**Rabbi****Bryan Mann**

Congregation Beth Shalom Open House

You are invited to the Congregation Beth Shalom Open House on Sunday August 4, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon at our campus located at 706 Bryan Road, Brandon FL 33511. Let your family get to know our family over a bagel brunch while listening to some music. This will also be a wonderful opportunity to acquaint yourself with our dynamic and varied educational and spiritual programming which is designed to address the wants and needs of the wide demographic that is representative of our family.

And, is our custom, this will be the time to learn about the Religious school. Our Religious School classes are designed to meet the educational needs of children Kindergarten through Confirmation. We are continuing our cutting-edge Religious School curriculum which has been specifically developed for Congregation Beth Shalom. During the Open House, you will have an opportunity to preview the curriculum, review the text books, meet this year’s teachers, and enroll your child(ren) in classes.

We are continuing with a once a week program beginning with Sunday August 18th. For grades 2 through 7, school hours continue to be 9:30a.m. until 12 noon, but our day begins with our worship service at 9:30a.m. The service is followed by a one hour Hebrew class and one hour Judaica class. For Kindergarten and First grade, school commences on August 18th as well, and children will be meeting for 18 sessions over the next school year. A calendar of classes will be available at the Open House.

The Religious School Fees are as follows:

For grades 2-7, the fee is $325.00. However, we are offering an Early Bird price of $300.00 if you pay the fee in full no later than August 4, 2019. For Kindergarten and first grade, the fee is $200.00 for the year with an early bird rate of $175.00 if you pay the fee in full no later than August 4, 2019.

In catering to the needs of our diverse community we are introducing a new program we refer to as “L’Dor Vador” for students age 11 though 16 who have not been Bar or Bat Mitzvah. It is our goal to pass on our traditions from generation to generation. This will be a special two-year program culminating with the B’Nai Mitzvah. These students will be meeting during regular Religious School hours. With the final 9-months of the program, the students will also be attending private tutoring to specifically prepare for their B’Nai Mitzvah. Attendance in this program requires membership at Congregation Beth Shalom. The cost of this program is $325 annually. There will also be a B’Nai Mitzvah fee prior to beginning the 9-month tutoring program. We believe every child should be afforded the Jewish experience despite any circumstances. We look forward in working with the family to encourage this significant life goal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Sheila Fishman, Religious School Administrator, at gold17@verizon.net or call at 813-833-7843. We are looking forward to seeing you at Open House on August 4, 2019 and having a fun-filled school year at Congregation Beth Shalom.

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