



## Yachad 2019-20 Logistics and Updates

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### I. LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

1. **Registration.** Please note that registration is via ShulCloud this year. The process is designed to retain your information and make registering as painless as possible. Some classes are already full, **please use [this link](#) to register as soon as possible** for the best chance at receiving your preferred time and day. Please contact Kate Meltzer ([Kmeltzer@cbebk.org](mailto:Kmeltzer@cbebk.org)) with any registration-related questions.
2. **Calendars.** Click [this link](#) to review, and/or add the Yachad google calendar for the year. If you have any questions please contact Kate ([Kmeltzer@cbebk.org](mailto:Kmeltzer@cbebk.org)).
3. **Family Communications.** Yachad staff begin their orientation to CBE culture and values, to deep curricular goals, expectations with a social-emotional focus, and

educational collaboration this week. This means **your child(ren)'s educators will be reaching out to you by the 1<sup>st</sup> week in September to share your child(ren)'s most up-to-date class list, specific logistics, and curricular/class communal goals for the year.** You can find broad goals by grade listed [here](#). Educators will also share the **new password protected blog links** (to ensure greater security for your children's information and images). These are to help you stay informed about their Jewish educational experiences and see photos/videos of the class in action. **You're invited to visit your child's class too, please contact me ([teisenstadt@cbebk.org](mailto:teisenstadt@cbebk.org))** one week in advance to plan the most successful way to do so.

4. **Weekday 2-6 grade First Shift/Second Shift Logistics.** We have the logistics covered, so whether your child is in the first shift or second, participates in the bridge program or not, they're going to be with caring adults who know them, and are going to be having a good time in class, in prayer, and in activities. Let us know if you have specific questions about the transitions and/or the program, and we'll be happy to fill you in!
- **All in-house transitions are with Yachad and/or After School Staff**
  - **All dismissal for all students takes place from the Rotunda.**
  - **Second Shift students NOT receiving After School Care Bridge, please arrive directly to *tefila* (prayer). Please note your grade's *tefila* location below.**

**FIRST SHIFT YACHAD (3:15-5pm M, T, W) + AFTER SCHOOL CARE BRIDGE (5-6:15pm M, T, W)**

- Those students registered for school pick-ups are brought from their schools or pick-up locations by Yachad & After School staff to CBE to supervised rooms in the Rotunda.
- Those students being dropped off by parents/caregivers may arrive starting at 3pm in the Rotunda, at which time Yachad classrooms are open and supervised by Yachad educators.
- First Shift classes begin at 3:15 pm.
- First Shift classes are dismissed from their Rotunda classrooms (following *tefila*) at 5pm.
- Those students registered for After School Care Bridge are brought to the Temple House (either Games or Homework, as per your registration).
- After School Care Bridge students are brought to the Rotunda for dismissal at 6:15pm.

**SECOND SHIFT YACHAD (4:30-6:15pm M, T, W) + AFTER SCHOOL CARE BRIDGE (post-dismissal - 4:30pm)**

- Those students registered for school pick-ups are brought from their schools by Yachad & After School staff to CBE for After School (either Games or Homework, as per your registration) in the Temple House.
- At 4:30 pm, Second Shift students attending After School Care Bridge are brought to their grade's designated *tefila* spaces.
- Students being dropped off by parents/caregivers for Second Shift **arrive at their designated tefila spaces by 4:30pm. Students arriving earlier for After School (either Games or Homework, as per your registration) in the Temple House.**
  - **Third graders -- Sanctuary**
  - **Fourth graders -- Rotunda**
  - **Fifth graders -- Chapel (in the Temple House)**
  - **Sixth graders -- Rotunda classrooms**
- Following *tefila*, at 5:00 pm, Second Shift students are brought to their Rotunda classrooms to continue Yachad.
- Second Shift students are picked up from Rotunda classrooms at 6:15pm.

## 5. K-2 Shabbat Schedule

- All K-1 students, and 2nd grade students registered for Saturdays, plus at least one parent, please join us for Bagels and Brachot (and coffee!), starting at 9:15am in the Rotunda.
- Students and parents join for the Gan Shabbat family service from 9:30-10:15am, with Rabbi Epstein and Shani Cohen, our cantorial intern.
- Student class time is from 10:15-11:30am in the Temple House (more info on sanctuary visit to follow).
- Dismissal is at 11:30am from the classrooms in the Temple House (more info on transitions and rooms to follow).
- *B'Yachad* Family Program from 11:30-12:30pm (see more info below).

