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PRESCHOOL

PARENT HANDBOOK

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SHALOM!

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to B'nai Shalom Preschool. Our preschool, licensed by the State of North Carolina, provides a developmentally appropriate, nurturing Jewish environment, where play-based, learner-centered classrooms boost each child's social, emotional, and cognitive development.

Warm and engaging teachers facilitate the children's learning as they encourage critical thinking skills, teach problem solving, and help build your child's self-esteem. Daily activities vary throughout the preschool day; some are more structured, while others are purposefully more open. Jewish traditions, holidays, rituals, and Hebrew language are woven throughout the curriculum, creating a positive Jewish identity and commitment to Judaism.

During these unprecedented times, we are taking every precaution to keep our B'nai family healthy. We are continually developing best practices while understanding that new research will bring new changes. Classes will remain together, with the same children and teachers interacting daily, allowing for minimal contact with other groups. For this reason, we will temporarily stop our buddies (yedidim) program that pairs Preschool and Upper School classes for activities and helps create our caring and interactive community. As this partnership between our youngest and oldest students is an essential part of what makes BSDS special, we hope to be able to reintroduce the yedidim program later in the year.

B'nai Shalom Preschool is part of the larger school community. In addition to daily classroom enrichments offered by the teachers, the children also enjoy weekly music and Reader's Theater classes with a specialist teacher. These classes emphasize early literacy skills through storytelling, dramatic play, music, movement, arts, and crafts.

This handbook contains information about our preschool and should be used as a resource throughout the year. After reading it carefully, please sign and submit the attached [form](#).

We are proud of our rich and engaging preschool program and are grateful you have chosen to be a part of it. I am excited for our year together and look forward to partnering with you. Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us!

The following plan pertains to our response to Covid-19:
[BSDS 20-21 Reopen Plan.pdf](#)

Lisa Lasovsky
Preschool Director

PRESCHOOL CLASSES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

- Prior to arrival, parents will complete a daily Health Questionnaire.
- Yellow car tags must be displayed in the car window.
- During these unprecedented times, parents are not permitted inside the building.
- In order to have a smooth student arrival and dismissal, there is a one time Drop Off and Pick Up sign up.
- During arrival, teachers are permitted to unbuckle car seats.
- During dismissal, teachers may place the child in a car seat, but are not permitted to buckle car seat straps.

Arrival

The formal preschool day begins at 8:30 AM. There is an optional early drop off from 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM for siblings of Lower and Upper School students and parents who need to be at work by 8:00 AM. There is no additional cost for early drop off. Children arriving before 8:30 AM, may be allowed to eat/finish breakfast in the classroom.

Dismissal

Half-Day Preschool dismissal is at 1:00 PM and Full-Day Preschool dismissal is at 3:30 PM. Drivers form a line in the parking lot. Preschool teachers will bring students to their cars where drivers are responsible for buckling the children into their car seats. PLEASE remain in your car until a teacher brings your child to you.

Notify the school in writing by emailing the front desk frontdesk@bnai-shalom.org if a child is not leaving with his/her regular carpool. Students will not be allowed to go home with another adult unless we have an email or written, dated, and signed permission. As mandated by our state license, preschool children must be signed out by their teacher at the end of every school day.

FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL REST TIME

During Full-Day Preschool, there is time for children to nap or rest. B'nai Shalom provides a mat and sheet that are labeled and used by only that child. Per state regulations, mats with fitted sheets are stored separately with no contact between mats. Infant sheets are washed daily and all other sheets are washed weekly, unless more often is necessary. You may choose to send a blanket or lovie for nap/rest time. These items must be washable, remain at school for the entire year, and will be machine washed weekly with sheets.

EXTENDED DAY OPTIONS

After School Enrichment (ASE) Overview

B'nai Shalom Day School's After School Enrichment (ASE) program is dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing, and pressure-free environment for students after the school day. We recognize the need for children to exercise their creative expression, to run, jump, play, and rest. The structure of B'nai Shalom's After School Enrichment Program is designed to meet these needs and includes the following:

- Snack time
- Weekly explorations
- Outdoor and indoor free play
- Child-directed activities such as organized games, art and socializing
- Quiet area for reading, storytelling, and board games.

