Dear Hebrew School Families,

The 2019-2020 / ***5780*** school year is right around the corner!

As you are hopefully enjoying the last few days of summer weather, the Temple Israel Hebrew School teachers have already had a faculty meeting and a CPR & First Aid class, and are busy getting ready to welcome your children.

Our first day of school will be **Sunday, September 8th.**

To those of you who are returning, and those of you who are joining us for the first time this year, let me introduce our faculty:

Kitah Gan (Kindergarten): Jodie Aviles (Morah Yosefa)

Kitah Alef (1st grade) : Lori Leonard (Morah Leah)

Kitah Bet (2nd grade) : Marjorie Gruzen (Morah Miriam)

Kitah Gimmel (3rd grade) : Rachel Dennis (Morah Rachel)

Kitah Dalet (4th grade) : Elian Tackeff (Morah Elian)

Kitah Hey (5th grade) : Lisa Fieseher (Morah Leah)

Kitah Vav (6th grade) : Michele Albion (Morah Miriam) / Karen Mott (Morah Rivkah Mayim)

Kitah Zayin (7th grade) : Jennifer Beard (Morah Henya) / Seth Wizwer (Moreh Shalom)

Resource teacher : Deborah Hirsch Mayer (Morah Devorah)

Music teacher : Elissa Kaplan Senter

Jewish cooking : Laura Sher

We will also have a group of wonderful “***Madrichim” (classroom assistants)*** who are looking forward to being role models to the younger children. Your children’s teachers will let you know who the ***Madricha (feminine)*** or ***Madrich (masculine)*** or ***Madrichot (2 or more girls)*** will be!

I will continue to be the Head of School, as well as the 4th grade teacher, Youth Group person (4th – 7th grades) and Early Learning Center Assistant Teacher!

***I will be available to you all by appointment. You can also reach me, any time (after 1:30 pm on week days), on my cell phone: 603-969-2984 and by e-mail:*** ***egt9@aol.com***

\*\* Of course, I ***strongly*** encourage you to contact your child’s teacher first, if you have any questions related to class material, ***feedback or concerns*** (***however small***), or to inform them of absences, etc. You will receive their phone / email information in their welcome letters.

***A few dates, requests and gentle reminders:***

* ***HEBREW SCHOOL HOURS are Wednesdays: 3:45 - 5:30 and Sundays: 9 – 12***
* **NEW THIS YEAR:** Our ***Hebrew School Learning Service*** on **Sundays** will start at **9:10 a.m. sharp,** and focus on Friday evening prayers. ***Wednesday services*** will start at **4 p.m. sharp** and focus on Saturday morning prayers.
Please try to arrive early enough so that the children are in their classrooms no later than **9 a.m.** on Sundays, and **3:45 p.m.** on Wednesdays. ***We would love you to join us at these services so that your children can have a more meaningful prayer and community experience!*** The children will lead the prayers as they master them in class.

***On SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8,*** please arrive in the Sanctuary ***with*** your children at **9 am** for our opening program. At around ***9:30*** am, the children will go to their classrooms with their teachers. ***Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade parents,*** please accompany your children to class for drop off and ***pick them up at 12 p.m. upstairs***.

***Grades 3 – 7 will be picked up in the front lobby at 12 p.m.***

***HEBREW SCHOOL OPEN HOUE:***  O**n SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER, 15** the teachers are looking forward to welcoming you in their classrooms and introduce you to their curriculum, classroom happenings and more. There will be refreshments downstairs and a schedule for the day will be going out soon. ***COME MEET YOUR TEACHERS AND ASK QUESTIONS!***

* ***SAFETY FIRST:*** Please ***enter*** the parking lot from Washington Street and ***leave*** from Court Street. In order to prevent accidents (we’ve had a few close calls) no child will be allowed to leave the lobby unaccompanied by an adult! Please park and come in!
* ***WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING***: It is hard to think about cold weather, but it is coming! Please make sure your children are wearing layers. It can get very warm AND quite cold in the building! When it gets colder outside please have your children bring their coats even if they protest! It is NOT fun freezing during services or in case of an unforeseen outdoor happening!
* ***IS YOUR CHILD SICK?*** If your child was sick, please keep them home for a full 24 hours after they are fever free before they go back to school!
* ***KOSHER SNACKS:*** Kosher snacks and water bottles will be available on the Snack Cart for 50 cents per item. Children can bring their own dairy or parve Kosher snacks to be eaten before 3:45pm on Wednesdays and at a teacher designated time on Sundays. Any questions? Ask me or your child’s teacher!
* ***RSVP:*** Please respond to school events, field trip permission slip requests, etc. right away! It will save me and your children’s teachers much time and anxiety to receive those on time, especially when we have to arrange for volunteers, rides, food, etc. Thank you in advance!
* ***SCHOOL CALENDAR:*** I am attaching the school calendar. Please put the dates in your calendars or print and put on your fridge!!

I am looking forward to seeing you all Sunday, September 8th,

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