areas that need improvement.**

**Thank you very much!**

**B'Shalom,**

**Tirza Arad  
Religious School Director**

Child 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child 3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEMO FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE**  
**IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

The Religious School is unable to register your child for the 2010-11 school year unless you are current on both your Synagogue and Religious School bills, or have reached an agreement with our Executive Director on a payment plan.

Your 2010-11 registration needs to be accompanied by a tuition payment in full.

Thank you for your cooperation.

(As always, scholarship assistance is available for families in need)

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**Reminder for upcoming B'nai Mitzvah families!**

All students need to be enrolled and attending Religious School the year of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Families need to be current on their bills before beginning their Bar/Bat Mitzvah studies with the Cantors/tutors.

## Religious School Calendar 2010-2011

**K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:**      **Wednesdays 4:00-6:00pm**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:**   **Mondays 4:00-6:00pm**  
**4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade:**        **Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00-6:15pm**  
**7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade:**        **Tuesdays 5:00-7:00pm**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>September</b>	<b>13 First Day 2-6</b>	<b>14 First Day 7-12</b>	<b>15 First Day K-1</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>11 No School</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 No School</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>20 No School</b>	<b>21 No School</b>	<b>22 No School</b>
	<b>27 No School</b>	<b>28 No School</b>	<b>29 No School</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>17 No School</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>21 No School</b>	<b>22 No School</b>	<b>23 No School</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>21 No School</b>	<b>22 No School</b>	<b>23 No School</b>
	<b>28 No School</b>	<b>29 No School</b>	<b>30 No School</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>18 No School</b>	<b>19 No School</b>	<b>20 No School</b>
	<b>25 No School</b>	<b>26 No School</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
	<b>16</b>	<b>17 Last Day 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>18 Last Day K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>
	<b>23 Last Day 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		

**CONGREGATION RODEPH SHOLOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

**A YEAR OF JEWISH FAMILY EXPERIENCES & LEARNING**



**Learn Together (Weekdays)**

**Kindergarten & First Grade:** Students will participate twice during the year in a family class led by our Yachad teacher.

Kindergarten:  
October 20th  
April, 6th



1st Grade:  
November 3rd  
March 2nd

**Mishpacha Yachad:** Four times during the year the whole family is invited to participate in a multi-age Torah study that engages all learners through text study, relevant discussions and activities.



**2nd -3rd Grade Mishpacha Yachad**

October 18th  
January 24th  
February 7th  
May 2nd

**4th -6th Grade Mishpacha Yachad**

November 29th  
January 5th  
February 28th  
May 2nd

Session I  
September 28th  
October 19th  
November 9th  
November 30th  
December 14th

**Nevatim:** *A Pre-k parent child program where families share Jewish activities, experiences and dinner.*

*(Class meets from 4:30PM—6:00PM)*



Session II  
January 11th  
February 1st  
March 1st  
April 12th  
May 3rd

**Celebrate Together (Friday and Saturday)**

**Family Shabbat Dinners:** Enjoy a wonderful Shabbat dinner together followed by storytelling, a ruach-filled song session with our songleader, and games/activities for children of all ages.

January 14th      February 4th      March 11th      May 13th

**Family Shabbat Lunch and Study:** Following Junior Congregation-Enjoy lunch, engage in family discussion and activities!  
October 23rd      April 9th

**Family Havdalah:** Experience Havdalah together through the beautiful ceremony, a light dinner and activities for children of all ages.  
December 11th      March 5th

**Shabbat B'Yachad: ("Shabbat Together"):** A family Shabbat experience for children ages 0-7. Lively prayer, Torah reading, family activities, and a light lunch!

October 2nd, 16th, & 30th  
November 6th & 20th  
December 4th & 18th  
January 15th & 29th  
February 5th  
March 5th & 19th  
April 2nd  
May 7th & 21st  
June 4th & 18th

**And Introducing...  
A FAMILY SHABBAT RETREAT!!  
November 12-14-2010**



Conregation Rodeph Sholom  
Religious School

*Lewis Steinman Center*  
*Educating Jewish Children with*  
*Special Needs*



*“Educate Every Child According to his Way”*  
*(Proverbs 22:6)*

In Judaism all life is viewed as precious and holy. Each individual contributes his or her unique part to the world, whether great or small. Perfection of the world lies in the development of each and every Jewish individual to his/her maximum potential. God did not create us all the same, yet we are all created in God’s image.. Each of us has his/her own task to complete, his/her own potential to be realized.

