

## 2011-12 Talmud Torah Volunteer Form

Judaism has long valued the mitzvah of both Talmud Torah (learning of Torah) and g'milut chasadim (acts of lovingkindness). By volunteering for the Talmud Torah, you perform more than one mitzvah at a time! Who could ask for more? Other benefits include: helping our school fulfill its vital mission of bringing Jewish education to the next generation, making the world a better place, being involved in your community, making new friends, feeling good about yourself, being a role model for your children (and others too)...the list goes on and on. Throughout the year we have many activities that need additional support from parents. Every volunteer contribution (no matter how small) adds up to a huge impact for our students, staff, and community.

Below you will find a list of volunteer opportunities—each family is expected to sign up for at least 3 duties. We with a variety of dates and times (some tasks are as short as 10 minutes!), you should be able to find something to fit your schedule. In lieu of volunteering, you may make a donation to the Talmud Torah.

You will also receive an email copy of this form. Please return to Beth El by **July 31**, or inform me (Lisa.Volunteer@gmail.com or 919-270-4739) of your selections. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with each of you.

B'Shalom,

*Lisa Springer*

Parent Coordinator

Name of Volunteer(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(For families with more than one volunteer, please include names next to checked items below)

- Playground Work Day Helpers:** Volunteers are needed on Sunday, **Aug. 21, 8 am-12 pm**, to work in the Beth El playground area. Bring your garden gloves, shovels and/or wheelbarrows with you to help with the garden, moving mulch, and general cleanup.
- Family Fun Day Helpers:** Volunteers are needed for this annual event on Sunday, **Aug. 28, 1130 am-1pm**. Volunteers can help in advance with shopping and organizing activities, or during the program, with food prep/serving, set up, clean up, and booth management. This is a community- wide back to school kick off.
- Apples & Honey Brunch Fundraiser:** Volunteers are needed for this important fundraiser for Talmud Torah on **Sunday morning, September 18**. Volunteers will be called on to shop or prepare foods in advance, or to help at the event.
- Parking Lot "Angels":** Volunteers will supervise our students on Sundays and/or Wednesdays as they cross the parking lot during drop of and arrival. Dates will be coordinated among the volunteers.
- Parking Lot Cones Collectors:** Volunteers will collect the cones from the parking lot on Sundays and/or Wednesdays. Dates will be coordinated among the volunteers.
- Snack Shoppers:** These volunteers help keep our pantry stocked. Shopping can be combined with your regular shopping and the Director will provide a list of snacks to be bought. You will be reimbursed for any expenditures (keep your receipt!).
- Supply Shoppers:** These volunteers go to local stores to buy needed supplies. The Director will provide advance notice and specific information. Your trip can be combined with your regular shopping in many cases and you will be reimbursed for any expenditures (keep your receipt!).
- Photographers:** These volunteers take pictures of events & programs, classes in action, and ordinary people doing extraordinary things around the Talmud Torah. Submit them to the Education Director for addition to publications (flyers, bulletins, emails). Dates will be coordinated among the volunteers.

- ❑ **Phone Tree Coordinators**: All Talmud Torah families are asked to participate in phone trees for weather related closings, as well as grade specific phone trees for events within that grade. Our volunteers will coordinate/distribute the lists, and make sure that the lists are called when appropriate.
- ❑ **Class Parents**: These volunteers will help coordinate the parents in their children's class rooms to help with a few specific needs:
  - Prepare a casual meal and Oneg at Beth El for the evening of their grade-level Friday night service.
  - Help shop for and prepare their grade-level family education program.
  - Organize a phone tree to promote participation in grade-level events.
- ❑ **Seventh Grade Assistants**: This class has different needs from the other grades.
  - B'nei Mitzvah Gift Coordinator, to organize class to pick up gifts and collect and submit payment.
  - Field Trip Liaison, to organize carpools and collect money and permission slips
  - Food Coordinator, to organize class to bring in extra snacks and food for special programs.
- ❑ **Family Program Assistants**: Volunteers will shop for food, set up snacks or light lunch, and clean up for various Sunday morning programs. Dates will be coordinated among volunteers. 2-3 volunteers per event will help make this a fun and easy job.
- ❑ **Early Childhood Programs Assistants (Pajama Havdalah and/or Family Picnic)**: Volunteers will shop, prepare & set up food, and clean up. Dates will be coordinated among volunteers. 4-5 volunteers per event will help make this a fun and easy job.
- ❑ **Grade Level Potluck Home Shabbat Hosts**: Each volunteer will open his/her home to their child's grade-level families for one Friday night, providing drinks, ice, cups and dinnerware.
- ❑ **High Holidays Helpers**: Volunteers will help with babysitting, serving snack in Junior Congregation snack, and/or leading High Holiday children's activities.
- ❑ **Sunday Holiday Program Assistants**: Volunteers will shop for food & supplies, set up, run activities, and clean up for various Sunday morning holiday programs, including the Sukkot Family Program (**Oct. 16**), the Chanukah Party (**Dec. 11**) and the Passover Program (**Apr. 1**). Dates will be coordinated among volunteers. 4-5 volunteers per event will help make this a fun and easy job.
- ❑ **Chanukah Bazaar Helpers**: This is a large event that affects our entire community (**Dec. 4**), and needs many volunteers to succeed. Proceeds go Sisterhood's Talmud Torah scholarship fund. Specific volunteer jobs include:
  - Event Coordinators, to oversee and facilitate the event.
  - Inventory purchasers, to work with Laura and Krisha to order inventory.
  - Book Fair coordinators, to order books and to manage the book sale during the event.
  - Set up helpers for Saturday after Shabbat and/or Sunday morning.
  - Booth managers, to sell inventory items during event.
  - Cashier, to run cash register during event
  - Latke cooks and sellers, to work with the Men's Club
  - Clean up assistants.
- ❑ **Purim Carnival Helpers**: Many volunteers are needed for our Purim Carnival (**Mar. 4**) for setup, booth management, and clean up.
  - Set up assistants (Thursday evening)
  - Set up assistants (Friday morning/afternoon)
  - Sunday morning set up assistants, 8:30-10:30am (or 9:30-10:30)
  - Booth managers (Sunday, 10:30am-12:30pm - shifts available as needed)
  - Clean up assistants (Sunday, 12:30-1:00 pm )
- ❑ **Siyyum (Sunday morning program and Lag B'Omer Field Day)**: Volunteers will prepare refreshments for the Sunday morning Siyyum (on **May. 6**) and run field day activities.