

I am so proud to report that we had an amazing summer at Camp Little Feet. The kids loved swimming at Goldfish, running through the sprinklers, doing art projects, and generally getting to just be kids!

Now, we are getting ready to begin another chapter here at the Andrew Friedland Early Childhood Learning Center. The last few years have presented their fair share of challenges, but by working together as a team- teachers, staff, parents, and temple leadership-we have been able to maintain the high standard of learning that we pride ourselves on here at Beth Rishon.

We have proven in the last few years that no matter what challenges we face as a community, we have never stopped running an amazing and safe program. No matter what, our teachers will always educate, support, and nurture our kids with all their heart. We will ensure that our kids will always learn, make friends, and feel connected to a community and their parents will always know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that they are supported and cared for as well.

We also have some exciting new programs and materials that we can't wait to share with all of you. Our new STEAM room is almost complete, and the Big Room has been transformed into a small town, complete with food truck, diner, doctor's office and construction area. And just wait until you see the school lobby!

We are thrilled to introduce new faces, like Chef Angie, who will be leading cooking classes with the kids every week. We also welcome Morah Julia, our new music teacher who, with Cantor Dubin, will teach the kids all about music, both in Hebrew and in English. We are also thrilled to be welcoming back some old friends. Chris Ross will be returning to TBR to do her amazing science experiments with the kids every Tuesday.

For teachers, parents, and students, the start of a new school year is often the time that we take stock of what we have accomplished, plan for what we want to tackle next, and revisit how we intend to do just that. It is a chance for us to start anew, reinvent ourselves a little and see the coming year with optimism and hope; like a fresh clean notebook, the possibilities are endless. This year, I especially want to make sure that we, as educators, strive to "be our best selves" both for the children and as a model for how we want them to live their lives, with integrity, compassion and resilience.

As this is the time of year that also allows us to focus on gratitude and appreciation, allow me to share some of my own. We are grateful and humbled that you have invited us into your children's lives and allowed us to share in your simchas and support you during difficult times.

L'Shanah Tovah,

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Preschool Director

Save the Dates:

Wednesday September 6: Visitation Day

Thursday September 7: 1st Day of School

Wednesday September 13: Back to School Night at 7pm

Friday September 15: No School Rosh Hashanah

Monday September 26: No School Yom Kippur

Friday September 29: 12:30 Dismissal for Sukkot