ASE is offered from 3:30 – 6:00 PM with an optional 4:30 PM pick up. If a child is picked up after 6:00 PM, parents will be charged \$1 a minute.

SCHOOL CLOSURES AND DELAYS

Snow Days/Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, you will receive a notification from Zipwhip, the school's notification system. You can expect a text between 6:00-6:30 AM. Please know that B'nai Shalom does not necessarily follow the Guilford County School System's closings. School closings will also be announced on local TV news channels (WFMY News 2 and FOX 8), on our website and Facebook page.

Occasionally, it may be necessary to delay the opening of school by one or two hours or until streets can be safely negotiated. If it is necessary to delay opening or close the school early for any reason, parents will be contacted via Zipwhip and email.

Please know we will make every effort to keep the school open unless travel appears to be prohibitive. Should the school be open, it is ultimately your choice as to whether you feel comfortable driving your child to school.

Unexpected School Closure

In the event of any failure or delay in the school's operation from causes beyond the school's reasonable control, including acts of nature, fire, pandemic, government restrictions, war, and insurrections, the school shall not be liable for any such failure or delay in its performance. The school's schedules may be extended for a period of time equal to the time lost due to any delay.

FOOD

Snack and Lunch

Children bring their own snacks and lunch every day. Please pack and label SNACKS and LUNCH SEPARATELY. Please put your child's name in permanent marker or with a name label on the OUTSIDE of snack and lunch boxes. As mandated by the state, snack and lunch boxes must be dated daily and refrigerated. Teachers will place a piece of white tape on each lunch box and ask that you cross off the previous date and write the new date each morning before arriving at school. The classroom teacher will refrigerate all snacks and lunches. If your child is staying in ASE, please send additional snacks. In the event of a late start (due to inclement weather) students will eat snack.

Water Bottles

We ask that you send a dated/labeled water bottle with your child each day. The children will have access to their water bottles while in the classroom and on the playground.

Food Allergies

In order to meet the needs of all students, B'nai Shalom's Preschool is a nut-sensitive environment. This means **no nut products of any kind, including peanuts and tree nuts**, may be packed for snacks or lunch.

Kashrut

B'nai Shalom Day School observes the traditional dietary kashrut laws. We handle this at BSDS with sensitivity knowing that within our community there are families who do not observe kashrut and, among those who do, it is observed at many different levels. All food brought into the school must be dairy or pareve. Meat, poultry, meat products and shellfish are NOT allowed in the building.

During this unprecedented time, other than challah during Shabbat, no outside food will be distributed to children. If you choose for your child to not have challah, please notify the Preschool Director.

When the school is not operating under modified Covid policies, and food is permitted into the building for birthday celebration, holidays, etc., all food to be distributed to the children by teachers or by a class parent must come from a store-bought package with *kashrut* symbols, made from scratch in the school kitchen with kosher ingredients or purchased from a bakery approved by the Beth David Rabbi. No food prepared in a teacher's or student's home may be distributed to students. All foods must be checked by Lisa Lasovsky prior to use in our kitchen or distributed in classrooms. This is to ensure that the highest standard of *kashrut* is maintained in the building. For a list of approved bakeries or shops that sell approved items, please check with Lisa Lasovsky. Common kosher symbols include:



Birthdays

While Covid protocols are in place, we will not be allowing birthday treats to be brought into classrooms.

We recognize that although our personal observances may differ, we are all part of one Jewish community. **Please do not schedule your child's parties on the eve or day of Shabbat or major holidays, so that any child, regardless of his or her religious observance level may attend.** We recommend that all food served at these celebrations be dairy, vegetarian, or certified kosher. In making your guest list for parties, please consider including all of the students in your child's class.

CLOTHING

Dress to mess! Please dress your child in comfortable, washable clothing. We engage in many fun and messy activities and suggest that your child wear clothing that may get stained.

Mondays are Spirit Day. Wear your B'nai swag. Please refer to the B'nai Shalom website for ways to order t-shirts, hoodies and other B'nai spirit wear. Fridays are "dress up for Shabbat" days, so children

should wear fancier clothing. We will NOT do messy activities on Fridays, but please remember that this is still preschool!

