



Where children are our world

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Parent Handbook **2026-2027**

Mission Statement

The mission of the TBTST Early Childhood Center is to provide a safe, loving, nurturing environment for students to grow socially, emotionally, and academically. TBTST offers an age appropriate, center-based curriculum that meets students' individual needs to explore, encouraged by educators to actively participate in their own learning process. TBTST administration and educators strive to provide families with guidance, support, and opportunities to take part in their child's education.

ECC Philosophy

TBTST Early Childhood Center's philosophy is based on the developmental needs of the child. Our goal is to promote a child's development in all areas, from cognitive to language to gross and fine motor skills, to emotional regulation and impulse control. This is accomplished through fun activities that are designed to promote practice in various skills. It also happens through self-directed play. We provide opportunities for sensory-motor exploration, exploration of language through songs and stories, outdoor time, creative play with art materials, and most importantly a loving and nurturing environment.

Early Childhood Education means the development of a child's independence, confidence, and pride while using creative expression and fun experimentation. TBTST Early Childhood Center's curriculum is center based and fosters a world of understanding and learning. The class atmosphere allows for a balance of child-led and teacher-led activities. TBTST educators provide a warm environment for children to express desires and interests. The curriculum includes language arts, math, science, and social studies. Children also enjoy art, music, cooking, the study of Jewish Holidays, Bible stories, Hebrew Language, and indoor & outdoor play. TBTST Early Childhood is an academically based private school which prides itself on providing a home away from home environment to its students and their families. TBTST Early Childhood Center strives to establish close communication with families and provides parents with opportunities to be actively involved in their child's educational experience.

Reflections: From the ECC Director, Cantor Jenna

The Neighborhoods of Imagination

Color Outside the Lines, Let Imagination Shine

This theme celebrates the magic of childhood, the wonder of asking questions, the courage to try something new, and the freedom to dream, create, and explore. In our ECC, every classroom has its own unique neighborhood where children are encouraged to be curious, kind, creative, and confident.

From **Sunny Side**, where our youngest learners are surrounded by love and discovery, to **Friendship Fields, Wonder Way, Dream & Do District**, and **Courage Crossing**, each neighborhood reflects the developmental journey of our children and reminds us that every child brings their own special gifts, talents, and colors to our community.

At TBTST ECC, we believe learning is not confined to staying within the lines. Sometimes the most meaningful growth happens when children take risks, explore new ideas, and express themselves in ways that are uniquely their own. Here, imagination is celebrated, creativity is encouraged, and mistakes are seen as opportunities to learn and grow.

Our classrooms are filled with discovery, laughter, music, art, friendship, and Jewish values. We nurture not only academic readiness, but also emotional, social, and spiritual growth. We strive to help our children become compassionate friends, curious thinkers, courageous problem solvers, and joyful members of the community.

I am grateful to work alongside our talented and devoted teachers, whose passion and dedication make our school such a special place. Together with our wonderful families, we create a vibrant community where children feel safe to dream boldly, explore freely, and let their imaginations shine.

Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious treasures. I cannot wait to see where this year's adventures take us as we color outside the lines, celebrate each child's individuality, and build a year filled with wonder, joy, and endless possibilities.

B'Shalom,

Cantor Jenna Kramarow

Director, Early Childhood Center
Temple Beth Torah Sha'aray Tzedek  

Our School Theme: The Neighborhoods of Imagination

Color Outside the Lines, Let Imagination Shine

This year, our ECC is transformed into **The Neighborhoods of Imagination**, a colorful community where each classroom is its own unique neighborhood designed to celebrate the developmental journey of childhood.

Sunny Side (Infants)

Joy, Love & Discovery

Friendship Fields (Toddlers)

Kindness, Exploration & Growing Together

Wonder Way (Twos)

Curiosity, Questions & Discovery

Dream & Do District (Threes)

Where Imagination Has Purpose

Courage Crossing (Pre-K/VPK)

Confidence, Leadership & Reaching New Heights

Together, these neighborhoods remind us that every child brings their own unique gifts, talents, and colors to our community. Throughout the year, we will encourage our children to dream boldly, explore freely, and discover that there are no limits to what they can imagine. 🌈🌟🎨

ECC Enrichment Activities Include:

- Music & Movement
- Playball
- Judaica Music - Cantor
- Judaica- Rabbis
- Weekly Shabbat Celebrations
- Fruity Fridays
- Holiday Activities/Events
- Daily Kosher Snacks

Hours of Operation:

TBTST ECC is open for care from 7:00 am until 5:30 pm Monday through Friday (excluding Holidays).

