

Congregation Shirat HaYam

A Pluralistic Jewish Community • Nantucket, MA

ברית לימוד

Brit Limmud • Learning Covenant

For almost forty years, nearly as long as it took our ancestors to journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, Congregation Shirat HaYam has been the home of Jewish life on Nantucket.

A “*brit*” is a “covenant” or sacred agreement. In the Torah, we read of the covenant between God and Noah after the flood, whose sign is a rainbow. God promises to faithfully care for all of humanity, and we in turn promise to strive to be the best we can.

“*Limmud*” is the Hebrew word for “learning.” At Congregation Shirat HaYam, we study our tradition’s ancient wisdom as part of a community of fellow learners. As we are inspired to growth by our studies, we become empowered to create a better world.

This *Brit Limmud* details the specific responsibilities we undertake, as we accompany one another on the journey of lifelong learning, in our mutual commitment to the holy task of Jewish education.

What can you expect from us?

Responsibilities of Congregation Shirat HaYam:

- A high-quality, weekly Religious School experience
- Individualized Hebrew in small groups or one-on-one, for students in grades 3-6
- Family-friendly holiday celebrations locally in Nantucket
- Friday night services in-person throughout the summer and online throughout the year
- A commitment to honor each child’s unique learning style and each family’s differences
- We will pay all of the costs associated with the above program at no charge to you

What do we expect from you?

Responsibilities of the Students:

- Consistent attendance and engaged participation in the weekly religious school program (and Hebrew study, as appropriate)
- Being fully prepared for all learning sessions
- Respecting all rules and responsibilities set by the school, teachers and learning coordinator
- Respecting your fellow students and all others in the learning community

Responsibilities of the Adults:

- Supporting your child’s learning experience with the time, materials, and other resources they need for fully engaged participation
- Being in contact with the learning coordinator in advance if your child will miss a session
- Joining the congregation as a member at whatever financial contribution aligns with your family’s capacity
- Participation in the life of our SHY community, through worship, adult learning, celebrations, and volunteering

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Action Plan
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Our aspirations for the coming school-year:

Specific actions we will undertake to accomplish this:

Student

Adult

On behalf of Congregation Shirat HaYam

Date