

## HEBREW SCHOOL

Hello Everybody!

I write to you now from Day Camp @ OZ Central!

We are busy making beautiful art, doing service projects, going on field trips, playing games, eating amazing food, sliding on the Slip and Slide and having a great time!

**See below for photos from Our Day Camp!**

In just a few days I will be changing gears and getting all details in place for OZHS 2021/22 which starts in a number of weeks. Crazy! I'm so looking forward to seeing students back in person on Sundays. Everyone, including staff and students will be masked and we'll need to wait to share snack and brunches, but just to hear everyone learning together on site will be fantastic.

As you may know, we have a new meeting structure in place for OZHS. All students, Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade will meet on Sundays 9:15 - 11:45 am. These sessions will include grade gatherings and Junior Congregation. The last 45 minutes for kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up will have SUPER Electives and kids Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have music with Cantor Steve and supervised play. On Wednesdays, our older students, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grade, will have half hour remote Hebrew language sessions in pairs or small groups. If our regular 4:00 - 6:00 pm time slot isn't convenient, then teachers will work with families to find a better time to meet.

I'm excited about this new approach, as it offers a number of advantages. Learning from experiences last year it is clear that Hebrew language decoding works very well online. Small groups gives teachers and family meeting time flexibility and parents no longer need to figure out how to get their kids to Hebrew School in the middle of the week! Our extended time on Sundays gives families more opportunity to connect with each other and come together as a community. While your kids are in class why not go for a run with another parent? Go for a cup of coffee? Meet in a book group? Bake something in the kitchen? So many possibilities!

I look forward to exploring options once Hebrew School gets underway. See you all on Sunday, September 12!

Shana Tova! A Happy and a HEALTHY New Year!

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**see photos below**