Only by working together, to assist everyone to maximize their abilities, do we bring completion to the world. All children are capable of receiving a Jewish education according to their capabilities and deserve to learn about their Jewish heritage and share our rich history and lifestyle.

The Rodeph Sholom Religious School is in the unique position to offer Jewish Education in a supplementary setting for students with special needs.

This is made possible through a generous grant from the Steinman family and the Rudin Foundation in memory of Lewis Steinman.

**The Lewis Steinman Center**

Our goal is to develop a plan that strives toward the full inclusion of the student into regular classes with the support of the Special Education staff. In cases where this cannot be achieved, the learning environment will be adapted to include small group learning and one on one learning. A process has been developed which requires the following steps:

1. Parent(s) and student meet with the Special Education Coordinator
2. Develop an Individual Education Plan for the student
3. Contact and meet with the student’s teachers

**Attendance**

Inclusion, whether all or part of the time provides a myriad of opportunities for students to interact and strengthen their sense of community in a Jewish environment, therefore there will be a minimum attendance requirement of 2 hours per week for all students participating in this program . In a full inclusion program the student will attend the regular hours required for that grade.

For more information please contact the Religious School Office at 646-454-3100.

# “Kif Kef” Before-School Program

Ever wonder what your child should do during the hour between school and religious school? We have a solution:

## **The “Kif Kef” program at the Rodeph Sholom Religious School!**



**Who:** This program is open to all students in grades K-12 who arrive early

**When:** From 3-4pm on the days your child attends Religious School (4-5pm for grades 7-12)

**Where:** Grades K-1 meet in the Music Room , 84th Street building

Grades 2-6 meet in the 6th floor Eisner Auditorium, 83rd Street building

Grades 7-12 meet in 5th floor Kitchen

**What:** A fun, educational program filled with a variety of activities. Students may choose to work on homework, read, eat snacks\*, participate in mitzvah projects, discuss current events, and do art projects.

**Cost:** FREE!!!\*

\*A complimentary snack is provided. Students in grades 2-6 have the option of purchasing additional inexpensive snacks.

For more information please call the Religious School office at 646-454-3100



## RODEPH SHOLOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents,

We encourage you to join the Parent Association of the Religious School. While our Parent Association does not have monthly meetings, as may your secular school, we are a committee of parents who help to enrich the experience of our children's religious education throughout the year through programs and limited fund-raising.

In the past we have subsidized special programs of Jewish significance, as well as helped purchase important audio-visual and computer equipment. We also coordinate our fund-raising activities. Again, all of this goes to benefit our children's education.

We know you are busy, but we ask you to show your commitment to help on one aspect of next year's events. **Please complete the interest questionnaire at the end of this letter and return it with your child's registration.**

In addition, the Parent Association encourages families to recognize and celebrate their child's birthday with an act of tzedakah by making a contribution in their honor to the Religious School. Contributions will be listed in the Religious School's e-letter, Mah Chadash.

Thank you for your interest in your child's Religious School education. As we all know, when your child sees you take an interest, he or she will know it is important and become involved too.

Your Parent Association Committee

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I would like to help the following way(s) for the **2010-2011** Religious School Parents Association:

- Help with Religious School Dinners
- Help with Holiday Programs
- Help with Religious School Mitzvah Day Project
- Help with Passover Fair
- Help with Classroom Projects
- Help with Fundraisers
- Help with the Birthday Book Project
- Help with the Family Retreat

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

# RODEPH SHOLOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## נצנים

Participating in the unique Rodeph Sholom Nitzanim\* Learning Center Program your child will embark on a journey into the world of Jewish learning, and discovery, wonder and excitement, spiritual growth and social development within the nurturing environment of our congregation.

