

Hello parents,

I hope Rosh Hashanah was meaningful and you are starting the New Year with a lot of energy and good health.

I wanted to share with you a few new announcements.

- First, I want to welcome a new staff member to our team. Jordana Lewis will be joining our team as we are opening a Keshet class on Sunday. To the Keshet class, we will invite the students that are in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. So, in Gan Rachel, we will have only students younger than Kindergarten, and in 2-3rd grade, we will have a narrow range of the students' ages. I think that this change will benefit our students tremendously and will help all the classes to study with better age appropriate lessons.
- USY has a new plan for the youth groups. Starting this year, they will have added one more group to their activities. The new group is חברים *Chaverim* meaning friends. In the "Friends" group, we will invite the 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade students to join in, and enjoy their first experience in the USCJ youth program. Parents of 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade students, please register your students for the youth group on our website as part of the school registration. Just log back into your child registration and add youth group to their activities.

Youth Groups will be:

- USY 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade with Jeremy Taylor and Noam Erez as their advisors.
  - 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade – USY גשר Gesher (change in name from Kadima) meaning Bridge. This youth group will enjoy Noam Erez as their advisor
  - 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade – our newest addition USY Chaverim and their advisor is Abby Ward.
- An updated [Parents Manual](#) has been posted on our website recently. Please take a few minutes to look it over. Thank you
  - Lastly, in the coming week, you will receive an email from Cicely with instructions on how to download a health application "Clear To Go" that will monitor your student's health condition. We will ask you to follow the instruction every time before sending your child to Midrasha. After you will answer all the questions, it will send the information to TBS, so we can follow their health and know if your child can come into the school. Also, you will be able to upload the immunization card if your child is 12 year and older. This application will be required for all teachers, madrichim and students. Thank you for your cooperation. If you want to review the TBS Covid policy again, please check our website.

### **Dates to remember:**

- ❖ Yom Kippur youth program in person will take place on Thursday, September 16, at 11 am.

- ❖ September 20 - Erev Sukkoth – we will have upside down day starting at 5 pm follow by Erev Sukkoth services at 6 pm.
- ❖ September 28 – Erev Shimchat Torah – at 5 pm, we will have our second “upside down” school day. At 6 pm we will enjoy a Shimchat torah celebration and Kindergarten students’ consecration.
- ❖ October 3<sup>rd</sup> – back to the regular Sunday school schedule starting at 9:45
- ❖ October 6 – first Hebrew school day starting at 4 pm
- ❖ October 14 – first Midrasha High class starting at 7 pm

As usual, if you have any questions, please contact me.

I want to wish you and your family a health and happy New Year and G’mar Chatima Tovah,

Iris