

June 2010

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2010-2011 Shul School year! This year promises to be an exciting time with the launch of several new initiatives, including: **Access to Jewish Education: A Program at KHN for Students with Special Needs**, the expansion of the Vav curriculum to include b'nai mitvah preparation and additional community building activities, and the initial steps to incorporate the KHN community's response to "what do you want our youngest members to know, do, and feel?" into our curriculum.

Within a week's time, you will receive the 2010-11 Registration Form, which we hope you'll be pleased to see, has been redesigned to include both Shul School and membership, so you will only need to complete one form this year. There are several new aspects to the Shul School enrollment components that we'd like to bring to your attention at this time:

- ? For the first time, we are offering a \$50 per child savings for families who enroll by July 1, 2010. All families are encouraged to take advantage of this cost savings.
- ? To enrich the educational experience of the Vav class, a class trip and Shabbaton has been added to the curriculum. The costs associated with these activities are included in the tuition.
- ? There is an option to distribute your payment of the b'nai mitzvah fees over two years, starting in the Vav year. The fees cover tutoring sessions, administrative support, and meetings with the Rabbi.
- ? The Education Committee is proud to announce the pilot of a new program at KHN: **Access to Jewish Education: A Program at KHN for Students with Special Needs (ACCESS)**. Based on the KHN core values of inclusion and diversity, the goals of **ACCESS** are to facilitate access to a meaningful Jewish education for our young members with disabilities, and to ensure that their families are spiritually held and supported within our community.

The Registration Form includes questions by which parents may identify a child(ren) with a disability(ies) to the Shul School Education Director. Please respond to these questions completely and thoroughly, so that we can best assist you and your children. Families who identify a child with a disability who may benefit from an educational program designed to meet his/her specific needs, can expect a call over the summer from an ACCESS Support Team Member.

Anyone wanting more immediate information or who has interest in working on the ACCESS Support Team, please feel free to contact: Sondra Dantzig ([sondra.dantzig@verizon.net](mailto:sondra.dantzig@verizon.net); 215-582-2370) or Susan Sklaroff-Van Hook ([sklar72@epix.net](mailto:sklar72@epix.net); 610-294-8290).

- ? Finally, we are pleased to inform you that Derek Rosenbaum will be resuming the position of Education Director effective July 1 2010. Please join the Education Committee in thanking Rabbi David for his tenure as Interim Education Director while Derek fulfilled a Rabbinical requirement to spend a year in Israel.

The Education Committee looks forward to working with you to ensure that your child has an inspiring, spiritual and instructive Jewish education. The staff's dedication and the commitment of our community truly make KHN a vibrant learning environment. Please consider how you can support our school by volunteering your time as a classroom parent, or on the Education Committee. Your involvement makes a big difference. If you would like further information, please contact me at either 215-504-0694 or [ljshelby1@verizon.net](mailto:ljshelby1@verizon.net).

I look forward to seeing your family in September!

Sincerely,

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Chair, Education Committee