

**Press Release**

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## **Temple Shalom and Congregation Beth Torah:**

### **A Vision of Educational Collaboration**

**Ben Zoma says: Who is wise? One who learns from every person. – Pirke Avot 4:1**

Jewish tradition understands the value of learning that comes in all shapes and from all sources. Everyone has something to teach.

A key to growth is being open to learning from all different opportunities.

It is in that spirit that we are excited to share that beginning this fall, Temple Shalom and Congregation Beth Torah have entered into a new venture where students from Beth Torah, kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade will combine with Temple Shalom's Religious School on Sunday mornings. Each synagogue will conduct its own midweek Hebrew program.

"We are honored and excited to welcome new students into our program and thrilled to create new learning opportunities for our congregations," said Rabbi Andrew Paley of Temple Shalom. "To be able to collaborate and dream with my friend and colleague Rabbi Elana Zelony and expand on the rich and successful histories of our educational endeavors is really exciting. Knowing that new friendships will be made, our kids getting to know each other in a welcoming and loving atmosphere, we know will have a positive impact on not only our congregations, but on the broader Dallas Jewish Community."

“We can learn a lot from one another,” said Rabbi Elana Zelony of Beth Torah. “We’re delighted to be able to deliver more educational opportunities and resources for everyone at both synagogues.”

The rabbis consider the synagogues’ differences – Temple Shalom is a Reform congregation and Beth Torah is Conservative – as a benefit, not a drawback.

The arrangement will begin with the start of the school year in September. For more information, call Temple Shalom at 972-661-1362 or Beth Torah at 972-234-1542.