TBTST ECC Staff:

TBTST Early Childhood Center prides itself on providing your children with highly motivated and enthusiastic staff who will mentor your child.

Candidates must meet strict qualifications that meet and often exceed licensing guidelines. All staff must provide proof from a practicing physician that they are free from any illness that would prevent them from caring for children. Applicants must pass a fingerprinting and background check; participate in training courses, such as child abuse recognition and prevention, CPR/First Aid training and other staff licensing training.

Staff also strictly adheres to the state licensing ratios to ensure that appropriate supervision is maintained throughout the duration of the program.

Non-Discrimination Policy

TBTST does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other protected status.

Absentee Policy

Please be aware that if your child attends school part time, days when your child is absent cannot be made up on other days.

VPK Absence and late Drop Off Policy

If you have enrolled your child in the state funded Voluntary Pre-K program, your child's absences **are limited to 20 days** per school year.

Families exceeding allowable absences under state VPK guidelines may be required to transition to a private-pay preschool enrollment option.

VPK students must arrive at school no later than 8:55 AM as VPK instructional time begins at 9 AM sharp. You may drop off as early as 8:50 AM or you may sign up for early care and drop off between 7 AM and 8:50 AM.

Late Drop Off and Late Pick Up Policy:

TBTST Early Childhood Center provides students with an academic based learning environment. Daily routine is structured to ease students into their day and provides them with an adjustment period in the morning. Schedule consistency allows students to establish a sense of comfort and security. Students are expected to arrive by their class scheduled time, between 8:45 and 9:15 AM (by 9:00 AM for PreK) and start the day with their peers. Please do your best to schedule doctor visits for the afternoon as an early pickup is less disruptive than a late drop off.

Early Bird and After Care

Please understand that we open promptly at **7:00 AM** and close promptly at **5:30 PM**. Opening teachers are instructed not to come to the door before 7:00 AM so they have adequate time to prepare for their day. Please refrain from putting them in an uncomfortable position by arriving early, though you are welcome to wait in the parking lot until 7:00 AM if you arrive a few minutes before opening.

Our staffing and classroom assignments are carefully planned based on the number of children we are expecting at any given time. Therefore, we ask that families arrive according to their child's scheduled hours. Arriving before your child's scheduled time may affect required teacher-to-child ratios and staffing.

If you need to make a change to your child's schedule or require an earlier arrival on a particular day, please notify the Director through Brightwheel or by emailing **Preschool@tbtst.org** with **at least 24 hours' notice** whenever possible. While we will do our best to accommodate schedule changes, we cannot guarantee availability outside of your child's scheduled hours.

If a family arrives at drop off before their scheduled time and ratios or staffing do not permit immediate admission, teachers and staff reserve the right to ask families to wait in the parking lot or return at their child's scheduled arrival time until space and staffing allow for the child to be safely admitted to the classroom. Our priority is always maintaining a safe and nurturing environment for all children.

Children must be picked up by 5:30 PM as teachers often have other professional and personal responsibilities in the after-school hours. If your child is not picked up by 5:30pm, **a late fee will be charged to your account.**

The late fee is \$2 per minute (per child). The fee is used to pay the staff who remain with your child. If you know you are going to be late, call us at 954-722-9537. If we want to keep good teachers, we must respect their time as well. It is important that parents take our hours into consideration when enrolling in our program.

We do understand that unforeseen events can happen. If you know your arrival is going to be delayed, please message us on Brightwheel or call the school at 954-722-9537. If we have not heard from you by 5:30 pm and we cannot reach you by phone, your emergency numbers will be called and one of those contacts will be asked to come and get your child. If neither you nor your emergency contact can be reached, we will keep your child for one hour. Please recognize that our teachers have obligations and interests that require their leaving work as scheduled. After that time, the police will be contacted to see if there has been an accident and/or to drive by your home to see if there is a problem. If no problems are found, then *Child Protective Services* will be called.

Weather Emergencies

In the event of severe weather – the following procedures will be followed:

- If a hurricane “WATCH” goes into effect stay close to news/weather updates.
- If a hurricane “WARNING” goes into effect the school will be closed and will remain closed until weather conditions improve.

If the “WARNING” is issued during a time that your child is IN SCHOOL you MUST pick-up your child IMMEDIATELY!

We will follow the guidelines used by Broward County Schools. Therefore, if the public schools close, we will be closed on the first day. School closure will be reassessed based on circumstances after the first day.

