



May 2015

Dear Parents,

Mazel tov on your child's entry into the world of kindergarten! I hope that this letter finds you well and excitedly making plans for your child's coming year.

As you make plans for the continuation of your child's education, I wanted to share with you the wonderful opportunity we have here at the HEA Religious School.

Our Kindergarten program, which is intended for students who attend public schools (or home schools), is taught by Morah (teacher) Yingrid Yardeny and Morah Mara Winetsvaig. Both teachers bring with them many years of complementary religious education experience as well as several years working in early childhood education. Their joint wealth of Judaic knowledge makes the transition from preschool both positive and smooth. The program meets here at HEA on Sunday mornings from 9am until 12noon and the focus for the year is Judaism in the home. HEA Kindergarten program teaches the students about many of the wonderful customs and traditions of Jewish culture with a specific focus on how to bring these observances into the home. There are many hands on projects, music, and food for the students to experience. In addition, there will be opportunities during the year for parents and students to learn and create together.

I strongly encourage you to sign your student up for this wonderful program. The cost of the year is \$460 for members of the congregation.

Typically the HEA Religious School is open only to members of HEA's congregation. However, I am pleased to offer you the opportunity to have your child participate in the Kindergarten program regardless of your membership status. We are offering this special program to you for the year which will include High Holiday tickets, for \$560. After this trial year, you will need to join the congregation in order to continue at the HEA Religious School. The \$100 overage in tuition you pay for this trial year can be applied to your HEA membership for the following year should you choose to join.

The HEA does not turn anyone away from membership nor Religious School for financial reasons. Should you need to make financial arrangements with the synagogue, please contact Neal Price, Executive Director, at 303-758-9400. Congregation Hebrew Educational Alliance • 3600 South Ivanhoe Street, Denver CO 80237-1196 Phone 303.758.7100 • Fax 303.758.9500 • www.HEAdenver.org

We will have a special "Taste of Religious School" event for Kindergarten students and their families on August 28th at 10:30am. This is a wonderful opportunity to get into the spirit of the school year as well as to meet Yingrid, Mara and the other students and to see the classroom. We hope this will make the first official day that much easier for our kiddos. Following this program please plan to join the HEA's annual family BBQ with free food and loads of fun activities and community! Please plan to stay a while and enjoy.

For your convenience, we have linked ([here](#)) our NEW online information form that replaced previous methods of registration as well as the payment site. You may fill this form at your earliest convenience as well as pay online between now and August 24 without being assessed an additional processing fee- we no longer offer paper registration.

Our Religious School is always open to visitors and to friends wanting to sample first. To schedule a visit or for any questions, please contact me or Anna Szentivanyi, our Administrative Assistant, in the Religious School office at: 303-758-9400 X211

L'Shalom,

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