\* *Nitzanim*-Hebrew for flower buds



The *learning center program* is designed to engage your child with interactive experiences as teachers guide them through a variety of activities and materials in the centers which target multiple learning styles (visual, oral, auditory, and kinesthetic).

The structure of the program includes:

- *Mifgash—Group Meeting* (weekly rituals including weather and
- Alef—Bet Yoga, tefillah, songs, and an introduction of concepts and learning centers for the day).
- *Mercazim - Center Time* (rotation through various centers - Hebrew each week with others alternating throughout the year, see below for more details on specific centers)
- *Aruchat Kalah – Snack*
- *Musika — Music* with our song leader
- *Aruchat Erev- Dinner*—Students learn the blessings and enjoy a meal with friends.
- *Mishpachah-Family Connections* (take home bags with learning activities for families).



*Nitzanim* נצנים

Kindergarten & First  
Grade Program

Wednesdays  
4:00 –6:00



## Examples of Jewish Learning Centers

\***Hebrew Center** – explore the letter of the day through various modalities (movement, writing in a sand tray, markers, clay, blocks, etc).

\***Bible Center** – bring the Torah alive through dramatics with costumes, props, storytelling, and discussions of the relevant values within these stories. Kindergarten students create a class Torah as they explore each story and receive their own Torah in an end of year ceremony.

\***Spiritual Center** – build an ark for the classroom community, engage in storytelling (critical thinking and writing in response to prompt questions that relate to a specific prayer or ritual, or create a scene with a prop box filled with Jewish objects as an opportunity for “living” Judaism).

\***Holiday Center** – examine shofarot (why and how we use them), build a sukkah, learn a blessing.

\***Library/Games Center** – read books and play games related to the objectives of the day.

\***Tikun Olam Center** – Be a Mitzvah hero!

**And more!!!!**



# Tuesday nights (and beyond) for teens at Rodeph Sholom



**Tuesday nights** from 5-7pm, 7th-12th graders gather together with clergy and educators to learn, connect, and take a break from the hectic pace of school life! The program includes:

- **Ma'amad: student-led Tefillah (5-5:20pm)**
- **Dinner: Pizza & holiday treats (5:25-5:45pm)**
- **Chugim: clubs, including Hebrew, cooking, music & more (5:50-6:15pm)**
- **Midrasha: Jewish studies with teachers & clergy (6:15-7pm)**

**CRuSTY** (Congregation Rodeph Sholom Temple Youth) is the senior youth group for our 9th-12th graders and offers fun opportunities for leadership, social action, worship and building community! Highlights of the year include fall and spring Conclaves (student-led retreats), Midnight Run (food & clothing distribution for homeless), Beit Café (Youth fundraiser), Purim Carnival & Spiel, staffing the CRS homeless shelter, Lounge Nights after services, and Social Action Sundays.

**CRuSTY 78** (for 7th & 8th graders) features a spring social action trip, volunteering at the HUC soup kitchen, and SNL—the all-night event where 8th graders get a preview of CRuSTY!

## **Post B'nai-Mitzvah Paid Internship (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders)**

Earn money through a Manhigut and Tikkun Olam (Leadership & Service) Internship with Rodeph Sholom! To be eligible, students must complete the Bar/Bat Mitzvah process, attend Tuesday nights regularly, and perform 20 hours of community service at the congregation. Interns earn a stipend of \$300 for fulfilling these requirements, as well as a letter of recommendation from the clergy, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who do a 2<sup>nd</sup> set of 20 hours will earn an additional \$500 stipend. Service opportunities include helping out with Junior Congregation, Family Shabbat programs, Junior Youth Group events, Children's Choir, Cemetery cleanup, Synagogue mailings, ushering at Friday night services, and doing projects in the Religious School office.



## **Madrichim Teacher Assistant Program (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)**

Madrichim (teacher assistants) earn money or community service hours helping out in Religious School classrooms on Monday and/or Wednesday afternoons by listening to students read Hebrew and helping teachers with class activities. You can make a positive impact on Jewish children, and become a stronger candidate for summer jobs and stand out on college applications. Meetings during your work hours will guide your experience in the classroom. All 8th-12th grade post-B'nai Mitzvah students are eligible to be Madrichim.