## 6. Seventh -12th Grade Schedules

- All 7-8th graders meet in the Rotunda on Thursdays, 5-7pm. First meeting is Sept 12. **For 8th graders, the first meeting, Sept 12, is also a Parent Orientation to the Israel Trip.** Eighth grade parents, please plan on attending.
- All 9-10th graders meet in the Rotunda on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm. First meeting is Sept 10. **For Chazakah (10th grade), the first meeting, Sept 10, is also a Parent Orientation.** Tenth grade parents, please plan on attending.
- 11th and 12th grade meet in the Rotunda monthly on Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. First meeting is Sept 24.

## II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

**1. Yachad Themes for the year.** We are pleased to announce that we will be focusing on four Jewish values throughout the school year, which will be woven into the curriculum and Yachad culture:

- Sept/Oct/(part of)Nov: *Kavod*/respect (for self, others, learning, the environment)
- Nov/December/(part of) Jan: *Achrayut*/responsibility
- Jan/Feb/March: *Kesher*/connection (this is the CBE-wide year-round theme)
- April/May: *Simcha*/joy

**2. Social Justice Curricular Weaving.** Anyone who has heard of CBE knows our community's dedication to Social Justice. We're planning further integration of Social Justice application and questions to all aspects of our curriculum (ex: Jewish ancient texts, ethics/values, Hebrew, history, holidays, Israel, prayer, ritual and spirituality). This year Yachad has our first [Repair the World Intern](#) who will support this integration for the educator team, in the classrooms and for Yachad families.

**3. Weekday Yachad staff pick up at schools.** At Yachad we believe that Jewish education is intended to introduce us to Jewish culture, values, stories and to see how these elements can intersect with our lives as we live them now. We believe that Jewish education is designed to help us contemplate and make choices towards becoming our best selves. Therefore we're excited to introduce a rotating Yachad educator schedule, designed for students to experience Yachad values in their larger-world environments of school and walking around Brooklyn on their way to CBE.

**4. Shabbat K – 2nd B'Yachad (together) Family Education component.** *B'Yachad*, our new Family Education component, is part of recognizing that Jewish education is enriched by a diversity of voices, ages, gender identities, races, and experiences. Parents and caregivers are student's first teachers and we know that engaged, thoughtful families are navigating their own questions of how and what to integrate from Jewish tradition into busy family lives. Join us for hands-on Jewish education designed to go deep into the "why" for both parents and children, with suggestions and explorations of "how" for Jewish elements such as: rituals, values, and stories. All K-2 students plus one or more parent/caregiver are invited to attend B'Yachad from 11:30-12:30pm (following student-only class time) on all Yachad Saturdays. More information to follow!

**5. Yachad Mission and Vision.** [Here](#) is Yachad's updated Mission & Values statement. My personal vision for Yachad and Family Engagement at CBE ensures that Jewish education address questions, inspires inquiry and excitement, and supports needs in children, parents, educators and caregivers lives. We will dive deeply into text (Torah, Siddur/Tefila, Mishna, Talmud, Midrash and other ancient texts) and application (ex: What does this help me think about, what does this call me to do, what does this indicate about my responsibility, how does this help me celebrate or mourn?). We will help students of all ages "own" their Judaism, live it in their particular ways, at this particular time, at their particular age(s) and through particular family realities and hopes. All of this will happen within an environment and culture of nurturing, support, sharing, being known within *kehillah*/community. I look forward to sharing more about my vision as we get to know one another this year.

**6. Madrichim (teen counselor/professional track).** With over 30 teens enrolled in our Madrichim track, Kate Meltzer is looking forward to guiding our teens through a year of enhanced professional development. We are excited about integrating the [Matan](#) teen curriculum which supports teens in learning more about students with different learning capabilities and challenges. There will also be self-assessments to help teens reflect on their learning and growth over the year, just like their adult educator counterparts.

### **III. SPECIAL EVENTS COMING SOON**

For a first taste of all that is to come for your family this year, you're invited to...

- **First days:** Week of Sept 9 Yachad begins. Sept 14 is our first Yachad Shabbat! First Madrichim professional training Sept. 21
- **Welcome Picnic:** Sept 14, 12:30 - 2pm (for families of all ages to meet each other and Yachad educators). Location: Prospect Park Field near the Garfield entrance (rain location: )
- **High Holidays (Rosh Hashana & Yom Kippur)** K-2 and 3-6 grade services and NEW children's programming: Sept 30 & October 9
- **Meet Tehilah in the Sukkah:** October 13 (for families of all ages to enjoy the sukkah, meet each other, Yachad educators and Tehilah)