

12/29/2021

Dear Parents,

I'm delighted to welcome you to B'nai Simcha for the 2022/23 school year. Thank you for entrusting us with your children - we look forward to partnering with you in your child's learning, development, and care.

**Registration and Intent to enroll:**

Enclosed you will find your registration packet and intent to enroll form. Please take the time to read over and carefully fill out all the forms. They are required by licensing and must be completed legibly with all parts filled in. Our Parent handbook is on our website. You are required to read it and sign/date the form in this packet. Returning families will notice changes in programs offered as well as tuition prices. Please refer to the FAQ section on the intent to enroll form.

Please return this packet no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> for new families. We will create a Brightwheel account for you where you will set up your billing preferences, and we will then add your remaining fees and tuition. Brightwheel is the app we use for billing, checking children in and out, pictures, incident reports and many other things. We do require all families to use Brightwheel for billing and it is important that you keep notifications turned on as this is our primary way of communicating with you daily.

We will do our best to confirm enrollment for returning families no later than February 7th and new families no later than March 7th. Families that apply for a scholarship will receive notice no later than April 1st. You may receive confirmation of enrollment BEFORE we determine the amount of tuition aid given.

**Scholarships:**

We will be using an outside independent tuition aid application service for scholarships. It is important that families applying submit all documents as soon as possible. If you are applying for a scholarship, please let Jill know immediately so we can add you to the list. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Aid granted in previous years is not a determination of how much aid will be granted for the coming year. We have very limited funds, and we encourage those who can donate towards our Jennifer Leonard Scholarship Fund to do so. It is our goal to never turn families away due to financial hardship.

**Covid-19:**

Sadly, we still find ourselves in the Pandemic. Please find our updated policies attached.

**First day of school and Back to School night:**

Please mark your calendars for Back to School night on August 18th from 7-8:30PM. This is an opportunity to meet the staff, see our space and meet other parents. School begins on Monday, August 22nd. The first day of school often brings mixed feelings, both excitement and anxiety. I encourage you to schedule play dates over the summer if your child is new to preschool. This will help your child become comfortable in our space, become familiar with our staff and other children, which will ease their transition.

**Please send the following on the first day of school:**

- Three full changes of clothes that reflect the season. Four full changes if your child is potty training.
- Diapers and diaper cream if your child is still in diapers
- Three packs of baby wipes
- Sunscreen clearly labeled with their name and the writing “apply as needed”. Make sure you complete the sunscreen permission slip in addition to this.
- A sleeping bag such as this for rest time and a security object for nap and rest time.:  
[https://www.amazon.com/Wake-Cloud-Removable-Kindergarten-Microfiber/dp/B082VVKHJV/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?crid=30XLOPKKDA2M6&keywords=sleeping+bag+for+nap&qid=1640810987&sprefix=sleeping+bag+for+nap%2Caps%2C145&sr=8-3](https://www.amazon.com/Wake-Cloud-Removable-Kindergarten-Microfiber/dp/B082VVKHJV/ref=sr_1_3?crid=30XLOPKKDA2M6&keywords=sleeping+bag+for+nap&qid=1640810987&sprefix=sleeping+bag+for+nap%2Caps%2C145&sr=8-3)
- Lunchbox and a water bottle. We do not allow any meat products or non-kosher sea foods at school.
- A family photo reflecting the people your child lives with. If your child has more than one home, please send multiple photos or a photo that reflects everyone they live with.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and concerns. You can reach me on my cell at 310-595-4148 or my email [chana@bnaisimcha.org](mailto:chana@bnaisimcha.org).

Wishing you the very best,

Chana Blugrind, Preschool Director

## Intent to Enroll/Registration Information for Fall 2022-2023 School Year

Please read the below information thoroughly, as there are new changes and programs being offered for the upcoming school year. To enroll your child please fill out and return to [office@bnaisimcha.org](mailto:office@bnaisimcha.org) no later than February 1, 2022. For parents enrolling more than one child, fill out a separate form for each individual child you are enrolling.

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ By August 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 my child will be \_\_\_\_ years old DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent #1 email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #1 phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent #2 email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #2 phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

		Total Annual Tuition (broken up into 10 payments)	Check box for the program you're applying for
<b>Mon/Wed/Fri Morning Preschool program 9am-12:30pm (2 year olds only)</b>	Three mornings per week	\$7,000	
<b>Morning Preschool program 8:30am-12:30pm</b>	Five mornings per week	\$9,500	
<b>Full Day Preschool Program 8:30am-3:30pm</b>	Five days per week	\$12,500	
<b>All Day Care and Preschool Program 7:30am-5:30pm</b>	Five days per week	\$15,000	
<b>Pre-K: If your child is entering Pre-K (Coyote class) there are two options available:</b>	Five days per week 8:30am-3:30pm	\$12,500	
<b>The Pre-K program is developed to best prepare your child for Kindergarten, the hours mimic standard Kindergarten hours</b>	Five days per week 7:30am-5:30pm	\$15,000	

