

WAJC Annual Meeting 2020

Annual Education Report

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We had an exciting, busy and interesting school year. In the fall and winter our children:

- Studied Hebrew and learned about the Torah, holidays, traditions and Jewish values.
- Enjoyed Sukkot and helped lead our service.
- Visited Israel virtually. They even met Golda Myer aka Leone Buskin and David Ben-Gurion aka Art Skerker.
- Built a 5 Foot Ark filled with Jewish animals.
- Participated in a Tub'Shevat Seder.
- Children and parents made over 30 dozen cookies for the Food Pantry.

Then COVID-19 virus appeared and all of our lives changed. However, Hebrew School did not miss a beat. We held school via ZOOM every Sunday and our school thrived: our attendance increased, our offerings increased and our children's knowledge of Hebrew and Judaic Studies increased as well.

Our children:

- Continued to study Hebrew, learned about the Holidays, Torah and Jewish Values.
- Made matzah via Zoom.
- Sang with Carly.
- Prepared for Passover.
- Did Hebrew Yoga.
- Learned Israeli dancing
- Celebrated Shavuot with prayers and song.

We accomplished many things this year, but we also acknowledged that in this world of on-line education, our teachers needed to develop new skills to improve the way we taught. We also decided that we needed to review our curriculum and make improvements as necessary.

In order to achieve these goals, we hired a Jewish Education Consultant, formed a new Education Committee and purchased two on-line programs from Shalom Learnings *Tora Aura*, and *Jewish Values*. This summer, our staff and Education Committee have been working hard to be ready for another exciting year.

I want to thank:

- Rabbi, for her support, guidance and loving kindness.
- Phyllis Forbes, our president, for being there whenever I needed her support and assistance.
- Helene Linn for her generous contribution to help enhance our school program.
- Our teachers, Abby Perham and Jen Flaster for their dedication to our children.
- Barry Feinberg, our treasurer for his financial assistance and kindness,
- Our Education Committee for all their hard work.
- Our parents and madrichim for their willingness to do whatever was necessary to make our school function.
- Our wonderful students for being one of the best groups of young people, I have ever had the privilege to work with.

Our Children

