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## **Religious School Parent's Guide 2011-2012**

Please note the following addresses and telephone numbers of our locations.

**Administrative Office**                      366 North Broadway, Suite 202  
Jericho, NY 11753  
(516) 470-1700

**Religious School Classes**              Brookville Reformed Church - Fellowship Hall  
2 Brookville Road  
Brookville, NY 11545  
(516) 626-9318 (only during Religious School hours)

During Religious School hours, we may be reached at (516) 626-9318.  
The following cell phone numbers can be used in case of an emergency, although cell phone service is limited at the church.

<b>Kim Bertash, Education Director</b>	Cell- 631-387-1485	<a href="mailto:kimbertash@yahoo.com">kimbertash@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Rabbi Steven H. Moskowitz</b>	Cell- 516-449-4963	<a href="mailto:rabbi@jcbsynagogue.org">rabbi@jcbsynagogue.org</a>
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### **Class Meeting Schedule**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Grade/Hebrew Grade</u>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Third/Alef</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:15pm-8:15pm</b>	<b>Sixth/Dalet</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Fifth/Gimel</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Fourth/Bet</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:15pm-8:15pm</b>	<b>Seventh/Hay</b>

We are delighted to provide our students with a high-quality program of study through creative learning experiences and innovative programming. We look forward to a wonderful 2011-2012 year of enjoyable learning.

**Arrival** - Classes begin and end on schedule. Late arrival and early dismissal is discouraged as it interferes with the learning experience of your child and disrupts others in his/her class. Children who arrive 15 minutes late or more must report to the Education Director before entering class. If there are special circumstances, please speak to the school's Education Director.

**Attendance Policies** - In order for your child's Jewish education to be meaningful, we expect our students to attend class on a regular basis. ***Excellent attendance is vital to your child's success in Religious School, especially in our one day per week setting.*** By encouraging consistent attendance, you make a positive statement to your child about the value that you place on his/or her Jewish education. Regular attendance helps to ensure mastery of the Hebrew skills necessary for bar/bat mitzvah.

Students will be expected to make up any work missed due to their absences. Whenever possible, please notify the office and teacher if you anticipate that your child will be absent.

**Shabbat Service Attendance** - The celebration of Shabbat and Jewish Holidays is an integral part of your child's Jewish education. Students are expected to attend two Friday evening Shabbat Services as part of the school curriculum. In addition, students are expected to attend special class Shabbat or holiday services.

Attending services allows your child the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the service and feel more comfortable in our JCB community. These are only the minimum requirements. We encourage our students to attend services more often! There is a sign in binder in the Sanctuary to record attendance. If your child forgets to sign in, please call the office and leave the information with us.

We hope that you will enjoy supporting your child in joining us for Shabbat services and become a frequent participant yourself. It is a wonderful way to spend Jewish quality time together. Shabbat services are family celebrations. You should not drop your children off to attend services by him/herself.

**Homework** - A limited amount of Hebrew homework is assigned each class. We expect all of our students to practice Hebrew and/or prayers a minimum of 3 times each week for 15 minutes each time. We encourage parents to check and initial your child's homework log to reaffirm to your child your interest in their responsibilities and accomplishments.

**Cell Phone Usage** - Please instruct your children to use the JCB school telephone **(516) 626-9318** which is available to them should they need to call home. Cell phone calls and texting by students during Religious School hours is not permitted. They are distracting and unnecessary. If deemed necessary we will confiscate students' cell phones during Religious School hours if they are unable to refrain from using them.

**Progress Reports/Conferences** - Progress Reports are issued mid-year and at the end of the school year. The Progress Report discusses your child's academic progress and personal growth. Each child is evaluated based on his/her own individual progress. Please feel free to contact the teacher and/or Education Director if you have any questions or concerns. In addition, a mid year Parent-Teacher conference may take place for a more personalized consultation.

**Dismissal** - Children will be dismissed from the kitchen exit of Fellowship Hall. If you park your car, students must be escorted and not walk alone to the car. Students may only be picked up by previously authorized adults.

**Early Dismissal** - Early dismissal is discouraged unless absolutely necessary. Should a child need to leave school prior to official dismissal time, the child must be picked up inside by an adult. The adult must see our Education Director before the student leaves the classroom. Students must be signed out by an adult before they are allowed to leave. Be aware that your child is still responsible for any class work missed due to an early dismissal.

**Emergencies** - In case of any emergency involving your child, you will be notified immediately. It is imperative that all information on your child's Registration Form is up-to-date. Please contact the office immediately if there are any changes.

**Inclement Weather/Emergency Cancellation** - Our school will close if either the Jericho or Syosset Schools are closed or dismissed early due to inclement weather. Decisions to close will be made with careful consideration of the travel distance of our students and faculty. Information will be forwarded to School Closing System at News 12 Long Island. Please check News 12, either online or on Cable TV. An email will be sent from the office advising you of school closing, or please feel free to call the office at 516- 470-1700.

**Tzedakah (Righteous Giving) and Tikkun Olam (Social Action)** - All through the school year the importance of tzedakah will be discussed. If at all possible, please send a few coins in with your children to contribute to the school tzedakah box. The contributions help develop children's sensitivities to those in need and will be donated to support Jewish charities. Please support these efforts.

We welcome your comments and feedback. Please don't hesitate to contact Rabbi Moskowitz or Kim Bertash, our Education Director with any questions or concerns.