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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

at B'NAI TORAH CONGREGATION



Our Dream Book





Dear Members and Friends of B'nai Torah,

Come dream with us!

All of us share great pride in what we have created and sustained here at B'nai Torah. We are truly a leading congregation, in south Florida and beyond. We have provided worship, education, and culture that engages thousands. And we are a synagogue that articulates values and meaning for our members and this world.

Moving forward, we hope to continue being a synagogue that inspires not only you, our members, but all people. And even more importantly, we are taking the future of our children seriously, we want them to love our people, our Torah, our culture and our values with the utmost passion. That means we are working to create the most compelling and creative opportunities for our children. We want them to enjoy their learning, we want them to be engaged in acts of loving kindness and tzedakah and be committed, as Jews, to repair this world.

Look inside! See what our educators are doing and proposing. Help us provide every Jewish child with the opportunity to engage in learning, meaningful Jewish experiences and community.

Join us as we attempt to bring more light to our future. Come dream with us!

Rabbi David Steinhardt

Rabbi David Englander

Dear Friends,

According to Mishlei 22:6, we are taught to educate “a child according to his or her needs so that when they are old, they will not depart from their path.”

At B’nai Torah Congregation, our children’s Jewish education remains at the forefront of our mission, and synagogue leadership sees this as a sacred responsibility.

Our Mirochnick Religious School creates innovative educational programming in an observant Conservative Jewish learning community, with an overarching purpose of conveying the joy and richness of Jewish life. Through experiential learning, students are provided with an opportunity to learn in a supportive environment where they and their families can successfully make connections between tefillah (prayer), song, mitzvot and midot (values); incorporating them into their daily lives which we hope will carry over into a lifelong pursuit of Jewish learning.

The Mirochnick Religious School strives to provide the highest quality education that equips our youth to serve as engaged citizens of the Jewish community, as well as the larger world around them. By engaging students in Grades K-12 in Jewish learning, teachers and staff contribute to the social and emotional character development and positive self-esteem of students.

Five years ago, as educational “goal posts” were changing, the Mirochnick Religious School changed to meet the evolving needs of our students and families and as a result provided a unique flex time schedule and program. Today, the “goal posts” continue to change and with the support of synagogue leadership, the Mirochnick Religious School pivoted to a virtual school offering classes and programming through the Spring and Summer. In September, when school opened for the new year, the program expanded and we now offer weekday Hebrew education, Shabbat school, religious school on Sunday morning, monthly classes for our high school students and programming for our highly subscribed Mishpacha (family) track.

While we strive to offer our students the best education possible, we need the resources to keep offering the highest quality opportunities for our children. B’nai Torah prioritizes focus on our next generation and invests heavily to meet this goal. Historically, tuition received from families does not cover the operating expenses of our program. With many families impacted economically by Covid-19, the need is even greater. We are blessed with the financial commitment of supporters that have already stepped forward. And we are now asking for your help to close the gap so that we can fulfill our promise to the next generation of learners, *Dor L’dor*. We will be able to achieve this with generous contributions and sponsorships from you, our Mirochnick Religious School benefactors.

B’vracha and with appreciation,

Dr. Cathy Berkowitz
Education Director





Come dream with us...
and if you believe in the future of our children,
please help us make our dreams come true.

Take a look at the diverse offerings we have available for your support. We are all so proud of our Mirochnick Religious School programs, which are founded on excellence, but that excellence takes more dollars than tuition covers. You have an opportunity to fund our future, and we thank you in advance for your partnership.





Mirochnick Religious School Kindergarten: The Foundation for What's Yet to Come

Here at B'nai Torah, we believe that Kindergarten creates the foundation for our children's Jewish lives. The award-winning Kindergarten program at Mirochnick religious school provides a nurturing environment for all of our students, where they learn Jewish values, social responsibility and that kindness matters. B'nai Torah makes available to families of our Ruth and Edward Taubman Early Childhood Center graduates free tuition for kindergarten to any B'nai Torah family as part of their membership. Your gift can make a real difference. As these students transition out of our Early Childhood program, offering Free Kindergarten at Mirochnick Religious School encourages future engagement of these families making it much easier for them to be part of our B'nai Torah community.

Annual Cost: \$750/student; 20 students for \$15,000



What's More Fun Than a Purim Carnival? A B'nai Torah Purim Carnival!