Shoes

All children should wear closed-toe, sturdy shoes. Please do not send your child in flip-flops or crocs as they can be dangerous on the playground and in the gym.

Dress for Weather

We strive to play outside every day, regardless of the weather! We love to play in the snow and splash in the puddles on a rainy day, so please pay attention to the weather and send appropriate clothing. If your child comes to school in rain boots or snow boots, please send school-appropriate shoes. We believe there is no “bad” weather, just “bad” clothes!

Extra Clothing

Please send in a complete set of extra clothing (including underwear and socks) to be kept in your child's cubby. As preschool children often grow quickly, please check the extra clothes during the year to make sure that they are sized correctly. Please label every article of clothing.

Kippot

Boys are encouraged to wear kippot when we do tefillot and when eating snack and lunch. Girls may choose to wear kippot. Please send in 3 labelled kippot to be kept in your child's cubby.

HEALTH

We make every effort to maintain a safe, healthy environment for our children. The school reserves the right to send any sick child home. If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor with a contagious or communicable disease, a doctor's note is required before the child may return to school.

If your child presents any of the following symptoms, please do not send them to school:

- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea within the past 24 hours
- A fever of 100° or higher orally within the past 24 hours
- Pain such as earache, headache or stomach ache
- Thick, discolored drainage from the nose
- Untreated ear drainage
- Untreated matting or drainage from the eyes
- Untreated sore throat. If strep throat is diagnosed, the child should not return to school until the fever is gone, and she/he has been on medication for at least 24 hours
- Untreated skin sores or an unexplained rash
- Untreated scabies
- Severe cough that interferes with regular play or produces green mucus
- Chicken pox: The child may return on the 6th day after the initial outbreak if all blisters have crusted. If your child has been exposed to chickenpox, please remember that a high fever often occurs 24 hours prior to the appearance of the pox. Your child is HIGHLY infectious during this period of high fever and should not be sent to school if you suspect chicken pox.
- Fifth Disease: The child may attend school with a rash once the fever has resolved. Please notify the teacher of this condition, as pregnant women who have been exposed to this illness should notify their physician.

- Flu-like symptoms

A child needs to be excluded if they are unable to participate and/or staff members determine that they cannot care for the child without compromising their ability to care for the health and safety of other children in the class. Sick children may return to school if the following criteria have been met:

- Doctor's note for contagious diseases such as Hand, Foot and Mouth
- Fever free (without medication) for 24 hours
- On antibiotics for 24 hours
- No vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours

Lice Policy

As in all schools, B'nai Shalom has occasional outbreaks of pediculosis (head lice). We follow the current recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control, and the National Association of School Nurses with regard to our head lice policy. Parents are expected to report all suspected cases of head lice to the school. The school will then examine the student for signs of an infestation.

If viable nits are or live lice are found, the parent will be confidentially contacted by the school and asked to contact their health care provider regarding appropriate treatment. The student can remain in class until the end of the school day, but must be treated after school. The school will check the student the next morning. Parents should re-treat within 7-10 days and the school will re-check the child following the second treatment.

- Siblings of students with head lice will be checked by the school. Classroom head checks will be conducted at the discretion of the school.
- Parents of students with head lice will be encouraged to contact the parents of children with whom their child has had close contact.
- The school is abiding by HIPAA regulations and will therefore no longer send a letter/email to parents notifying them when a child in the class has lice.

Medication Notification

The school must be kept informed of any prescription medication that a student is taking on either a short-term or long-term basis, regardless of whether the medication is administered before, during, or after school hours. This includes, but is not limited to, all antibiotics, behavior management medication, allergy medication, and antiepileptics. All information will be kept strictly confidential by school administration and the child's teachers. This information is critical in the event that illness or unforeseen side effects occur and the parent is unavailable.

Medication Administration

The Preschool Director will administer prescription medication to children during the school day if arrangements are made in advance. Prescription medications are never to be sent to school until a medication form has been completed for that particular drug. Medication forms are available in the front office or from the Preschool Director and must be filled out for each new prescription to be administered during the school day. All prescription medications that are to be administered in school must be in their original bottles.