<b>Extended care</b>	<b>Per day-monthly auto pay</b>	<b>Drop in per day</b>
AM extended care	\$15/day	\$20/day
PM extended care	\$35/day	\$40/day

<b>Fees</b>	<b>1st child</b>	<b>Additional children</b>	<b>Per family</b>
Registration, new families	\$600	\$400	
Registration, returning families	\$300	\$150	
Maintenance and Grounds Fee			\$150
Parent Association Fee- see details below			\$180
Wine Without Whine, annual event		Single Parent \$75 Family \$100	\$75 or \$100
Late fees, pick up, per minute			\$2 per Minute
Late fees, tuition, per day, starting the 3rd of each month			\$36 per day

## Fee Summary

**Please calculate your total registration fees using the chart below.  
It will be reviewed, and you will be billed accordingly on Brightwheel.**

### Completing forms for more than one child enrolling (siblings):

- For Families with more than one child enrolled, fill out the form for the first child.
- For the second child, **fill out a separate form**, and ensure you include the “**additional children**” pricing, so you are not overpaying for the second child.
- You also do not need to include Maintenance and Grounds Fee, Parent Association Fee or Wine Without Whine Fee (these are per family charges).
- On the second child’s form simply include the registration fee.

Fees	1st child	Additional children	Per family	My Calculations
Registration, new families	\$600	\$400		\$
Registration, returning families	\$300	\$150		\$
Maintenance and Grounds Fee			\$150	\$
Parent Association Fee- see details in the FAQ			\$180	\$
Wine Without Whine, annual event			\$75 Single Parent Family/\$150 Couple	\$
Total Owed				\$

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Address tuition changes, fee changes and schedule changes and added programming.

Dear B'nai Community,

The board, the staff and I have collaborated in the last 1.5 years, since I joined the staff, to grow our school, improve our programming, extend our opening hours, while also improving the staff pay raises and benefits. You will see these changes reflected in our tuition prices, fee schedules and the programs offered.

Q: Do you still offer scholarships?

A: Yes. Scholarship applications must be in by February 7th for returning families and March 7th, 2022, for new families. We do not accept applications after that date. As a new policy, scholarships will also be applied to summer simcha and winter camp. We will be using a professional scholarship application system, to be announced. Please only apply for a scholarship if you absolutely need it.

Q: Will you extend your opening hours?

A: Yes. We will be offering care from 7:30AM to 5:30PM. Approximately once per month we will have a staff meeting. On those days we will close at 5PM. Please see the calendar for dates.

Q: What are the hours for the half-day program?

A: The half-day preschool program is offered from 8:30am-12:30pm if your child attends 5 days a week. If your child attends the three-day schedule on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the day begins at 9am and ends at 12:30pm. These children cannot be extended for after care.

Q: Where did the two day a week option go?

A: Based on our survey and prior years enrollment trends we do not have enough interest to run a two day per week program. We will continue to offer a three day per week program for two-year-old's. There is a maximum of 10 spots available for this option and the program is half day only. If you enroll your child in this program, please note, there will not be flexibility to switch to another program throughout the year, unless there is space in another classroom in your child's age group.

Q: Do you offer "Parent and Me" programs and parenting classes?

A: Yes, we will be offering an Infant Parent and Me program as well as a Toddler Parent and Me program. More details to come in the very near future!

Q: If I have more than one child enrolled, do I qualify for a discount?

A: Yes, second/third children enrolled will receive a 10% annual tuition discount (for regular school year, not Summer Simcha and not winter camp). This only applies to those who are not currently receiving scholarships.

Q: What does the extended care per-day-monthly auto pay mean?

A: Example: Your child is enrolled in the 8:30am-12:30pm preschool program, but every Wednesday you know that you need to leave them until 4pm. Let the office know in advance and you can save money by paying \$35/day for PM extended care, instead of \$40/day, which would be the "drop in" fee.

Q: What if my child needs extended care due to an emergency or last-minute schedule change?

A: Your child is welcome to stay for extended care. In this scenario, the "drop in" fee will apply.

Q. What is a Parent Association Fee?

A. This fee will cover all teacher and staff gifts throughout the year including teacher/staff birthdays, holiday gifts, end-of-year gifts, etc. You will not be solicited by the Room Parent to add additional gifts throughout the year.

Q. What is Wine Without Whine?

A. Our annual parents' night out, filled with wine, appetizers, socializing, auction and fun. This is our school's annual event fundraiser.

Q: Are snacks included in tuition?