Join the joyful, zany celebration of the ancient holiday of Purim. At B'nai Torah Congregation, we do Purim right. Every year our religious schoolteachers staff all the booths and carnival rides for our families. From Face Painting to jumping in the bounce houses, there are prizes for winners of the different game booths, and great food booths where food can be purchased. As our funder, every year you will be invited to come eat an ice cream pop, play a game, meet the people behind the scenes who all make it possible...what a lovely way to spend a Sunday at our Purim Carnival.

Annual Cost: \$15,000



Madrichim: Teaching and Modeling Leadership to Those Who Come Next.

B'nai Torah High School students who are dedicated and committed to sharing their skills and knowledge to others make up our Madrichim group. These future leaders of the community are dedicated to passing on all the valuable insights and things they have learned to our younger students. This program offers post-B'nai Mitzvah teens the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, increase self-confidence, express Jewish values, and learn practical teaching skills while also staying engaged at B'nai Torah. Madrichim are able to earn community service hours and/or an hourly rate.

Annual Cost: \$10,000



Shabbat is Here, Shabbat is Here, We're so Glad that Shabbat is Here, Candles Burning Bright - Shabbat Shalom

A family musical Shabbat service led by a song leader which will meet once a month on Shabbat Alternating Shabbat mornings and Friday evenings. A Shabbat service that will get you on your feet and in the Shabbat spirit. Friday night services will be followed by a dinner and Shabbat morning services will be followed by kiddush lunch. There will be separate programming for the children created and led by youth advisors after the meal. This will give parents the opportunity to socialize with one another which builds community.

Annual Cost: \$10,000



Free 8th Grade/Kadima Membership: Building Leaders From the Ground Up

Research shows that the drop off for religious affiliation often coincides with the Bar or Bat Mitzvah experience. At B'nai Torah's Hebrew High School, students extend and enhance their Jewish education. They also have time with their friends in our Kadima program that helps build strong future Jewish leaders connected to our Synagogue and the community at large.

Annual Cost: \$350/student

Funded by The Finkelstein Family Foundation



Mishpacha Track: Families That Learn Together Create Lifetime Memories

What a wonderful family bonding experience. Parents and their children have the unique experience of learning and growing together, often surprising each other with how much they can learn by participating in the Mishpacha Track. Families attend classes together and then have separate sessions with the Rabbi and the Educator designed especially for both Parents and their students.

Annual Cost: \$5,000



Investing in Our Teachers, Educating for the Jewish Future

Our Mirochnick Religious School teachers at B'nai Torah take part in local conferences to get the most cutting edge, hands on teaching techniques and themes. These conferences provide the most current tools to help teachers interact and connect most effectively with their students. You can provide the opportunity for our teachers to attend conferences, such as those provided by NewCAJE and others by investing in our teachers, who are educating for the Jewish future.

Annual Cost: \$5,000



Who Doesn't Love a Getaway with Great Friends?

Sometimes the best way to enrich a student's life is to help them join a retreat experience. Your support for High School & Middle School Student Retreats will provide teen Judaic and theme related topics with campsite or hotel accommodations included for 1 - 2 nights. These programs include prayer, fun activities and professional guest speakers for small breakout sessions designed to take place over the retreat. Dr. Cathy Berkowitz, a Youth Director and small staff of 4 will accompany the children. All meals and snacks are included.

Annual Cost: \$5,000



What's Better Than the Sound of Music? The Mirochnick Religious School Music Program

On Shabbat and Sunday mornings the students participate in Judaic Music classes with Rabbinical Student Laura Lenas facilitating. The focus of each class is on having fun through music while learning about the Torah Portion, holiday songs and Mitzvot. Support this joyful program and you will be invited to come sing with our children... and what sweet songs they will be.

Annual Cost: \$3,600



Shabbat Shalom: TGIS a special time for Families to Be Together

Fund our lively Shabbat morning family services, where twice a month the Mirochnick Religious School provides a one-hour musical, interactive service, engaging all with Rabbinical Student Laura Lenas facilitating and Dr. Cathy Berkowitz. All families are invited-- come in your pajamas if you want to - presently on Zoom, but eventually we will go LIVE.

