



June 22, 2011

Dear Kindergarten Families:

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer!

According to our records at the Hebrew Educational Alliance, you have a child entering Kindergarten this fall. I am writing today to invite you to register your child in HEA's Kindergarten Religious School program. We are very excited to be able to offer this program to our members as a fun and developmentally appropriate opportunity for our youngest elementary students to begin the process of formal Jewish education and exploration.

The Kindergarten curriculum introduces children to the Aleph Bet, blessings, Shabbat observance in the home, Hebrew vocabulary, holidays, Bible stories, mitzvot and Jewish values. There are lots of songs, crafts and hands-on opportunities to support their learning. The HEA Religious School is proud to offer many opportunities throughout the year for our families to participate in learning and activities together. Our Kindergarten calendar for the 2011-2012 school year includes a Kindergarten Family Education morning as well as a Family Consecration Shabbat Dinner and Service.

The program is designed as a one day a week program which meets on Sundays from 9:00 am until 12 noon. Once our Religious School students enter 2nd Grade, they attend two days a week. Our students who begin in Kindergarten become comfortable with the experience of attending Religious School classes at the HEA and have an easier transition to the two day a week program. The lessons learned and friendships made in this program create an excellent base from which to begin a more intensive study of Jewish History, Holidays and Heritage that is to come in grades 2-6.

I have enclosed Registration Forms and an addressed envelope with this letter for your convenience. **For planning purposes, we ask that Registration materials be completed and returned to us by July 26, 2011.** Your membership account will be billed for the Religious School tuition and reflected on your September, 2011 statement. Tuition for the 2011-2012 school year for Kindergarten is \$400. You may pay your tuition bill in full at this time or set up an electronic funds transfer or automatic credit card deductions spread out evenly over the months September through April.



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PLEASE NOTE: In order to complete the registration process for your child(ren), a payment of at least one month's tuition must be received NO LATER than September 1, 2011.

As always, should you need to set up a payment plan or discuss an adjusted fee for the year, please contact Neal Price, Executive Director of HEA, in the synagogue office at 303-758-9400 x 204.

Our school year begins with a Back to School morning for ALL students and their parents on Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 11:15 am. This program will feature opportunities to visit friends, meet teachers, view textbooks, complete updated emergency contact forms, purchase Wednesday Pizza and Sunday Bagels, and more! The program will be followed by the synagogue's Annual Picnic! This event is free and you are encouraged to eat and play with us for the afternoon! Kosher BBQ, games and good friends will be plentiful! *If you will not be available to attend this special event, you must contact Sharon in the Religious School office beforehand to be sure that our information for your child is correct.* The school calendar is posted on our website, HEAdenver.org under Religious School.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (information below) or Sharon Andersen at sandersen@headenver.org. Welcome to the HEA Religious School!

L'Shalom,

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