

Dear Gordon School family:

L'Shanah Tovah and a sweet and happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we have completed our first month of school. Once again, thank you for entrusting your children to the Gordon Schools of Beth David Congregation, and for all that you bring to our institution.

We would like to introduce you to the School Board and let you know of the plans for the coming year. Please see attached a description of the role of the School Board, a list of School Board members, and Board Committees. We encourage you to contact us with any questions you may have or if you would like to become involved with any of the committees.

This year, the School Board will continue to implement the mission and vision of our Schools: *"... dedicated to helping children reach their highest potential through our nurturing, child-centered environment and our program of academic excellence. Teaching our children to cherish the wisdom and faith of Judaism and embrace its rich heritage."* This is the core of the Gordon Schools of Beth David Congregation and as such, we are helping to inspire and shape our children to the rigors of academic excellence, while emphasizing the values of being *mensch*, kind, noble and respectful human beings.

We encourage you to come and learn more about the School Board and its work. To that end, there will be two open meetings: the first scheduled this fall on November 17 at 6:30 p.m.; the second, on March 16, 2010, also at 6:30 p.m. More information will be provided prior to the meetings, and again, we welcome all interested parents.

In addition, we are proud to be celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. Plans are already underway to celebrate the Schools, honor their past and help build their future. We thank Melissa Buckner, Programming Director and Immediate Past President of the School Board, for her leadership in this regard, and to the creative and hard-working gala committee members. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 20, 2010 for the big event!

This is indeed an exciting time at our schools and we look forward to a wonderful 2009-2010 school year!

B'Shalom,

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