Lock Down

Lock Down is implemented when the threat of violence or gunfire is identified. During LOCKDOWN, students and staff are to always remain in designated lockdown locations. This response is considered appropriate for, but not limited to, the following types of emergencies: Gunfire, Threat of extreme violence outside the classroom, Imminent danger in the surrounding community.

Lockdown requires closing and locking doors immediately after which NO ONE is allowed to enter or exit. In the event of a lock down the following procedures will be followed...

- **Code Red:** Teachers will be notified immediately and will follow procedures to gather students into their designated lockdown location. Parents will be notified through Brightwheel and an email. Classroom doors and school’s doors will be locked, and **NO ONE will be allowed to enter the building.**
PARENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PICK THEIR CHILD UP!
- **Code Yellow:** Teachers will be notified by administration. Parents will be notified through Brightwheel and email. Students will be able to walk freely in the classroom environment; however, classroom doors and school’s doors will remain locked. **NO ONE will be allowed to enter the building.**
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- **Code Green:** All clear! Teachers and students will be able to resume activities. Teachers will be notified by administration. Parents will be notified through Brightwheel and email. Parents will be encouraged to pick their child up.

To ensure your child’s safety, **NO pictures of children will be taken** during code red and code yellow.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Temple Beth Torah Sha'aray Tzedek Early Childhood Center is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment.

Our security measures include:

- Controlled access to campus buildings
- Security personnel during operating hours
- Visitor sign-in procedures
- Emergency preparedness planning
- Regular safety drills and staff training
- Collaboration with local law enforcement and security partners

Families are expected to follow all campus security procedures and assist us in maintaining a safe environment for our children, staff, and visitors.

For the safety of all students, parents should never allow unknown individuals access to the building and should report any security concerns immediately to ECC Administration.

Security procedures are subject to change based on recommendations from law enforcement, security professionals, or changing circumstances.

Communication Policy

At TBTST Early Childhood Center, we believe that open, respectful, and timely communication between families and school staff is essential to a successful partnership.

Brightwheel is our primary form of communication and should be used for attendance updates, schedule changes, questions, and general communication with teachers and administration. Families may also contact the Director by email at Preschool@tbtst.org.

Please understand that our teachers are actively engaged with children throughout the school day and may not be able to respond immediately. We appreciate your patience and will respond as soon as possible.

If you have a concern regarding your child, we ask that you first communicate directly with your child's teacher and/or the Director so that we can work together to address the issue promptly and respectfully.

We ask that all communication between families, staff, and administration remain respectful and constructive. Our shared goal is to create a positive environment where children can thrive.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

The safety of our children is our highest priority.

- All children must be signed in and out according to ECC procedures.
- Children will only be released to individuals listed on the child's Authorized Pick-Up Form.
- Identification may be required before a child is released to an individual unfamiliar to ECC staff.
- Changes to authorized pick-up arrangements must be communicated in writing through Brightwheel, email, or directly to the ECC office.
- Staff are prohibited from releasing a child to any unauthorized individual.
- Court orders, custody agreements, and other legal documents affecting child custody or pick-up must be provided to the ECC office and kept current.

Please understand that these procedures are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of every child entrusted to our care.

TUITION & BILLING POLICY

Enrollment at Temple Beth Torah Sha'aray Tzedek Early Childhood Center is an annual commitment. Tuition is divided into ten equal monthly payments for the convenience of our families.

Please note:

- Tuition is due regardless of absences, vacations, illness, holidays, emergency closures, or weather-related closures.
- Tuition payments are due according to the family's selected billing arrangement.
- Registration fees, deposits, Activity & Enrichment Fees, and Security Program fees are non-refundable.
- Returned checks are subject to a \$35 fee.
- Credit card payments may be subject to a processing fee.
- Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the Executive Director to discuss available options.
- Any tuition balance remaining unpaid may result in suspension of services or delayed re-enrollment for future school years.

Families withdrawing from the program are asked to provide at least 30 days written notice whenever possible.

Clothing & Belongings Policy

Children learn best when they are comfortable and prepared for a busy day of play, exploration, and creativity.

- Please send your child to school each day with:
- Socks and underwear (if age appropriate)
- Seasonally appropriate clothing
- A labeled water bottle
- Nap mat on Mondays in a bag
- Any classroom-specific items requested by your child's teacher

Because spills, water play, art projects, and accidents are a natural part of childhood, we ask that all items be clearly labeled with your child's first and last name.

