



TEMPLE BETH HATFILOH

— A CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE —

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Dear TBH Families,

It is time to start planning for summer! TBH's summer camp program, Camp Ruach Shoveva will run for a tenth summer this July and August. This will be the second camp I will run this summer, coming close on the heels of the Interfaith Works camp earlier in July. (Which TBH children are welcome to enroll in also!) As usual, I will be joined by an all star line up of TBH teens as counselors. Ruach Shoveva is an amazing opportunity for experiential Jewish education. This year we are going to explore the Jewish concept of avodah. Avodah is not simply prayer, but it is the work we do to build a holy life. Campers will explore this intertwining of work, service and prayer through art, theater, music, cooking, play and relationship building with an intensity the school year can't quite offer. I'm so excited to be involved in the camp experience again!

Camp is open to children entering first through sixth grades. We also offer a counselor in training (CIT) program for entering seventh and eighth graders. This program allows for leadership development while still enjoying all camp activities. CIT's work closely with counselors to build leadership skills and learn to run programs. While CIT's may participate in only one week of camp, it is strongly encouraged that they come to both weeks of the program.

Camp will run during the weeks of July 21 & 28. The camp day runs from 9 am to 3:30 pm. The day is long and tiring for both campers and staff so we do not offer before or after care for campers. Camp happens right here at TBH with daily field trips for outdoor play. Wednesday of each week is spent at Burfoot Park. Each week culminates with the preparation (by campers and staff) of a beautiful Shabbat lunch which we eat together as we reflect on our week at camp. Our camp will culminate with a celebration at Shabbat services on Friday, August 1. For questions about camp, please contact Catherine at beitsefer@bethhatfiloh.org.

Included with this letter is the preregistration form. To save space for your child at camp this year, please return the form by April 30 with a \$50 deposit for each child. Your deposit will be credited towards your tuition due, which will be due no later than July 18. Looking forward to seeing you at camp!

b'kehillah,

Catherine Carmel
Director of Family Life & Learning