

YOUTH PROGRAMMING AT Congregation Beth Evergreen A Guide for the High Holidays 2010

Dear CBE parent:

We have redoubled our efforts in order to provide meaningful, inclusive, safe, engaging and enjoyable experiences for families with children. The programming for youngsters has been substantially expanded this year. What follows is an orientation to the High Holiday Youth Programming and some guidelines for ensuring their success.



GENERAL EXPECTATIONS:

- Parents are responsible for their children at all times.
- Children **under 13** are to be under direct adult supervision at all times.
- Children **Grade 3 and younger** are expected to be either with their parents or in childcare.
- Children **Grades 4-7** are expected to attend services and / or the “tween” youth program described below.
- Parents utilizing childcare or the youth program are responsible for informing their child’s “supervisor” of their location should they need to contact them arise.

CHILDCARE OPTIONS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN (Grade 3 and younger):

Child care for kids Grade 3 and younger is available for the duration of all services (excluding Friday morning, 2nd day Rosh Hashanah). If you have not made reservations, please do so today. Form at www.bethevergreen.org.

The classrooms for childcare are as follows:

Room 1: Toddlers

Room 2: Preschool and Kindergarteners

Room 3: Elementary school kids

Questions or concerns about childcare should be addressed to Leah Conner, High Holiday Childcare Coordinator at (303) 670.4294 ext. 2 or leah@bethevergreen.org.

‘TWEEN’ YOUTH PROGRAMING (Grades 4-7):

- ‘Tweens’ are expected to attend at least part of services with their parents.
- Supervised “hang out” space will be provided in the large classroom for tween-aged kids for evening services and after the first hour of daytime services.
- Engaging, age-appropriate programming will be provided on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in the mornings, facilitated by Rich/Kim Levine (on Rosh Hashanah) and Jonathan Miller (Yom Kippur). The schedule is as follows:
 - 9:30 – 10:30 AM: Attend services with family
 - 10:30 – 11:30 AM: Tween Youth Program in large classroom
 - 11:30 – 12:30 PM: Hike or Related Activity

WE NEED YOUR HELP: We are asking all parents of this age group to volunteer for 15 minutes in the large classroom sometime during the holiday period. You will be contacted to ask for your participation. **Questions or concerns** about ‘tween’ youth programming: contact Jill Wildenberg, Director of Education at (303) 670.4294 x 8 or educationdirector@bethevergreen.org.

TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS (14 – 18 years):

Teens and young adults are encouraged to participate fully in services.

Mature teens may also offer to volunteer in the childcare rooms or help with the Rosh Hashanah luncheon.

Teens wishing to “hang out” outside of services remain the responsibility of their parents.

LIVING OUR VALUES

At CBE we strive to be: Inclusive, Respectful, Participatory, Creative, in Community

And we strive to embody these values with...Loving-acts of friendship, meaningful study and service/prayer that inspires personal growth, and leadership. This is what we ask of one another and hope to model and midwife in generations to come. We appreciate your support in accomplishing these goals and making the High Holy Day services enjoyable for children and adults alike.

Sincerely,

Jill Wildenberg, Director of Education
Neshama Mousseau, Executive Director

Rabbi Jamie Arnold
Marilyn Saltzman, President