TBTST ECC is not responsible for lost, misplaced, or unlabeled belongings. We encourage families to check the classroom lost and found regularly.

Outdoor Play & Weather Policy

Outdoor play is an important part of a child's development and daily routine at TBTST ECC. Weather permitting, children will spend time outside each day engaging in gross motor play, exploration, and social interaction.

Outdoor activities may be modified, shortened, or canceled due to:

- Excessive heat
- Lightning or severe weather
- Air quality concerns
- Heavy rain
- Other safety concerns as determined by administration

Please dress your child appropriately for outdoor play each day, including closed-toe shoes and weather-appropriate clothing.

Potty Training Policy

At TBTST ECC, we recognize that toilet learning is an important developmental milestone and that every child reaches readiness at their own pace.

Our teachers partner closely with families to create a positive and supportive potty-training experience. We encourage consistency between home and school and celebrate each child's progress along the way.

Please note:

- Children are never punished or shamed for accidents.
- Accidents are a normal and expected part of the learning process.
- Families should provide multiple complete changes of clothing during the potty-training process.
- Teachers will communicate regularly with families regarding progress and any challenges.

Children will be encouraged and supported according to their individual developmental readiness and classroom expectations.

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

At TBTST ECC, we believe children thrive when families and educators work together as partners.

We ask all families to:

- Communicate openly and respectfully with teachers and administration.
- Support classroom and school policies.
- Address concerns directly with staff and administration rather than through social media or third parties.
- Maintain current contact and emergency information.
- Treat all students, families, staff, and volunteers with kindness and respect.

Our goal is to create a positive, supportive, and collaborative environment where every child can learn, grow, and succeed.

Termination of Enrollment

If it becomes apparent that our program is not suitable for a child, the following will occur, prior to termination of enrollment:

1. Meeting with parents, a staff member, and director to discuss the situation.
2. Plan of action developed, including but not limited to discussing several behavior modifications to be tried both at home and in the classroom to attempt consistency...seeking professional advice in ways to help student...suggesting testing through private or public-school means... developing timetable to institute changes, assess change and set another meeting date, which is mutually agreed upon
3. Meet with parents, a staff member, and director to assess changes and perhaps develop an additional/alternative plan (repeat #2 above)
4. If it becomes apparent that change is not forthcoming, and it becomes necessary for enrollment to be terminated, a date of termination of enrollment will be decided upon and termination will take place.
5. Children who continually pose a danger to themselves or other children through their aggressive behavior (including punching, hitting, biting, tackling, etc.) are at risk of having their enrollment terminated and may have to be removed from the school in a more immediate timeframe, prior to the steps outlined above reaching completion.

Termination may occur if The Child:

- Is at risk of causing serious injury to another child or self
- Exhibits uncontrollable behaviors including excessive tantrums/outbursts
- Engages in ongoing physical/verbal abuse to children and/or staff
- Engages in excessive biting
- Requires a level of support that the program is unable to provide safely or effectively.

Termination may occur if The Parent:

- Threatens physical injury or seeks to intimidate the staff
- Verbally abuses the staff
- Engages in behavior that is disruptive, threatening, harassing, or otherwise inconsistent with the expectations outlined in this handbook.
- Fails to pay or is habitually late with payments
- Fails to complete all forms required by the school
- Is habitually late in picking up their child

By signing the Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this policy

ON-CAMPUS EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

As part of the educational experience at Temple Beth Torah Sha'aray Tzedek Early Childhood Center, children may participate in supervised activities throughout the synagogue campus.

These activities may include visits to:

- The Library
- The Sanctuary
- The Social Hall
- Outdoor campus areas
- Special programs, performances, holiday celebrations, and educational experiences conducted on synagogue grounds

Children will always remain under the supervision of ECC staff while participating in these activities.

Parents acknowledge that supervised movement throughout the synagogue campus is a regular part of the ECC program and educational experience.

TBTST Preschool Child Guidance Policy

As set forth by licensing guidelines, childcare facilities must ensure that age-appropriate constructive disciplinary practices are used for children in care.

- Children shall not be subjected to discipline which is severe, humiliating or frightening.
- Discipline shall not be associated with food, rest, or toileting.
- Spanking or any form of physical punishment is prohibited.