Diaper Cream

An expiration date must be visible on diaper cream. If it is not visible, you must provide the original box that shows the expiration date. You must complete the Permission to Administer Topical Ointment/Lotion/Powder form before a teacher may use diaper cream on your child.

ACCIDENT PROCEDURES

Minor injuries, such as superficial cuts and bruises, will be handled by the classroom teacher. If there is any question as to the severity of injury, you will be called. As mandated by the state, we are required to complete an Incident Report Form for injuries more significant than regular minor bumps and scratches. Should an Incident Report Form need to be filled out, the parent(s) will be notified. This form must be signed and returned to school.

GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19

- High-risk symptoms for COVID (those that are common and relatively specific for COVID) include:
 - **fever**
 - **cough**
 - **shortness of breath/increased work of breathing**
 - **loss of sense of taste or smell**

- Low-risk symptoms for COVID (those that are more common and alone do not necessarily indicate COVID- 19) include:
 - **sore throat**
 - **nasal congestion/nasal discharge**
 - **nausea/vomiting/diarrhea**
 - **myalgias (muscle aches)**
 - **headache**
 - **fatigue**
 - **rash**

If at school:

- **Any child or adult with one high-risk or two low-risk** criteria (any one of the first group or any two of the second group of symptoms) should be considered to have a “COVID-like illness” and be isolated in a sick room until he/she can be picked up from school. He/she should have a mask on at all times and anyone entering the isolation room should wear full personal protective equipment (PPE) – i.e. an N-95 mask and face shield, as well as a gown and gloves.
- **Any child or adult with only one low-risk** symptom is considered less likely to have COVID and should be sent home. These individuals will be able to return after 24 hours if they are feeling better and no further symptoms develop. One exception to this is young children with nasal discharge, which is very common in the young school-aged child. Children younger than 10 are less likely to be symptomatically infected and less likely to transmit virus to others.
- Any sibling of a child identified as having a COVID-like illness will be required to leave the school as well

and isolate at home until it is determined if the ill child has COVID.

- Any child or adult (including all family members) with a known or possible COVID contact and with anyone symptom in the high- or low-risk category should be seen by a physician and should have a COVID test if possible; however, when testing is not easily available, it is reasonable to assume an ill individual with a known contact has COVID and notify the Health Department.
- Parents should notify the Health Department immediately if someone in their household (adults and school-aged children) has a positive test. Ill teachers or staff should do the same. The school should also notify the Health Department of confirmed COVID infection. 336-641-2697

If at home:

- If a child has any of the higher-risk symptoms (fever/feverishness, cough, shortness of breath or loss of taste/smell or has two or more of the other symptoms) the child should be seen by his or her health care provider (see Section 5). These children should be tested for COVID-19 if possible.
- If a child has only one of the lower-risk symptoms (sore throat, headache, muscle aches, headache, congestion or gastrointestinal symptoms) then he or she should be kept home for observation for other symptoms. The siblings of a child with high-risk symptoms should be kept home until it is determined if the child has COVID-19.
- Anyone who is a close contact (household contact or within 6 feet for ≥ 15 minutes) of a known COVID-19 case should stay home for 14 days.
- Any child or adult (including all family members) with a known or possible COVID contact and with any one symptom in the high- or low-risk category should be seen by a physician and should have a COVID test if possible; however, when testing is not easily available, it is reasonable to assume an ill individual with a known contact has COVID and notify the Health Department.
- Parents should notify the Health Department immediately if someone in their household (adults and school-aged children) has a positive test. Ill teachers or staff should do the same. The school should also notify the Health Department of confirmed COVID infection.
- Students and teachers who spent more than 15 minutes within 6 feet of the infected individual, starting two days before the onset of symptoms should be considered contacts. Individuals who are identified as contacts of a possible case should be excluded from school until the suspected case is confirmed positive or negative. If the suspected case has a negative test, then contacts can return to school.
- If a cluster of cases (**five or more cases sharing a common source**) occurs in a school, or if widespread exposures have occurred as a result of an infected teacher or counselor who spent time in multiple locations in the school, then the school will need to be closed to allow for contact tracing and cleaning. This will also be done in consultation with the Health Department.

