



Dear Parents,

As springtime approaches, I wanted to give you an update about the Religious School at Temple Kol Tikvah. Your school is growing and thriving and offers you and your children the best quality Religious School in the San Fernando Valley.

Our motto is “Jewish Living for Jewish Learning” and our philosophy is that students should have fun while learning Jewish values, Torah and prayers. We accomplish this with a unique curriculum that encourages creativity, music, singing, dancing and the joy of being Jewish.

The benefits of having your children involved in Religious School from a young age are many:

- Your children develop lifelong friends in a safe, nurturing environment.
- Your children begin acquiring a second language when their minds are most adaptable to it.
- You and your children acquire comfort with the language, prayers and rituals of Judaism and synagogue life prior to, and separate from, the preparation for Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

In response to your requests and to improve our curriculum, we have very exciting news:

- **MORE FLEXIBILITY! For Grades K-4 in 2010-11, choose from Sunday mornings (9-11 a.m.) OR Tuesday afternoons (4-6 p.m.)** These classes are focused on the study of Judaica and in grades K-3, Hebrew reading readiness.
- PLEASE NOTE: In 2010-11, grades 5 and 6 will continue to attend school on Sunday morning (9-11 a.m.) and Wednesday or Thursday afternoon for PODS (see next bullet point).
- **Grades 4-6 will now have Hebrew taught in PODS**, which are small groups that meet on Wednesday OR Thursday for one hour and will be **set up by levels rather than age groups. Students can move at their own speed** through these levels.
- SPECIALIZED ENRICHMENT! Sunday enrichment classes (11-11:45 a.m.) in areas such as art, drama, dance and choir for children in grades 3-6 who would like an enhanced experience.
- Community building programs and activities throughout the year.
- Teen Tuesday for grades 7-12 continues to meet from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

Included with this letter is a registration form for the school year 2010-2011. We have simplified registration so there is one form per family. In order to staff this new program, we need your cooperation to complete your forms promptly.

**Please fill out the enclosed form and return it by May 1
for priority placement**

And if you bring new families into the Religious School, you may earn discounts off your tuition. Contact Michelle Pathman (mpathman@koltikvah.org) for details.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at 818-348-0670 ext. 209 or email me rhoffman@koltikvah.org.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

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