

Terms and Conditions – 5780 (2019-20)

(Please read carefully. We cannot accept your registration until you have reviewed these terms.)

1. **Permission to Seek Treatment.** By agreeing to the Terms and Conditions, I AGREE to give permission to seek treatment as described herein.

In the case of injury to, or illness of, a child while at Congregation Beth Am or on a retreat or other off-site activity, every effort will be made to contact the parent(s) or guardian. If a representative of Beth Am is unable to reach such person, the following instruction will remain in force unless revoked by the parent or guardian:

I hereby authorize Congregation Beth Am or any authorized representative to call my child's physician or dentist (or another physician or dentist available) for necessary care for my child in case of emergency. I agree to pay all expenses incurred. These authorizations shall remain effective from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020.

In addition, I do hereby authorize a representative(s) of Congregation Beth Am as agent (s) for the undersigned to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnoses or treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the general or special supervision of, any physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of the California Medical Practice Act, whether such examination, diagnoses or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at a government licensed hospital.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific examination, diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care being required, and is given to provide authority and power on any and all such examinations, diagnoses, treatment or hospital care which the aforementioned physician in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable.

This authorization is given pursuant to the provisions of California Family Code 6910.

2. **Authorization to Pick Up:** Should a civil defense emergency or natural disaster such as an earthquake occur, and I am unable to reach Congregation Beth Am to pick up my child, by checking the appropriate box(es) on the “**Emergency Information**” section, I designate the above person(s) to pick up my child.
3. **Refund and Late Fee policies.** By agreeing to the Terms and Conditions, I agree that I UNDERSTAND the refund and late fee policies.

Refund (for all programs except Camp Beth Am):

Withdrawal before October 1, 2019 entitles you to a full refund minus a \$50 administrative fee.

Withdrawal before December 1, 2019 entitles you to a refund of half the full tuition.

Withdrawal after December 1, 2019 does not entitle you to any refund.

Refund (for Camp Beth Am):

Withdrawal before May 1, 2019 entitles you to a full refund minus a \$50 administrative fee.

Withdrawal after May 1, 2019 entitles you to a refund of half the full tuition.

Withdrawal after June 1, 2019 does not entitle you to any refund.

Late Fee:

For Camp Beth Am: \$50 Late Fee if registering after May 1, 2019.

For all programs: \$50 Late Fee if registering after August 1, 2019. (Joining the congregation after August 1? Late fee waived)

4. **Media Release (formerly called Photo permission) and Directory Permission.** Here are a few explanations to aid in completing the screen on updating your child's information:

- **Media Release:** We ask “May we use your photo?” By giving consent, you agree to this policy:

I understand that photos of my child (including, without limitations, photographic, digital, and video), taken at any time during synagogue activities, may be used in Beth Am printed and electronic publications, including the Beth Am website, on Beth Am bulletin boards, or social media. As a practice, we do NOT share children's names if we use their photos.

- **Directory consent:** We ask “Want to be included in the Youth Education Directory?” By giving consent, you give Congregation Beth Am permission to include your family’s information in the Youth Education Directory and Roster for the current school year.
5. **Kavod** policy. By agreeing to the Terms and Conditions, I agree that I have reviewed the kavod policy, which can be found on our website at: <http://www.betham.org/learning/youth/kavod> and is also presented on the following page.

KAVOD: RESPECT AND HONOR

KAVOD means "respect". KAVOD is a core value of our people. This document describes some of the ways we demonstrate kavod for this place and this community. Please read this carefully before signing and sending in your registration materials.

KAVOD FOR SELF - We expect every person to demonstrate self-respect.

SAFETY FIRST - One of the ways we demonstrate self-respect is by caring for our bodies. No tree climbing, rock throwing, or building climbing are allowed at any time at Beth Am. No sitting on tables, no standing on chairs, and no rocking back on two legs or one leg of a chair are allowed at any time. Ball playing is only allowed far away from windows. During meal times in the Social Hall, no running is allowed. We expect all drivers to drive slowly and carefully on the Beth Am campus. Please remember: There are children learning and playing on this campus every day of the week. We need your help to keep everyone safe.

