



Oak Park Temple B'nai Abraham Zion

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Welcome!

ברוכים הבאים!

To the 2011 – 2012 (5772) school year at Oak Park Temple!

Our school year begins for gan – 6th grades on Sunday, September 11th, 2011. Please plan on spending time with us that morning as we welcome our families for a new year of Jewish learning. 7th-9th grades begin on Wednesday, September 14th. Our 10th graders will meet with Rabbi Weiss on Sunday mornings beginning September 18. The goal of our school is to make each of our students a compassionate and educated member of the Jewish community. We want each of our students to explore the many ways that Judaism is relevant in modern life. We also want each of our students to understand that their opinion and understanding is important and relevant to Judaism at large! *We cannot do this without you!* Working together we strengthen our community while making Judaism an integral and relevant part of your family's life.

Included in this mailing is a tuition form for your family, one emergency form for each child enrolled in our school, an IEP form, school calendar, explanations of the policies and fees on our tuition form and an invitation from our membership committee. Over the last year we worked to improve our school curriculum at every grade level. **You will receive detailed information about your children's grade level curriculum, as well as our school handbook, on the first day of school.**

This year our 4th and 5th grade classes will be combined into one new educational program. Students will be divided into four groups and cycle through this innovative new program. Teachers in this program will cover a specific subject: Israel/Diaspora, Jewish text, famous Jews/mitzvot and Jewish holidays/calendar/culture. Students will cycle through each teacher and subject on Sundays. Wednesday evenings will be devoted to Hebrew language and prayer.

There will be more family education opportunities this year for all grade levels along with special projects for each grade level to participate in. Our 8th graders will participate in a unique program exploring Jewish identity. The program is "Jewish Lens" and it will be led by a teacher and professional photographer. This year we are creating a 4th grade retreat program for our congregational retreat at OSRUI, March 16-18, 2012. There will also be a program on the retreat for 6th graders and their families.

I look forward to an exciting year of learning with you and your family. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

B 'Shalom,

Robin Arbetman