

Dear Or Hadash Families,

NOTE: This is a long letter with a lot of details. I kindly ask that you read thoroughly as I think many questions will be addressed as you read on.

At the core, Or Hadash is a space where youth of all ages are able to come together to create community and connect. We pride ourselves in offering Jewish learning opportunities that also promote an appreciation for our synagogue community. In these uncertain times we have developed a plan that will continue to highlight these goals.

First - I have put together a resource sheet for students of all ages for you to check out! Use these resources as you see fit! From PJ Library to BimBam videos to Jewish/Hebrew game apps - I hope you will find these engaging and fun! I have also created a number of Jewish choice boards* for our youth to complete in their own time. The resource sheet will be updated frequently.

You can find all of these great resources here: <http://bit.ly/COHresources>

Second - Welcome to your official Or Hadash gym membership! We have created an awesome and intentional virtual schedule with a ton of options for you to choose from. Has your high schooler ever wanted to have lunch with the Rabbis and ask questions? Has your 2nd grader ever wanted to do a virtual Hebrew singing session? Has your family ever wanted a PJ Library bedtime story in Hebrew and Spanish read to them by Rabbi Mario? These are just some of the 20-45 minute sessions you will be able to self-select into. Gatherings will cover T'fillah (prayer), Shira (song), Israel, Torah, Hebrew, Art & so much more. All you have to do is pick out which classes and times work for you and your family! The schedule will constantly be evolving so check back frequently.

Find our class schedule here: <http://bit.ly/COHonline>

Join any class sessions here: <http://bit.ly/COHyouthzoom>

Please read our zoom etiquette guidelines here: <http://bit.ly/COHzoomrules>

Parents, please share and review these options with your children. You can also reply to this email and provide me with other email addresses (including your kids) for me to pass this link on to. Also, you are all invited to join me for virtual information sessions about this plan. View schedule to see scheduled info sessions.

Machon Hadash families - I am thrilled to be able to offer each of you access to a self-paced Hebrew program that uses an online platform. In the near future you will receive an email with your username and password to access these materials.

I am also offering one-on-one Hebrew and/or T'fillah (prayer) tutoring sessions with various facilitators. If you are interested please let me know and I will coordinate this for you/your student(s).

I recommend having your child(ren) attend 2-3 online sessions a week.

On the resource sheet you will also find a page to track progress of choice boards and keep count of how many online sessions you attend. Every time you complete a tracker page take a picture of it and email it to Rachel Herman for an awesome prize!

*A **choice board** is a graphic organizer that allows students to choose how they will learn a concept. There is no minimum or maximum to how many squares should be on a choice board. Students can choose one or several activities to complete.

I wish you all continued health and happiness and know that your synagogue community is here to support you!

Rachel Herman
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