## **Religious Action Center (RAC) trip to Washington, D.C. (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)**

At this 4-day leadership conference in Washington D.C, teens are given the opportunity to earn 35 hours of community service while learning about government, participating in advocacy and interacting with other Jewish teens from all over the country. The seminar ends with the teens lobbying important legislation to their congressman or senator on Capital Hill.



## **Partnership 2000 (P2K) Teen Exchange trip to Israel (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)**

The Partnership 2000 Israel Teen Exchange program is a life-changing leadership & Tikkun Olam experience in which ten of our Rodeph Sholom teens travel to Israel to live with Israeli teens for ten days over winter break. Our teens then host the Israeli teens for ten days in NYC in the spring. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity has had a transformative effect on past participants, and the connections between teens and families continue far beyond the program.

Each spring we recognize our 10th grade Confirmation class with a culminating service on Shavuot and celebrate our High School seniors with a graduation service.

Contact **Jay Rapoport** for more info at [youth@crsnyc.org](mailto:youth@crsnyc.org) or 646-454-3083

## Congregation Rodeph Sholom Religious School Requirements

- The school committee, along with the rabbinic and educational staff agrees that the Rodeph Sholom Religious School must be a **two-day a week** program in the **4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade** in order to be one of substance and meaning. Therefore, it is very important that your child make every attempt to attend regularly.

### Congregation Rodeph Sholom Requirements of Bar/Bat Mitzvah

1. *“Do not separate yourself from the community” ... (Hillel)*  
**All Bar/Bat Mitzvah students must be registered in either the Religious School or Day School for the academic year during which their Bar/Bat Mitzvah occurs.**
2. *“Make your study of Torah a fixed habit, say little and do much and greet all people with a cheerful smile.” (Shammai)*  
**Students must be enrolled in Religious School by the fourth grade. Rodeph Sholom Day School students must enroll in the Religious School upon leaving the Day School.**
3. *“You stand this day, all of you, before Adonai your God- your elders and your officials, all the men of Israel, your children, your wives, even the stranger within your camp, from woodchopper to water drawer- to enter into the covenant of Adonai your God.” (Deuteronomy 29:9-11)*  
**Satisfactory attendance and efforts are expected throughout the student's enrollment in Religious School or Day School.**
4. *“Prayer is for the soul what nourishment is for the body.” (Yehuda HaLevi)*  
**Students and parents should attend at least 10 Shabbat services once formal Bar/Bat Mitzvah training has begun and prior to the student's Bar/Bat Mitzvah. At least 6 of those services should be at Congregation Rodeph Sholom. Some of the services should be Friday evening and some should be Shabbat morning services.**
5. *“The mitzvot were only given to refine creation through them.” (Genesis Rabbah (44))*  
**Students and parents are required to attend 6 Family B'nei Mitzvah Program sessions about a year to a year and a half before the Bar/Bat Mitzvah date.**
6. *“It is within our power to mirror God's unending love in deeds of kindness, like brooks that hold the sky.” (Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel)*  
**Students, individually or with their families, are required to be involved in some community service/Mitzvah project during the year prior to Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The value of "living what we learn" is very important to the synagogue, the school and Jewish tradition.**
7. *“Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart so moves him...And let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them.” (Exodus 25)*

**The Bar/Bat Mitzvah fee and any financial obligation to Congregation Rodeph Sholom must be fulfilled before the Bar/Bat Mitzvah services. (Exceptions to any of the above specified requirements must be approved by the Rabbi and Director of the school).**

8. *“Rabbi Akiba says: If you have studied Torah in your youth, study Torah in your old age. Say not, “I shall not study Torah in my old age,” for you do not know whether you will understand better young or old.”*

**The Bar/Bat Mitzvah is not the end of a student's Jewish education. Students are expected to continue through their Confirmation. Participation in our high school program, which continues through graduation in grade 12, is encouraged.**