At TBTST-ECC, we approach off-track behavior as one more learning opportunity in our day. While behavior can be acceptable or unacceptable, a child themselves is always acceptable with all of their feelings. We never respond to children's behavior in a demeaning way. Instead, we use our skills as educators to teach the child the behaviors that are acceptable and the skills required to perform them. We offer strategies that a child can use to get their needs met in an appropriate way and we allow them to practice those strategies. When big feelings bubble up, we accept and

acknowledge them, separating the feeling which is acceptable from the behavior, which is not. When necessary, the child is temporarily removed from the situation and may return when he or she feels ready to cope with the situation in an acceptable manner. We stress the importance of respecting the person and property of all our peers and can enjoy our class to the fullest when we do not hurt anyone physically, emotionally or by taking away other's property.

By signing the Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this policy.

Health and Safety

Medication

Our preference would be to have you arrange your child's medication before or after school and to come in to administer medication yourself during the day. However, if it is necessary for us to give a child medication while he/she is at school, you **MUST** fill out a Medication Authorization form. The forms are kept in both the Preschool office and the Early Bird/Extended Day room. The initial dose must be administered at home and we can administer subsequent dosages after the medication form is filled out.

DO NOT SEND MEDICATION IN YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH BOX OR CUP!

ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION MUST BE IN ITS ORIGINAL CONTAINER WITH THE CHILD'S NAME AND EXACT DOSE INDICATED ON THE LABEL.

DCF (Department of Children & Family Services) rule states that we can only administer over-the-counter medication given to us in an **UNOPENED CONTAINER**. Please read labels on the over-the-counter medicine carefully. We cannot administer medication that does not list the appropriate dosage for your child's age unless we have written authorization from your child's doctor. Remember to send a "measured spoon".

Children requiring fever-reducing or pain-relief medication to comfortably participate in the school day should remain at home

Sick Child Policy:

If your child becomes ill while at school, you will be contacted, and arrangements must be made to pick up your child as soon as possible. If we send your child home with a fever of **100°F or above**, vomiting, diarrhea, or any illness or symptom that we determine may be contagious or pose a risk to the health and safety of other children and staff, your child may not return to the program until they have been free of the concerning symptom(s), without the use of fever-reducing medication, for at least **24 hours**, and have remained home for one full school day between the onset of illness and their return.

If your child has a fever below 100°F or is simply not feeling well, we will notify you so

that you are aware of their condition and can decide whether you would like to pick them up early. However, if your child is exhibiting unusual or concerning symptoms that appear to be highly contagious—such as symptoms consistent with pink eye, unexplained rashes, persistent coughing, excessive lethargy, or other signs of communicable illness—we may require that you, or a trusted person designated by you, pick up your child from school immediately.

By signing the Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this policy.

Medical Notes

Every child is required to have a physical examination and must always have a current immunization record on file. DCF forms #680 and #3040 must be completed by your child's physician and be on file in our office **ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

To help prevent the spread of disease, children who have signs of illness should be kept at home!

Teachers will call parents to pick up their child if they feel your child's condition can best be treated at home.

The following position on communicable disease will be strictly enforced.

Any child who is suspected of having a communicable disease, or who develops a fever or other signs or symptoms, which include but are not limited to any of the following... **DIARRHEA, RASH, PINK EYE, SKIN INFECTION, HEAD LICE, ABDOMINAL PAIN, VOMITING OR GREEN MUCUS COMING OUT OF NOSE**...shall be removed from their classroom and parents will be notified for immediate dismissal. Such children shall not return to the facility until the signs and symptoms of a communicable disease are no longer present for 24 hours. A **WRITTEN STATEMENT** from a physician attesting to the fact that the child has been appropriately treated for the disease must be provided to the Preschool.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS, OR IS SENT HOME FROM SCHOOL WITH A FEVER, VOMITING, DIARRHEA, OR OTHER CONTAGIOUS SYMPTOMS, YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM TO REMAIN AT HOME UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN SYMPTOM-FREE FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS, WITHOUT THE USE OF FEVER-REDUCING MEDICATION, AND ARE WELL ENOUGH TO COMFORTABLY PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL DAY.

Please schedule well visits for after school or on weekends. This is less disruptive to our school day. Your child may develop a fever or feel less than 100% post routine vaccinations. You can alleviate the likelihood that you will be called to pick them up by scheduling those visits when you can be home with them. When your child doesn't feel well for any reason, or needs pain-relief medications, we expect them to stay home from school.

By signing the Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this policy.

Food Facts

LUNCH: Parents provide lunch for their children each day. Please pack your child's lunch in a lunch box with an ice pack for perishable food. Food that your child prefers to eat warm can be packed in a thermos. We observe a Kashrut policy at Temple Beth Torah Sha'aray Tzedek.

