TEMPLE SHALOM

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Dear Religious School Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. This is a difficult and complicated time in which we find our world and our community and I share in your wonderings about what it all means and how this time will affect our lives and our world. Nevertheless, I have seen incredible creativity and resiliency as families and individuals respond to this situation; more people reaching out to help those in need, more people engaged in new kinds of learning, more people interacting with social media platforms and more people reaching out to our Temple Shalom family than ever before. Temple Shalom remains strong and active and absolutely committed to educational, programmatic and worship excellence.

While there may still be some uncertainty during this time, the most important thing we want our religious school families to know is that ***we are here for you***. We are thinking about you and your children and the continuation of their Jewish education. ***We will have religious school in the fall.*** We will continue to learn and grow together in holy community, although the form may be new and different.

First and foremost, we will put the safety of our students and our Temple Shalom community above all else. To that end, we are putting together several contingency plans for religious school learning that will enable us to begin learning online (if necessary) and seamlessly move into our temple space as soon as it is safe to do so. We are using this opportunity to experiment with a new learning modalities and family programs that we believe will enhance our holy community.

We ask that you register now to help us continue to plan. Please go to https://templeshalomdallas.org/religious-school/religious-school-registration/ to register online.

We will now be offering **mid-week online learning for Hebrew**. The online offering will take place in small groups with student/teacher availability determining day/time OR you can choose the in person classes which will take place at the Temple on Wednesdays.

We are excited to continue our learning together and look forward to a meaningful and joyful new school year. Thank you in advance for your support, patience and guidance. We are a better Temple Shalom family because of your continued support and love.

If you have questions about either of these new programs, or about Young Family Programming, please contact, me at dniederman@templeshalomdallas.org .

L'Shalom,

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