

Dear J-FLEx Parents,

We all hoped that the Fall would usher in a sense of normality that we all desire. While we had planned to take advantage of the wonderful learning spaces within our congregational building, we are all still dealing with the challenges of educating our children in the time of Covid-19 and now, following a devastating hurricane. 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, outside on the CGOP "Learning Lot" and other areas of our beautiful campus.

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 continue to create educational opportunities that we believe will be safe and worthwhile for our children. **Our new opening date will be September 26, 2021 from 9:30-11:00 AM**

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

- The safety and security of your children and our families is our top priority. We believe that we can offer outside, in-person programming, while maintaining high standards of health safety. In addition, security will always be present during J-FLEx hours.
- Temperature checks and masks will be required.
- In order to limit exposure, J-FLEx will meet for 90 minutes per session.
- For safety concerns, snacks will not be provided to our J-FLExers. Please make sure your children are well fed and hydrated before J-FLEx. Bottled water will be available.
- Because of the uncertain nature of our J-FLEx year, we will not be charging our typical tuition of \$399.00. Instead, we will begin the year with a fee of \$180.00 per child. If things greatly improve and we have the need for more staff, an additional \$180.00 will be charged for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the J-FLEx year. Either scenario will still have a savings from the original fee.

- To maintain our Covid protocols, J-FLEx sessions will be cancelled if the forecast calls for temperatures below 45 degrees and/or heavy rain. Parents will be notified via email regarding any changes to the schedule.
- In addition to email, please monitor the [CGOP website](#) and the [J-FLEx Facebook](#) page for cancellations. Most cancellation decisions will be made by Friday afternoon/evening.

We firmly believe that J-FLEx and Congregation Gates of Prayer have 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.

If you have not already, please fill out the [online J-FLEx registration form](#). Rest assured that the J-FLEx staff will do everything in our power to make for a safe and worthwhile experience for your children!

L'shalom,



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