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Dear K-7 TSRS Families,

I hope everyone in your family is well and enjoying these summer days safely, during this unprecedented time. This summer, in several Temple Sinai faculty trainings and multiple professional webinars, our teachers will be developing lessons that utilize special technological programs to enhance the online learning experience for our children. We are dedicated as well to continue building Jewish classroom communities with foundations in friendship, love and respect for one another and all others, with a goal of helping our children to envision and create the world in which they'd like to live.

While we are making arrangements for the fall, we would love to learn your thoughts about your child's return to religious school. Please click on the link at the end of this letter to complete the survey that will help to guide us. Thank you.

As always, our top priority is to provide for the physical and social-emotional well-being of our students. Having read the N.J. Department of Education's "Restart and Recovery Plan: The Road Back," along with Governor Murphy's "Road to Reopening," and in keeping with the CDC's current guidelines for schools, here is our current plan for our own reopening in the safest way possible.

Given the information we presently have, all September classes will take place online. All Wednesday Hebrew classes for Grades 4-6 will take place virtually for this school year. Should we safely be able to return to learning on site at Temple Sinai for Sunday classes, here is our hybrid model.

- Grades K-3 and Grades 4-7 will take place on-site in alternating weeks. For example, in week 1, K-3 will be on-site and 4-7 online. In week 2 the reverse, with 4-7 on-site and K-3 online.
- There will be 50 or less K-7 students in the building during any given (early/late) session.
- Arrival and dismissal times within a session will be staggered, to avoid mingling of large groups.
- Students will arrive with a parent-signed form reporting their child's Sunday morning temperature; any symptoms of illness; any recent contact with a COVID-19 positive person.
- Through December, all classes will take place outdoors, weather permitting.
- When we must meet indoors, classes will meet in the largest spaces in the building, i.e. all 2nd floor spaces and Room 10 (3rd floor) with social distancing practices in place.
- The first Sunday class will take place online on September 13.
- Wednesday classes will begin online on September 16.
- You will be notified of a drive-through pick-up in late August, for collecting your child's labeled, grade-specific blue bag of text books, learning and enrichment materials for virtual learning at home, and for transport of their very own, unshared materials for use on-site.

I look forward to updating you further this summer. As always, I am available to answer your questions and to consider your suggestions. Please complete the "TSRS Reopening Survey" [HERE](#). Thanks very much.

To your good health, hope and peace,

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