A: We will be providing snacks in its entirety (not only fruits/vegetables). However, we do suggest you send in extra snacks, in the event your child does not like what we have on the menu.

Q. What are the school closures?

A: In addition to holidays indicated on the calendar, daycare the week between school ending and Summer Simcha starting, the week between Summer Simcha ending and the start of the school year and Passover (Spring break) the school will be closed. This is due to classroom prep and teacher training that needs to take place.

We are here for you to answer any questions and provide clarification. Please contact Chana and she is happy to talk to you.

## Summer Simcha 2022 Intent to Enroll Form

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the option you'd like to enroll your child in on the chart below (please ensure you differentiate between the 4- and 8-week program). If you want to do the weekly only option, please indicate what dates you are enrolling your child and for how many weeks:

Summer Simcha	June 20- July 15th (4 weeks)	June 20- Aug. 12th (8 weeks)	June 20th- July 29th	Weekly Option (paying by week only)	Fees
Registration-current students. \$100 will go straight to our Jennifer Leonard Scholarship fund					\$150
Registration-new and only summer					\$300
Option One: 8:30-3:30pm	\$950	\$1900			
Option Two: 7:30-5:30pm	\$1500	\$3000		\$500	
Option Three: Kinder- 6 week only option (for those entering Kinder in the Fall): 7:30-5:30			\$2300		



## Tuition Billing Schedule 2022-2023

Fall Registration Fees **Due February 1, 2022**

May 15: Billed for Summer Simcha, Due June 1st

June 15: Billed May 2023 Tuition, Due July 1st (if this is not paid, your child will be unenrolled from the program).

July 15: Billed for August Tuition, Due August 1st

August 15: Billed for September Tuition, Due September 1

September 15: Billed for October Tuition, Due October 1

October 15: Billed for November Tuition, Due November 1

November 15: Billed for December Tuition and Winter Camp, Due December 1

December 15: Billed for January Tuition, Due January 1

January 15: Billed for February Tuition, Due February 1

February 15: Billed for March Tuition, Due March 1

March 15: Billed for April Tuition, Due April 1

April 15: NOT Billed for May's Tuition (already paid as part of 2022 registration fees)

## B'nai Simcha Calendar 2022-2023

**Please keep in mind that our calendar is subject to change.**

Summer Simcha June 20th-August 12th

July 4th All programs closed for Independence Day

August 15th-19th: Teacher in-service and set up for the school year. All programs closed.

August 18th 7pm: Back to school night

August 22nd First day of School

September 2nd Bagels at B'nai

September 5th All programs closed for Labor Day

September 13th Staff meeting. All programs close at 5PM

September 26-27 closed for Rosh Hashana

October 4th All programs close at 12:30pm for Yom Kippur

October 5th All programs closed for Yom Kippur

October 7th Bagels at B'nai

October 10-11 All programs closed for Sukkot

October 14th Grand Shabbat Sing and Simchat Torah Parade. Parents/Guardians welcome.

October 17-18 All programs closed for Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

November 4th Bagels at B'nai

November 11th Veterans Day. All programs closed. Teacher In-service

November 24-25 All programs closed for Thanksgiving

December 2nd Bagels at B'nai

December 12th through the 16th, Hanukkah celebrations. Classroom dates TBD. All celebrations begin at 9AM. Parents and Guardians are invited. All programs remain open.

December 14th Staff meeting. All programs close at 5PM

December 18th first Candle Hanukkah

December 19th through December 30th Winter Camp. Registration due by November 15th. All programs are otherwise closed for Winter Break.

January 2nd All programs closed

January 3rd School resumes

January 6th Bagels at B'nai

January 10th Staff meeting. All programs close at 5PM

January 16th MLK Jr. Day, school closed

February 3rd Bagels at B'nai

February 6th Tu B'shvat. Classroom Celebrations.

February 8th Staff meeting. All programs close at 5PM

February 20th Presidents Day, school closed

March 3rd Bagels at B'nai

March 6th Purim at nightfall. It is customary to go to Shul/Temple/Synagogue to hear the Megillah.

March 7th Purim. Grand Purim Parade and family extravaganza! All programs close at 12:30pm

March 15th Staff meeting. All programs close at 5PM

Possible full day of Inservice in March with the BJE. Date to be announced!

April 3rd Grand Passover Model Seder for the whole school. All programs close at 12pm.

April 4th through April 13th Passover/Spring break. No school, all programs closed.

May 5th Pesach sheini, Classroom celebrations. Bagels at B'nai

May 9th Lag B'omer. Carnival and special lunch served for the children only. (Bonfire celebration at 6pm for all families)

May 25th All programs close at 12:30pm for Shavuot

May 26th No school for Shavuot

May 29th Memorial Day, school closed

June 2nd Bagels at B'nai

June 9th Last day of school