

September 2020



Dear Families,

What could possibly be said about the uncertainty of this school year? I want to personally thank you for your continued commitment to your child's Jewish learning and to Temple B'nai Abraham. I want to draw your attention to this wonderful article that speaks to how important your continued connections are to our community: [CLICK HERE](#). As you are aware, the JLP will operate remotely through the Jewish holidays. We are beginning Hebrew Pods on September 29, and Judaic Classes on October 19. We wanted to make sure your children have ample time to adjust to their Fall realities before beginning at the JLP. We will be offering three opportunities for students to be on campus at TBA for activities called "JLPop Ups". In October, expressly after the high holy days, our synagogue re-opening task force will help us re-evaluate our plans based on the science and situation of the Fall. We are prepared to pivot to a hybrid program when the task force finds it safe for all our families and staff.

This document contains some important information. Anything with an asterisk needs to be filled out (and it will be automatically directed to us via the internet). **These links are all clickable, and you can download materials that are pertinent to your family**. Please note, we have three available days to come to TBA (9/13-9/15) and pick up your child's materials for the year. Please be sure to sign up via Sign Up Genius for a time. This will include, books, notebooks, a special learning bag and more. Please keep your materials handy for each week's lesson and when we pivot to in-person learning, the children will need to also have them available.

- 1) 2020-2021 JLP Academic Calendar
- 2) JLP REMOTE LEARNING AGREEMENT*
- 3) 2020-2021 JLP Student Learning Profile*
- 4) Meet & Greet and Materials Pick Up Sign Up Genius (9/12-9/15)
(Sign Up Genius Link: [click here](#))*
- 5) A Week in the Life of Remote JLP Learning
- 6) CLUB TBA CHOOSES KINDNESS:
Our new Service Learning Youth Group for K-6

7) Our Fall JLPop Up Programming in person at TBA

8) Education Handbook

9) Seventh Grade Booklet

10) New Student and Incoming Third Grader Orientation (9/17/20)

11) Just Do It: Adult Learning Classes

12) JLP Back to School Zoom Chat for Parents (9/16/20)

13) Morah Melissa's Bitmoji Class with "Meet the Staff"

14) TBA Waiver, Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement (Must be printed and brought to TBA if you choose to participate in any on campus activities this Fall)

As a mother first, and Director second, I am well aware of the challenges confronting our families and children this Fall. I am also aware that the public schools may not have the time or staff ratio to ensure our children are seen, heard and virtually hugged each day. However, as your spiritual home, our staff is training in making sure that we can individually connect to each child. In addition to continuing their learning, we are hyper-focused in helping them ride this unusual wave with warmth, creativity and nurture. Our class sizes have been reduced to allow teachers to better focus on individual children. Our goal remains to get our synagogue family back into our beautiful building as quickly and safely as possible. Until that moment, please partner with us to give our children a worthwhile and meaningful experience.

Wishing our entire community, our TBA/JLP family, a happy and most importantly a healthy new year. Please, please, please reach out with any issues or concerns. Our way through this uncertain time is community, partnership and compassion.

L'Shalom,

Morah Melissa