

Dear J-FLEx Parents,

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We all hoped that the Fall would usher in a sense of normality that we all desire. Unfortunately, we are all still dealing with the challenges and stress of educating our children in the time of Covid-19. I would like to assure you that J-Flex (Jewish Fun Learning Experiences) will be offering innovative and creative educational opportunities for your children this Fall.

We have always prided ourselves on the "Flex" part of our J-FLEx program. Not only is "FLEx" an acronym for Fun Learning Experiences but also the philosophy of flexibility we believe is an important component of our program. That flexibility will serve us well as we create educational opportunities that we believe will be safe and worthwhile for our children.

We will be operating J-FLEx using the following principles:

- 1. The safety and security of your children and our families is our top priority.
- 2. We believe that we can offer in-person programming while maintaining high standards of health safety.
- 3. While a traditional Sunday morning gathering of all our students is unlikely, we are prepared to be innovative with how, when, and where we meet.
- 4. Students who are preparing for Bar/Bat Mitzvah will continue to get the support they need.

- 5. Any students who are uncomfortable attending J-FLEx in person will have full access to an array of virtual options.
- 6. Because of the uncertain nature of our J-FLEx year, we will not be charging our typical tuition of \$399.00 Instead, we would ask that you make a donation to our Educational programming if you are able.

Please know that in addition to operating under these principles we will be adaptable to changes in our environment. For that reason, we will be releasing our schedule (4, 6, or 8) weeks at a time.

We firmly believe that J-FLEx and Congregation Gates of Prayer has an important role to play in navigating this pandemic. It is our hope that we provide a warm, comforting environment where your children can learn, have fun, and expand their Jewish horizons.

Please be on the lookout for registration in the coming days, along with more information regarding the J-FLEx program. Rest assured that the J-FLEx staff will do everything in our power to make for a safe and worthwhile experience for your children!

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