Annual Cost: \$3,600



Harriet Glazer Hebrew Beit Midrash

Our Hebrew program is a model for differentiated learning. Differentiated learning is defined as "the right of each pupil to be taught in a way specifically tailored to his or her individual learning needs." Students of all grades share a large space where they are assigned to a teacher and work in small group settings. The groups work side-by-side and teachers are able to collaborate during sessions, which makes for a more proficient and effective learning experience. Students work on their Hebrew reading skills as indicated by their portfolios, and rotate from group sessions to learning centers as the class progresses.

Annual Cost: \$3,000

Funded by Lowell Glazer



High Holy Days Family Services

By supporting our Family High Holiday Services you will be providing a meaningful High Holiday prayer experience for families with elementary aged children, Jump into singing, storytelling and more with Rabbinical Student Laura Lenes. Share the joy of the holiday surrounded by families benefiting from your generous support of this special High Holiday program.

Annual Cost: \$3,000



School's Out and We're Having an End of Year Celebration Shabbat Luncheon and Graduation

This happy school-wide program is held on Shabbat with our entire school participating in the services. We celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of all our seniors with certificates of completion and parting gifts, and all partake of a luncheon designed to make everyone attending feel special as they begin their summer vacations. By supporting this program, you will be invited to be part of the luncheon and everything leading up to it.

Annual Cost: \$2,500



We Will NEVER Forget. Never.

Every year our B'nai Torah teens have a meet and greet where they connect with our Holocaust survivors. Together they attend a dinner and participate in a Yom HaShoah service where they escort them for the procession. To see the profound effect on our young people when interacting with our brave survivors is very powerful. Flowers decorate the dinner tables, adding to the feeling of the evening being important, special and necessary. A printed pamphlet is created and distributed for the service. You will become a point of light by funding this program, ensuring that our teens never forget this most tragic event in the history of the Jewish people.

Annual Cost: \$2,000



Make a Yad to Last For a Lifetime

All 5th grade students at B'nai Torah have the opportunity to create a silver Yad that is kept as a beautiful keepsake, with the opportunity to use it at their B'nai Mitzvah and far beyond. Imagine a father or mother being able to gift their sons or daughters with the Yad they made when they were children... THAT sounds pretty special. If you fund this program, you will receive a Silver Yad fashioned by one of the students just for you, with deep gratitude for your support. This program is a true manifestation of "L'Dor V'Dor."

Annual Cost: \$2,000

Funded by Carol West in memory of her brother and parents



B'nai Torah University: Learning for Everyone

At B'nai Torah University, all congregants enjoy a morning or afternoon of learning. Workshop sessions and activities are focused on a theme such as Sephardicfest, Yiddishfest, Sukkot Harvest fest and more. Sessions are geared for all ages and there are plenty of offerings to choose. From adult only sessions, children only sessions, intergenerational sessions, teen sessions, and family sessions, there truly is something for everyone.

Annual Cost: \$2,000

Funded by Joy Binkowitz



Dance the Horah and let ruach bring Israeli Dancing Alive at Mirochnick Religious School

Fund this Sunday morning instructional dance program led by an Israeli instructor teaching the finer Israeli dance moves for all our students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Dance with us at the Year End performance and in the school wide video we'll post on Mirochnick Religious School's and B'nai Torah's facebook and website.

Annual Cost: \$1,800



Shabbat School Kiddush & Challahs for Sunday School

If you've ever watched children participate in a Shabbat School Kiddush you know the sounds of their sweet voices welcoming in Shabbat... and what better way to do that than by providing a special Shabbat experience. Throughout Shabbat, students in the Mirochnick Religious School end the day with a meaningful Shabbat Oneg; two ceremonial challot, kiddush juice, and Shabbat bakery parve cookies along with observing the Shabbat rituals of blessing wine, challah and lighting candles. Our Sunday students each week receive challot for snack.

Annual cost: \$1,800



Mark Your Calendar with the Mirochnick Religious School Calendar

In this world where so many are wedded to their smartphones, dependent upon them and other technology to gain their information, sometimes it's best to go back to basics. And, while there's nothing basic about our beautiful annual calendars, they DO provide a wealth of invaluable information for our families. Each year we produce 250-500 Informative color calendars for our families with helpful dates; when school is in session, High school programs, Mishpacha Track, TGIS, holidays and days off. Put your name on the calendar with our deep gratitude for your generous support.

