



Dear Shomrei Torah JLC Families,

## **Welcome to the 2018-2019/5779 Jewish Learning Community Year!**

Our innovative program utilizes multiple learning styles and modalities and provides Jewish learning and living in a variety of environments, such as camp, classrooms, kitchen and stage.

At the heart of our program is the **JLC Core Curriculum** in which Project Based Learning is a key component. Students in each grade are empowered to engage in projects that culminate at the end of each quarter of the school year.

In addition to our core curriculum, students benefit from the opportunity to deepen friendships through experiencing Judaism in real time during our excursion days and Shabbat retreats. Foundational Hebrew language acquisition for our K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students is provided via a language acquisition strategy in which students learn Hebrew by hearing and responding to Hebrew commands. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students will continue to build Hebrew reading liturgy fluency through dedicated Hebrew learning time in which students are placed in groups based upon ability level.

Here's what to expect for the coming year:

- **Hebrew Learning (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students)** this year takes a new direction. Students will be placed in a level-based learning based on a special evaluation activity that will determine their Hebrew level. Students will be able to move to different levels based on their personal performance and the evaluation of the teachers. There will be a special Hebrew Lab teacher who will be responsible to pull out those students who are about to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah and will work with them to prepare them for it.
- **Team Madrichim Program** will be offered to JLC graduates and any STS teen members who are interested in acquiring leadership skills. Throughout the year Madrichim will be responsible for various programs while accumulating points towards any Jewish program that they wish to attend (Those who are not interested in Jewish programs will be offered a different source of compensation). Students who need to work towards their community service hours will begin accumulating their points once accomplishing their school's requirements.
- **Tuesday Pizza** is a new program offered to our 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students on Tuesdays. Families can preorder a special meal including a big slice of pizza, a fruit/vegetable, and a bag of chips for only \$120 for the whole year (worth of \$4 per meal). There will be limited meals to purchase (for \$5) on the day based on first come first serve. Snacks will be available to purchase as well throughout the year.
- **An INFO BOX** is placed on my office's door. Please feel free to leave a note with any advice, concern or complaint that you might have. Your voice is important to us!

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Included in this online packet, you will find a **Returning Student Confirmation Form** and a PDF version of the **2018-2019 JLC calendar** (Paper calendars will be ready by first day of school – some dates might be added to it so please do not print the online version yet). As we do every year, we request that you please initial in the appropriate place on your registration form after reviewing this code of conduct with your child/ren.

I am beyond excited for the learning opportunities our children will have in the year to come! I can't wait to greet each and every one of you soon. In the meantime, my door is always open. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

With Great Anticipation,

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