Protocol for isolation and return to school for cases and contacts

Symptomatic children and adults

- Anyone with an illness that is unlikely to be COVID (single low-risk symptom resolving in 24-48 hours or non-infectious diagnosis e.g. migraine, allergies) may return to school when symptoms have improved and afebrile for ≥ 24 hours (usual policy for any illness).
 - This person does not need to see a physician or be tested to be cleared to return to school. If symptoms do not resolve quickly, the individual should be assessed by a physician and considered for testing.
 - If this person is in contact with a known COVID case, then this person should be seen by a physician and tested to determine if he or she can return to school or requires isolation.
- Anyone with a COVID-like illness (one high-risk or two or more low-risk symptoms) should be assessed by a physician and tested for COVID (as well as influenza, RSV, group A *Streptococcus* depending on the signs and symptoms).
 - If the test is negative, or another pathogen is identified and the person is not a contact of a COVID case, then he or she can return to school when symptoms have improved and are afebrile for ≥ 24 hours.
 - If the test is positive or no test is done (and no other pathogen identified), this person must stay home for a minimum of 10 days and be afebrile with improving symptoms for ≥ 24 hours.

Asymptomatic children and adults

- Anyone who is a contact of a known case of COVID must be isolated at home for 14 days from the date of the last potential exposure to the COVID case. If there is ongoing exposure to the case in the household then the date of last potential exposure is 10 days after the onset of symptoms of the COVID case.
 - If this person develops symptoms during this 14-day period, he or she should continue isolation for 10 days beyond the day of onset of symptoms and have improving symptoms for ≥ 24 hours and no fever.
 - If anyone in the household develops symptoms of COVID during the 14-day isolation period, then the start date of the isolation period resets to the first day of symptoms for that contact and must continue for 10 days after that exposure (see section on symptomatic with likely COVID).
 - If this person remains asymptomatic during this 14-day period, testing for COVID is not recommended as the best timing for such a test is unknown and a negative test would not shorten the period of isolation.
 - Anyone who has not been exposed to a COVID case and is asymptomatic should not be tested.

Students and staff need clearance from the Health Department, but not from a physician, to return to school when the isolation period has ended. A school official should monitor absences and dates of isolation to approve the return to school.

COMMUNICATION

In order for the teachers to focus on the children, they will only email, text and send photos to you at the end of the day or planning period. If you need to contact your child's teacher during the school day, please call or email the front desk or Preschool Director who will relay your message. Parents can expect to receive regular communication from teachers and school including:

Teacher Emails and Newsletters

Communication from your child's teacher will be regular and ongoing through the Seesaw app. A weekly newsletter is sent home via email.

All-School Emails and Newsletters

You will receive a weekly newsletter, *Blizzard Beat*, from the school with announcements, comments about school life, and explanations of calendar items. This is a great way to stay informed about the happenings at B'nai Shalom.

Flyers

Occasionally, flyers containing special announcements are sent home with the children. Check backpacks and/or lunch boxes daily. Information and announcements are more frequently sent by email. Parents are encouraged to check the website (www.bnai-shalom.org) for calendar information.

PROTOCOL FOR ADDRESSING CONCERNS

Any problem in the classroom should be discussed first with the teacher. If further discussion is necessary, parents are asked to seek help from the Preschool Director. If the problem is not solved, it should be brought to the attention of the Head of School.

Information discussed between parents and teachers or between parents and administration will be shared with appropriate personnel as necessary to resolve any problems or concerns. Parents are asked to use discretion when discussing school issues, especially in front of their children. We help our children have a positive attitude toward their school and their education by modeling a positive attitude while quietly pursuing solutions. This lets the child know that his/her parents and teachers are working together for his/her benefit and that there is mutual trust between school and home.

The Head of School shall have the final decision when interpreting any situation, rule or consequence. At her discretion, the Head of School may deal directly with any issue which the regulations do not explicitly cover or when she feels the spirit of a specific policy has been violated.

