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Dear Bet Torah Nursery School families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Even though so much of this year is going to be different and unusual, I hope that it is a rewarding and exciting one for you and your child. At Bet Torah Nursery School our children are inspired to learn, are exposed to the traditions, stories, and songs of Judaism, and learn kindness and the importance of tikkun olam (repairing the world).

The success of the nursery school depends very much on active parent participation. This year we are making every effort to maintain the community feeling of the nursery school even though we may not be able to gather together in the same ways as we have in the past. I encourage each of you to become involved in whatever capacity interests you and fits your schedule. Our Parents Association, chaired by Shirley Goldman, provides opportunities for involvement like helping to organize an event or being a class parent. Our monthly nursery school board meetings will be held on Zoom to begin this year but are open to the community, and we hope you will join us to share your ideas, concerns, or just to learn a little about the school. We even have a few board positions that are currently open, so please reach out if you are interested in learning more about how to get involved.

Though the building currently remains closed for most gatherings, both the nursery school and the synagogue offer a variety of events geared toward young children and their families. The monthly Gan Shabbat service, led by Diana Binger, is a hands-on, family-friendly introduction to Shabbat services specifically geared toward children of nursery school age. Shabbat Sha-Zoom, led by Morah Mindy, gathers weekly to help welcome Shabbat using the songs and prayers that your child will be familiar with from the classroom. I hope that you will join us at these or any of the other wonderful programs here at Bet Torah.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff for taking on the task of keeping our children safe and healthy and for making Bet Torah a superb preschool that offers each and every youngster a chance to grow, learn, and develop in a safe and nurturing environment.

It is my hope that you find Bet Torah Nursery School as welcoming and nurturing for you and your children as it has been for my family. I encourage you to call me, email me, or find me on Zoom with any thoughts, suggestions, comments, or concerns you may have. An open line of communication is vital to our continued success.

With thanks,

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