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About Or Shel Yeladim "Light of Children"

The Children's Life Committee of B'nai Or is very excited to announce – beginning October 2009 - **Or Shel Yeladim** ("Light of Children"), our Sunday morning learning program for children in Grades PreK through B'nai Mitzvah, will begin meeting weekly.

Although the school is descended from many variations of B'nai Or Children's education projects spanning 25 years, **Or Shel Yeladim**, is relatively new. The program began in 2007 as a *monthly* opportunity for the children and families of B'nai Or to connect with our then Interim Rabbi, David Zaslow, and to one another in a fun and active learning environment. In 2008 we expanded our program to twice monthly and moved into our new space at Temple Beth Israel in Waltham. This year, in keeping with our goal of continued growth, we will begin meeting weekly following the public school's calendar. Twice monthly, **B'nai Or's Rabbi, Lev Baesh**, will join the school community to lead a fun-filled, child-friendly morning service activity. Following these rabbi-led morning services, once monthly Rav Lev will meet with the children who are beginning their preparations for Bar or Bat Mitzvah and once monthly Rav Lev will facilitate a parent's education group where parents will have the opportunity to discuss topics of interest to parents wishing to help their children connect to Judaism in a positive, joyous manner.

Our Sunday morning learning program is designed to inspire, delight and nourish our children's spiritual growth and to make learning a joyous experience. While families are invited to affiliate with our community, we understand that some families will want to introduce their children to Jewish customs, history and the Hebrew language without congregational affiliation. *All are equally welcome in this community school.* Note, however, that as the sponsoring congregation we do require membership in B'nai Or when a child becomes a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in our community. Our fee-based program offers discounts for temple affiliation (B'nai Or and/or Temple Beth Israel) and no family will be turned away for inability to pay.

Our first class is scheduled for Sunday, October 4, 2009. Unless otherwise noted, we will meet weekly from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon at Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street in Waltham. **Please check the B'nai Or calendar or the Or Shel Yeladim Calendar found on the Children's Education webpage for exact dates, meeting locations, etc. Our website is www.bnaior.org.**

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The Children's Life Committee's in conjunction with the Or Shel Yeladim School Board's goals are to provide an experiential learning program which includes an innovative curriculum in Hebrew, Jewish culture, and Torah study for children that...

- engages all their senses
- supports a positive Jewish self-identity
- empowers them by imparting to them the relevance of Judaism in their lives
- allows them to explore their own spirituality
- encourages them to have a sense of responsibility and belonging to the community
- promotes pride in their Jewish heritage.

We hope you will feel as strongly as we do about the importance of a quality children's program as a factor in the growing and renewing of B'nai Or. We ask for your blessings in our efforts and welcome whatever resources you have to share (i.e. talents, time, and resources).

For information about Or Shel Yeladim or to obtain registration materials, please contact either Teresa Lessin (tklessin@yahoo.com) or Joanne Peskowitz (gayle4ward@aol.com) or go to **Or Shel Yeladim Registration 2009-10 located on the Children's Education webpage on our website www.bnaior.org.**