

Welcome Back!!

On behalf of our entire Hebrew School Committee, Principal Sheila Toffell, and our wonderful teachers, we would like to welcome everyone back to a new and exciting year. There are some refreshing changes and improvements, which we know will greatly enhance the Hebrew School experience for the students and parents. We all look forward to a great year ahead.

The first day of school is on September 7th. All parents should plan to attend the Round Table Parent meeting at 9:45 AM in the Social Hall.

We have a terrific committee whose members are dedicated to providing the best possible educational opportunities for our children. All of our committee members have children in the Hebrew School, and so we have a considerable stake in its success. We are also looking for parents to join us on the Hebrew school committee. We would welcome your involvement and so would your children.

Our programs this year will be interesting, fun, and unique learning experiences. We will have more interaction with other temples and Hebrew schools. Our Mechina program for the Zayin class at the Bergen County High School for Jewish Studies will be continuing for its second year. Our Vav class students will be participants in a new and innovative Bergen County wide Kehillah project, sponsored by the YJCC, where they will join other Sixth graders in a creative and motivational educational setting. There will be more emphasis on learning what the prayers mean, rather than just learning them. There was a clear message in the feed back forms at the end of the year stating that you wanted your children to understand the prayers. We heard you.

Attending services is crucial to the success of your child's Jewish education. To help make this more meaningful and enjoyable, we have added a Junior Congregation service for grades 2 through 6, six Saturday mornings in the coming year. These dates will be: September 13th, November 1st, December 6th, January 10th, March 14th, and April 4th. We will offer age appropriate, interactive services, led by Meirav Leibowitz, which will run concurrently with our regular Saturday morning service. More detailed information will be forth coming.

The biggest surprise will be our Hebrew School itself. Wait till you see what has been done as part of our renovation, and how "cool" it will be during September!

We look forward to a great year, and seeing you on the first day of school, Sunday, September 7th.

Sincerely,
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Committee Members

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