Annual Cost: \$1,500



Who's Coming to Our Event? Shhhh... It's a Surprise!

Everyone knows that nothing makes an event or a learning project more exciting than special guests. We've so far welcomed shadow puppet shows, the music group Six13, Alexa Carlin, the Bible Players, Matzah Factory, Mezuzah program, Olive Oil Making, Morning Altars, and Baking with Iris Dahoah. Will you help us keep providing these enriching experiences to our MRS students? Fund this program and you'll be invited to come join the party.

Annual Cost: \$1,500



B'nai Mitzvah Prayer Book Fund - Chumash: Carrying Torah Forward

George Goldstein had a vision. He wanted every child who celebrates their B'nai Mitzvah to feel connected to their experience in a very personal way. So, Mr. Goldstein endowed a fund to provide all B'nai Mitzvah students with the gift of a personal travel size *Etz Hayim*: Torah and Commentary presented to them on their special day. That way they can always take their study, experiences and commitment to Torah with them...no matter where they may go.

Annual Cost: \$1,400

Endowed by George Goldstein z"l



Hanukkah: Celebrating The Festival of Lights

There is so much to love about this festive holiday that tells the tale of Judah Macabee and his brave band, victorious against all odds against their mighty adversaries in ancient times. Today, this special Sunday morning or Hanukkah evening program is geared for B'nai Torah congregants of all ages. There's a musical component, a ceremonial Lighting of the Hanukkiah, and of course mixing things up with a variety of stations, i.e. making latkes, sufganiyot, TLC, adult learning, Hanukkah crafts, singing, etc. Support this program, light the first candle, and join us as we celebrate Hanukkah together with our BTC family.

Annual Cost for Family Hanukkah Program: \$1,000



B'nai Mitzvah Prayer Book Fund - Siddur Sim Shalom: Beginning the Journey

Our MRS students grow, they mature. They work toward moving from children to becoming young adults, celebrating their Jewish Journey with their B'nai Mitzvah. Each B'nai Mitzvah student receives their own personalized Siddur Sim Shalom: A prayer book for Shabbat and Festivals. Upcoming students are always happy and proud to receive the prayer book at the start of their Bar/Bat study year.

Annual Cost of the Program: \$1,000

Funded by Richard and Gail Kwal in memory of Saul Kwal



ISRAEL: Celebrating our Sacred Homeland

Sunday morning for the Mirochnick Religious School. Parents and Students attend a vibrant Yom Haatzmaut celebration, commemorating the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948. Today we mark that special day with dancing, music, guest artists, speakers, and different hands on stations i.e. make a mizrach, bake pita, Negev cookie jars and much more. Fund this project and get ready to come make some homemade pita of your own.

Cost of Annual Yom Haatzmaut Program: \$750



The Family Sukkot Program Is a Great Time at B'nai Torah

Spending time in our B'nai Torah Sukkah is a memorable, social experience...especially while attending the Family program that Mirochnick Religious school has developed to celebrate Sukkot. We make sure there's just the right mix of learning and fun involved too. Every year our students always help make decorations for the Sukkah, have the opportunity to shake the lulav and etrog, and they share a meal in the sukkah. The families explore different learning stations created to gain awareness and understanding of Sukkot. Come celebrate in the Sukkah with us... fund our Family Sukkah program.

Annual Cost: \$500



Family Simchat Torah Program

Kindergarten students receive a small Torah for their consecration which is a tradition for young students who first begin their religious school training. They come to the Torah during Simchat Torah for an aliyah and receive a special present along with the candy we have for students during the Hakafot. If we've ever seen a young child proudly carrying their tiny Torah, it's clear that they are taking steps towards what we hope will be a lifelong relationship to Judaism. Fund this program to ensure that we continue to build a Jewish tomorrow for our children.

Annual Cost: \$500



HaKarat HaTov: A Meaningful Way to Say Thank you Gratitude Sidewalk Chalk Festival

Mirochnick religious School families will come together at B'nai Torah and have the opportunity to show what they are grateful for. Families will illustrate in our parking lot their gratitude with sidewalk chalk. It will also be a time for our families to Thank our donors who have supported our students to show appreciation for their Jewish Education. It will be a festive celebration with refreshments, music and fun activities.

