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Message from Dr. Schatz, Assistant Director

As we are now in full swing of our school year, with the busy season of *Hagim* behind us, I wanted to take a moment to check in with our families of the JFGRS.

All programs have now begun – Weekly Sunday school for Gan/Aleph; Sunday-Tuesday Religious School, both in person and online, for Bet-Hay; and Middle School has had Tuesday Beit Midrash, one Kehillah Sunday (the next is October 24), and Zoom Hebrew Hevruta in small learning groups for prayer and Hebrew reading.

Arrival and dismissal procedures have been working efficiently – to keep our children safe, and to move children in and out of the building and parking lot in an efficient manner.

Tuesday snacks are provided before school and eaten outside, or occasionally inside at safe distances. Otherwise children and staff remain masked.

Everyone should have their correct Hebrew book. Online connections via Zoom should be working well.

This all being said, we want to hear from you! If there are any concerns – logistic, in terms of zoom logins, procedures, safety, snacks, etc., let me know! If your child is having any issues in their class, with learning or community, let me know! Alternatively, if you are hearing a positive story from your child, or if they are particularly excited about any activity or lesson, tell us! We would love to share our successes.

There are lots of things coming up – Hanukkah celebrations, special Abiri Fund art programs, our Trip Day in the winter, and we are hopeful to be able to have parent-participation programs and parent night out activities in the near future as well.

Thanks as always for your support of your child's learning in the Religious School and of the Har Zion Temple community!