KAVOD FOR OTHERS - We expect every person to demonstrate respect for others.

B'TZELEM ELOHIM - Each person is created in God's image. Therefore, we treat one another with kindness and honor. We reach out to help everyone feel at home and to offer any help we can give to others.

WORDS ARE POWERFUL. While each family's home may have different rules or expectations, please recognize that Beth Am is our community's home. We expect all members of this community to speak thoughtfully and respectfully.

KAVOD FOR PLACE - We expect every person to demonstrate respect for the Beth Am facility.

SACRED SPACE - Out of respect for our holy places, no eating or drinking is allowed in the sanctuary or the chapel at any time or during any religious service in any location.

SACRED OBLIGATIONS: We accept upon ourselves the obligations described below.

LEARNING

I have the privilege of learning about my Jewish heritage.

I have the responsibility to help myself and others to learn by attending class, arriving on time, doing my work, and following teachers' instructions.

RESPECT

I have the privilege of being treated with respect.

I have the responsibility to treat others with respect by being fair, by being kind, by not treating others the ways I don't want to be treated, and by respecting other people's boundaries.

SHARING RESPONSIBILITY

I have the privilege of participating in decision-making processes.

I have the responsibility to be involved by helping set standards in class, by abiding by class and program-wide standards, by thinking before I speak or act.

ATTENDANCE AS KAVOD

Arriving on time, attending classes, and leaving only when classes end are all ways we honor our Jewish tradition, our teachers, our fellow students, and our commitment to learn. We expect all students to strive to attend as much of each program as possible.

Another way we demonstrate kavod is by informing program administrators if we are unable to attend class on a particular day. If a student must be tardy or absent, please contact the teacher or the Youth Education Office as soon as possible. If a student misses more than twenty percent of a program year, make-up work will be assigned. Make-up work can help a student learn the material, experience values, and reconnect with the community. Please consider how missing over twenty percent of a program year will affect a student's Jewish knowledge and comprehension as well as his or her eligibility for B'nei Mitzvah or confirmation. Please consider how difficult it is to maintain

friendships or a personal connection to the community while away from a program. Without completing the make-up work and without attending at least eighty percent of any program, a student will jeopardize his or her progress in our educational programming. (Also, please see our B'nei Mitzvah Requirements.)

PROGRESS, NOT PERFECTION.

When problems arise, communication is our first, last, and most helpful tool. Teachers, parents, students, madrichim (teachers' assistants), and educators, working together and communicating openly will be able to confront challenges in a constructive way.

§ A teacher may send a student out of class if that student places other students in danger or if that student interferes with the teacher's ability to teach or any student's ability to learn in any way, at any time.

§ Since no student should be without proper supervision at any time, students sent from class will remain in earshot or visual contact of the classroom or wait in the Education Office. If a student spends a great deal of time out of the classroom, make-up work may be assigned.

§ Educators and teachers appreciate the help of parents. We might call you from Beth Am or from tiyulim (trips) if problems become on-going. We always appreciate your support and we may ask you to participate in problem-solving.

§ Beth Am recognizes that each student has a unique learning style and that all students think, hear, learn, and experience education or Judaism differently. Please contact us if you have suggestions about how best to communicate with your child. We are interested in your ideas and your experiences as well as your child's preferences.

80/20 Rule - All students are expected to attend AT LEAST 80% of class meetings. If your family cannot attend 80%, please meet with the director of the program as soon as you know so your student can make up the work he or she will miss. This rule also covers additional grade-level and class experiences. Please consider how missing over 20% of a school year will affect a student's Judaic or Hebrew knowledge and comprehension as well as his or her eligibility for B'nei Mitzvah or Confirmation.