NO MEAT, POULTRY OR SHELLFISH MAY BE BROUGHT FROM HOME.

Dairy or pareve lunches are to be brought to school for children who stay past noon.

Please note that lunch time is an important time for children to work on independent feeding skills, including as much as possible, opening and packing up their own lunches. This will be a gradual process beginning in small ways and progressing through their time in our program until they are operating almost completely independently by the time they are in our VPK program.

Allergies: Some classrooms may have further restrictions on what can be sent for lunch due to severe allergies. Teachers will provide this information. If your child has an allergy, please make sure it is on your child's medical form AND schedule an appointment to discuss precautions with the director and teachers.

Birthdays

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday during school, you may bring in a special treat for your child's class. **You may NOT bring in any food that has been prepared in the home.** (Please notify the teacher a few days in advance so she may arrange her schedule.) Please be sure that ANY food you send in is kosher and unopened. You can find kosher desserts at BJ's or Publix. Other kosher ideas are Greenwise mini-muffins with a kosher symbol, Entenmanns, Little Debbie's, and Krispy Kreme. Please also feel free to send in a healthier option like uncut fruit (we will cut it up for you). Food sent in to share should not contain nuts. Please ask your child's teacher if there are any other allergies that need to be taken into account.

These are some kosher symbols:



If you're not sure, feel free to send a photo of the package to the Early Childhood Director on Brightwheel for confirmation.

Food Permission Form

Throughout the school year we have many festivities that your child may participate in. We have holiday and birthday celebrations as well as cooking projects in the classroom. By signing the form, you agree to have your child participate in our celebrations and be served the food we provide during these times. If your child has a food allergy, please make sure you note it on the application and notify the school office and your child's teacher. Students will not be served any of the food provided for the celebration unless this consent form is signed and returned. TBTST is a Kosher facility, and we will only serve Kosher foods and follow Kashrut dietary laws.

Thank you for your cooperation.

By signing the Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this policy.

PHOTOGRAPHY & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Throughout the school year, photographs and videos may be taken to document classroom activities, special events, holiday celebrations, and educational experiences.

These images may be used for:

- Brightwheel classroom updates
- School newsletters
- Temple publications
- Marketing materials
- Social media platforms

Only children whose families have completed and approved the Photo Authorization Form will be included in public-facing materials.

We ask families to respect the privacy of all children and families by refraining from posting photographs of other children on social media without permission from their parent or guardian.

TBTST ECC reserves the right to use approved photographs and videos for educational and promotional purposes.

TOYS, ELECTRONICS & PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Children are encouraged to leave toys, electronic devices, and valuables at home unless specifically requested by their teacher for a classroom activity.

Items that should generally remain at home include:

- Tablets
- Smart watches
- Cell phones
- Electronic games
- Valuable toys
- Collectibles

TBTST ECC is not responsible for lost, damaged, or misplaced personal belongings. Comfort items for rest time may be permitted based on classroom guidelines and teacher approval.

2026-2027 PARENT HANDBOOK
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CONSENT FORM

Child's Name: _____

I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the Temple Beth Torah Sha'aray Tzedek Early Childhood Center Parent Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year.

I understand and agree to the policies and procedures outlined in the handbook, including but not limited to:

- ☐ Mission, Philosophy, and Program Information
- ☐ Attendance & Absence Policies
- ☐ VPK Attendance Requirements
- ☐ Arrival & Dismissal Procedures
- ☐ Late Drop-Off & Late Pick-Up Policies
- ☐ Communication Policy
- ☐ Campus Security Procedures
- ☐ Emergency & Lockdown Procedures
- ☐ Clothing & Belongings Policy
- ☐ Outdoor Play & Weather Policy
- ☐ Potty Training Policy
- ☐ Guidance & Discipline Policy
- ☐ Health & Safety Policies
- ☐ Medication Procedures
- ☐ Sick Child Policy
- ☐ Food, Lunch, and Birthday Policies
- ☐ Family Partnership Expectations
- ☐ Tuition & Billing Policies
- ☐ Termination of Enrollment Policy

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☐ I Acknowledge

FOOD PARTICIPATION PERMISSION

I give permission for my child to participate in classroom celebrations, cooking activities, holiday events, and special programs involving food, subject to any allergies or dietary restrictions documented with the school.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand that it is my responsibility to review and comply with the policies contained in the Parent Handbook and that these policies may be updated periodically by the ECC Administration.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Printed Name & Relationship to Child:

Date:
