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Dear Parents,

Shalom! Enclosed you will find our Jewish Education Center (JEC) brochure including registration and tuition forms for next year. Please complete these forms and return them no later than **June 19, 2009**.

The JEC is looking forward to another exciting and engaging year. Next year our JEC will launch the new Judaic and Hebrew curriculums that some of our teachers and students piloted during the 2008-2009 school year. Our dedicated teachers are excited to implement this new curriculum school-wide and know that our wonderful students will enjoy engaging in deep and active study of the most important Jewish concepts.

The opening day for the JEC will be **Sunday, August 30th, 2009** beginning at **9:00 a.m.** when we hold our parent orientation and welcome everyone for an exciting new year.

During the year we will keep everyone informed of all activities and programs at our JEC through electronic newsletters and flyers, email notifications and our website. Following the Jewish concept of *bal tashchit* (protecting the environment) the JEC is attempting to reduce the snail mail. Be sure to watch your e-mail throughout the year. Please let us know if your e-mail or home address has changed so we can modify our records accordingly.

***Please note that some of our Jewish Education Center hours and days will change next year:**

Gan through Kitah Bet (Kindergarten through 2nd grade)

Sundays 9:00 a.m. - noon.

Kitot Gimmel through Vav (3rd through 6th grade)

Sundays 9:00 a.m. - noon

Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

***Gesher (7th-8th grade)**

Wednesdays

(*B'nai Mitzvah Bank with Cantor Kula Grade 7) 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(*Class for 7th & 8th) 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

***Judaica High (9th through 12th grade)**

Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Payment in full is due by **August 3rd, 2009**. If you opt to make your payments in three or nine installments, you must sign up for the FACTS plan by August 3rd, 2009. Please call the JEC office if you have any questions.

Our goal is to create the best possible learning environment for every student and family. Thank you for your involvement and cooperation. We look forward to your active participation in our JEC and Synagogue throughout the year.

B'Shalom,

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Enclosures: JEC Brochure, Financial Commitment Form, Registration Form, Tuition Agreement Form, Liability Waiver