Annual Cost: \$500

Funded by the Rymer Family



1st grade Build a Prayer Program

Our first grade students have been learning about God, Blessings and Prayer. At this workshop families come together and “build a bear and a prayer”. The prayer is placed inside the bear as a keepsake. The idea of carrying prayer around inside of a bear (and also a person!) is a beautiful thing. Support this heartwarming program and come join us at the workshop you make possible with your thoughtful philanthropy.

Annual Cost: \$500



Tu B'Shevat Program

Our religious school teachers create Sunday Tu B'Shevat programs for our students. They've created and led Tu B'Shevat Seders which includes planting, art project, cooking, and more. Help make the 2021 Tu B'Shevat program the best ever with your support.

Annual Cost: \$500



JARC, Family Promise, Visiting Stratford Court and More

A meaningful Mitzvot program for Mirochnick religious school students to visit JARC, Family Promise house, Stratford House and Brighton Gardens. They sing Hanukkah songs, light the hanukkiah, create art projects, deliver holiday gifts or baked goodies for the Jewish holidays. This is an opportunity for our students to spend time with the residents.

Annual Cost: \$500



Fifth Grade World Wide Wrap

This Fifth Grade program involves weeks of preparation, with materials provided for our religious school students to create wooden tefillin. The students learn about tefillin and how to put them on and a Sofer (scribe) attends as a guest speaker. Students and parents are part of the final program presentation. You can be there as well. Support this program that strengthens the tie between each of our students and the practice of their faith.

Annual Cost: \$500

Funded by BTC Men's Club



Hanukkah Treats for everyone!

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. Children eagerly look forward to the Hanukkah season. Amidst all the hustle and bustle, candle lighting, dreidel spinning and festive foods, we want to be sure our MRS students know we're thinking of them during this special time of year... and always. Fund our Annual Hanukkah gift to all our students; we distribute 200 bags filled with gelt, dreidels, Hanukkah candles to our kids every year. Funding this program is certainly a "sweet" way to show your support... and you'll be thanked by some very happy kids as well.

Annual Cost: \$450



Kindergarten Treasure Hunt for God Program

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring together Kindergarten families for a program to meet the Rabbi and get to know B'nai Torah. The joyful program is a treasure hunt for God throughout our B'nai Torah building; At each place students create a treasure, learn about God and learn where the different places are in the synagogue. Come be part of the fun. Support this warm and happy program and be part of our Treasure Hunt for God.

Annual Cost: \$350



Fifth Grade Shema Pillowcase Program

As part of the Prayer and Ritual curriculum, students learn about the Shema and have the opportunity to decorate pillowcases for their night time Shema unit. What a lovely way to connect the Shema to their daily lives, as they jump into their cozy beds and are reminded to say the Shema before they go to sleep.

Annual Cost: \$200



Our Israeli Twins: Fourth & Fifth Grade Twinning Program with Zichron Ya'akov

Our students are paired up with an Israeli school in Zichron Ya'akov through the community's P2G program (Partnership Together, a program of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County). Funds will help with the special projects our students create and send to their Israeli Twin students as each learns about the life of their Twin here in South Florida and in Israel. Support this program to encourage strong bonds between these Twins, today and hopefully for years to come.

Annual Cost: \$200



GAME ON! School-wide Yom Sport (Maccabiah)

Once a year our Mirochnick Religious School students participate in Yom Sport (aka color wars). The school divides into 4 teams where they compete in games and activities that portray each year's theme; i.e. the theme is Israel; the students play gaga, play a game about Israel's inventions, make posters illustrating the cities in Israel and much more. Each team receive colored shirt, bandanas or hats that represents their team.

Annual Cost: \$200



Camp Ramah and Mirochnick Religious School Get-Together Programs

Everyone likes to talk about Camp...especially when it's Camp Ramah. Ramah students and their families come together on a Sunday, Shabbat, or Havdalah to meet and connect with each other....sharing memories of their previous summers, and giving first timers an idea of the fun, inspiration and friendships they will have once they arrive. Usually a guest speaker, a Ramah representative or Alumni will join the group and be part of the Camp conversation. Support this program to encourage The Ramah experience. Research shows that attendance at Jewish overnight camps holds a strong correlation to future Jewish community leaders, and your philanthropy will encourage attendance.

Annual Cost: \$200



Come dream with us...



**WE HONOR OUR GENEROUS B'NAI MITZVAH and
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