SECURITY

No student or non-student, including all adults and visitors, shall possess, use or distribute a weapon when in any school location, including Beth David Synagogue. The school will act to enforce this policy and to discipline or take appropriate action on anyone who violates this policy, including notification of law enforcement

Visitor Management System

The safety and security of students and staff is always top of mind. During these unprecedented times, no visitors will be permitted to enter the school.

When we are able to once again welcome visitors to B'nai Shalom, we will resume the use of our visitor management system. Each parent is required to complete a one-time registration by scanning their driver's license. Once registered, each parent will be given a fob to use when entering/exiting the building. All other visitors and vendors are required to scan their ID into the visitor management system each time they enter the school. The information garnered from the driver's license will produce a background check on every individual who enters the building. All visitors will be given a sticker to wear while in the building. Visitors are not permitted to wander the school unless accompanied by a staff or faculty member. Please do not hold the door open for others entering the building. This will prevent people from entering the building without following the above mentioned protocols.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT OR HARASSMENT

We intend for B'nai Shalom to be free of any intimidation or harassment of students or faculty by other teachers, administrative staff, parents, or other students. Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to threats, physical or mental abuse, and racial, ethnic or sexual insults, jokes or slurs. Verbal or physical sexual advances, sexually explicit statements, or sexually discriminatory remarks that are offensive, objectionable, or cause an individual discomfort or humiliation are strictly prohibited.

Any person who believes that he or she has been the victim of discrimination or discriminatory harassment should report the conduct immediately to the Head of School. Any complaint will be investigated promptly by a designated school official. To the fullest extent possible, the school will keep complaints and the nature of the resolution of complaints confidential. Any form of retaliation against a person who has complained about discrimination or harassment is strictly prohibited.

All acts identified or complained as violations of this policy will be fully and impartially investigated. In cases where a criminal investigation is pending, the Head of School or Board President has full authority to suspend an employee or volunteer. Any acts rising to the level of criminal conduct will be referred to local law enforcement authorities or Child Protective Services.

OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

Together, parents and teachers partner in our B'nai Shalom children's education. There are outside resources available should there be questions or concerns about fine/gross motor, speech/language, or behavioral issues.

Should an evaluation be completed by an outside professional, it is in the child's best interest if the school has access to all evaluations results. This data will allow teachers to create a plan specific to the child's learning needs.

All outside support personnel must complete an Outside Resource Authorization (including criminal background check) form before working with students in the school. Parents must sign a Release of Information form allowing the school to communicate with any outside professionals. These forms are available through the Preschool Director.

Forms and Recommendations

Requests for student evaluation forms and recommendations will be completed within 48 hours of receipt at B'nai Shalom. Completed paperwork will be mailed directly to the outside professional.

VOLUNTEERING AND FUNDRAISING

Sunshine Committee (Formerly PTC)

Parent volunteers play an integral part at B'nai Shalom. The Sunshine Committee arranges for volunteers for a variety of school events such as holiday preparation, room parents, and providing meals for staff on teacher workdays.

Annual Fund Campaign

Independent schools and preschools rely on annual fund drives to generate income for the operating budget. It is through the generosity of our contributors that B'nai Shalom Day School continues to provide exceptional educational services to infants through grade eight. The campaign begins in August and runs through the fiscal year. Every family is encouraged to make a donation to help us reach our goal of 100% parent participation.

Harris Teeter/VIC Together In Education Program

Every time you shop at any Harris Teeter and purchase Harris Teeter private label items, 2% of those purchase dollars will be contributed to B'nai Shalom just by giving the cashier your VIC card and our school code #1234. The code #1234 only needs to be given one time per year after which your card will be "linked" automatically when scanned. Please remember to re-link the school code to your Harris Teeter VIC card every August.

General Mills Box Tops for Education

Earn cash for B'nai Shalom by "clipping" the pink "Box Tops for Education" from cereal, cake mix boxes and other participating products by downloading the Box Tops app and scanning Box Tops.

AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support B'nai Shalom every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to B'nai Shalom. Search for and click on "B'nai Shalom Synagogue" to ensure that your AmazonSmile purchases are linked to the school.