

The teachers, children, and families at Full Circle have remained dedicated to the growth of our learning community during this pandemic. Health checks have become a new normal for us, and while we miss the gathering aspect of our synagogue preschool, we continue to find ways to stay connected. During the week of Sukkot, the children enjoyed a special visit from Cantor Steve in our sukkah where we learned about the lulav and etrog and sang our favorite Sukkot songs. It was heartwarming to see the excitement of the children to be back with Cantor Steve, even socially distanced! Though our music and Shabbat programming have been put on hold since re-opening, we have implemented a new Friday morning program. Each week, I host morning programming in the yurt in which we explore Judaism through yoga, music, and movement! While we are eager to resume Shabbat parties with Cantor Steve and our entire learning community, this is a great alternative to remind us of the joys of togetherness and Shabbat.

I know this time in our lives is filled with much uncertainty and anxiety that can often make us feel ungrounded. This is a big time of change in many ways, and while we cannot control many outcomes, we can control where we go from here. We can choose how to react. The children at Full Circle continue to challenge and inspire us to linger in those small moments, to take deep breaths, and to tap into our humor and lightheartedness. We are so thankful for that gift, and for OZ's support in helping our learning community to thrive, even in trying times. Despite the state of our world lately, the children at Full Circle inspire us to show up, to stop and look at the beauty that remains around us, and to find the joy in each moment. We encourage you all to continue to choose joy and gratitude. Our children deserve a better, kinder world. Chag Sameach!

~Erika Geremia





