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Shalom Parents,

I am so excited and honored to be returning as Beth Israel's Director of Education. It has been a delight getting to know your children over the past year, and I'm eagerly anticipating the coming year.

You will notice this year we are offering more opportunities for students and parents to get to know each other through *kehillah* (community) activities. We believe strongly in the importance of facilitating a warm Jewish community, and we hope to see you at these gatherings!

We are proud of our BIRS programs, which include:

Gan Katan "5 Senses of Judaism" program for 2-5 year olds with an adult
Elementary –

Gan (Kindergarten) & Alef (1st): Sunday mornings (9:30 am – 12 pm)

Bet (2nd) through Hei (5th): Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons (4:30 pm – 6:00 pm)

Middle School –

Keshet Program for advanced/conversational Hebrew (4:15 pm-6:00 pm Wednesdays)

Hebrew, *tfillah* (prayer) and Judaica for everyone

Middle School Shabbaton overnight in October

Weekly *tfillah* services

High School –

Madrichim, volunteering, and more

Keshet Program for Hebrew (can be taken for High School credit)

BIRS Gan through 8th grade classes will begin on **Sunday, September 15**.

We look forward to amazing year of learning and community! For general info, or to discuss your child's placement or needs for the coming year, please contact me directly. I am eager to work with you to make this year a great experience for your child, and for your family.

Have a great rest of your summer!

B'Shalom,

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