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#### TEMPLE ISAIAH'S NEED BASED TUITION ASSISTANCE

Temple Isaiah's Early Childhood Center is committed to providing quality Jewish education. In some cases this requires tuition assistance for families in need. Temple Isaiah has developed the process outlined below. Every attempt is made to meet the financial needs from year to year. Funds available for assistance are limited and we request that all information be as complete and as accurate as possible. Please note that all tuition assistance awards are for one year only and a new application must be completed each school year.

In order to process the applications that we receive in a fair and equitable manner Temple Isaiah uses the FACTS Grant & Aid Online Application system. The FACTS system is designed to provide the Temple Isaiah Tuition Assistance Committee with an analysis that allows us to establish financial need accurately. Please know that all information submitted throughout the process is kept strictly confidential.

## HERE ARE THE STEPS TO COMPLETE THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS:

The FACTS Grant & Aid Online Application system is open and assistance will be given on a first come - first serve basis.

#### STEP 1:

Apply online through FACTS: <a href="https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3CY16">https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3CY16</a>
There is a \$35 fee per family to apply online.

#### STEP 2:

The tuition assistance award will be final once you have completed the enrollment process by returning your contract, deposit and payment plan for next year. Enrollment in Temple Isaiah's Early Childhood Education program also requires membership with Temple Isaiah. There are no adjustments to membership, facility or security fees.



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The Tuition Assistance Committee makes great efforts to distribute our limited funds in the fairest manner possible. The following general guidelines are provided to help you understand some of the factors considered in the application:

- There is no set income or asset level that determines whether an applicant qualifies for aid.
- We expect that if a family is applying for aid at Temple Isaiah and they have children in other tuition-charging schools, they will also apply for aid from those schools.
- In cases of separated or divorced parents, we need the same documentation from both parents, regardless of court ordered custody or support. Temple Isaiah cannot be bound by the assertion that one parent has disclaimed responsibility for educational expenses.

Both households are required to submit their information on the application, and the Committee will determine financial need based on both household's financial circumstances.

• All of our tuition assistance recipients are granted partial awards; the school expects that families will fulfill their remaining financial obligation in accordance with our regular payment schedules.

For questions about the FACTS Grant & Aid Online Application system, please contact Deborah Moses at <a href="mailto:deborah@templeisaiah.com">deborah@templeisaiah.com</a>.



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#### Should I apply for tuition assistance or not?

First, consider the full cost of a Jewish preschool education. Calculate your ability to cover these costs. If you cannot cover expenses out of income and judicious use of assets, consider your other options: If you are counting on gifts from relatives, it is important to discuss with them whether or not they can maintain that help over the course of your child's journey at Temple

Isaiah. Loans can be difficult to obtain in the current economic climate and drawing heavily on equity is risky.

If you need tuition assistance now is the time to apply. This is critical.

## Does applying for tuition assistance reduce chances of admission?

No. The Tuition Assistance Committee reviews candidates for admission without knowing whether or not they are applying for aid.

## Do I need to reapply for aid each year?

Yes. The school will continue to award a level of aid appropriate for your level of demonstrated need until your child graduates.

## What if parents are divorced or separated?

We consider that both parents have an obligation to contribute to the extent they can to their children's educational expenses. We take into account the assets and income of both natural parents. We cannot be bound by the assertion that one parent has disclaimed legally or otherwise any responsibility for educational expenses.

## What if I have children at other tuition-charging schools?

Other tuitions you pay are figured into our calculations of need, but in order to receive aid from us you must apply for aid at all schools your children attend.



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#### When would I be notified of my award?

Tuition Assistance applications completed, in full, by April 1 will be assessed and awarded the first round of funding by May 1. After this date, and depending on remaining funds, a second round may be awarded to new applicants.

## Are there payment plans available?

The school has a plan that allows tuition assistance families to spread the cost over ten monthly payments.

## Who may apply for tuition assistance?

Anyone may apply for assistance. Tuition assistance is based solely on demonstrated need. Applying for assistance, however, does not guarantee a grant will be offered.

#### How is "demonstrated need" determined?

Need is determined by the Tuition Assistance Committee, which uses tax returns, confidential statements, and the FACTS system as a tool to help in the decision making process.

# If awarded tuition assistance how much should I expect my child's tuition to be reduced?

Tuition assistance recipients are granted partial awards. Temple Isaiah Preschool expects that families will fulfill their remaining financial obligations in accordance with our regular payment schedules.



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## How and when do I apply for tuition assistance?

The FACTS Grant and Aid Online Application system opens on March 1. Tuition Assistance applications completed, in full, by April 1 will be assessed and awarded the first round of funding by May 1. After this date, and depending on remaining funds, a second round may be awarded to new applicants.

### How confidential is the tuition assistance application process?

All applications for tuition assistance are held in strict confidence.

## How will our family be notified of our tuition assistance award?

You will be notified of the tuition assistance awards in an email.

## What do I do if I have additional questions?

For questions about the FACTS Grant & Aid Online Application system, please contact Deborah Moses at deborah@templeisaiah.com. We will do our best to help.