



Dear Families:

After a great deal of consideration, all Congregational School classes will begin virtually this fall. Following the High Holidays, we will reevaluate whether there are opportunities to meet in person for special programs. We hope to be able to resume in-person classes in January for the spring semester.

We hope this decision removes concerns regarding health and safety for the upcoming school year. The fall will undoubtedly introduce new routines, and we want to make sure that families will be able to adjust to different schedules and procedures.

In light of the current environment and the cost savings from a virtual program, we are offering a 15% tuition reduction. This tuition adjustment will apply to the full tuition for the year, including virtual classes in the fall and either in-person or virtual classes in the spring. The tuition listed at the end of this form reflects the 15% tuition reduction.

Please note that our policy remains that enrollment in Congregational School is necessary to receive and maintain a Bnei Mitzvah date.

As we monitor how ongoing schools adjust their schedules, we might shift the start times for classes or tutoring sessions to create more accessibility and flexibility. We will continue to offer classes according to the weekday schedule outlined below. In addition, we are adjusting the length of classes so that we can maximize the learning while avoiding Zoom burnout.

We learned a lot when pivoting to remote classes last semester, and we will use this experience to plan for high-quality remote classes in the fall. For example, the virtual platform allows us to expand small-group Hebrew instruction to all grades and to invite guest educators from all over the world.

As we are a Shabbat-centered program, we will continue to offer services and learning opportunities on Shabbat with our PAS clergy. As noted above, we will update families regarding the timing of these sessions once we have a better sense of the landscape of the new school hours.

Classes will begin the week of September 14. We will send out grade- and class-specific emails in August to inform you of the logistics for our first remote class.

Looking forward to learning together in the fall!

B'shalom,

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