



HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE

Life can blossom here



A Note from Wendy

As we wrap another week of ECC Online, we are very pleased with what we have managed to implement. Our new platform is allowing us to address the new reality in a positive way, as we continue to provide meaningful learning to our students.

I want to thank you, our parents, for your wonderful responses to our online learning platform. We've been overwhelmed with the many messages expressing your appreciation for the ECC and our teachers, and our ability to rise to this new educational challenge.

Thank you to those of you who have given us suggestions, pointed out challenges in the system, and asked questions that keep us working on improvements. We will be working to improve its functionality and the quality of teacher-student interaction. Please understand that the staff is learning as we go. We are doing this on our own without tech assistance or classroom materials. As online learning is new to the ECC, we will continually review and revise the program to create improvements. We thank you for your patience over the coming weeks.

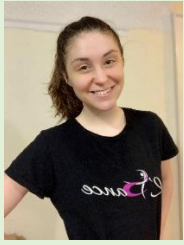
- **There will be one scheduled live Zoom calls** with your classroom teachers daily. (Kita Aleph on M/W/F, Lunch Bunch will soon begin Mon. to Thurs.) This will be an opportunity to connect as a class and to enable students' interaction with teachers and their classmates. This will allow teachers to run an interactive morning circle and to provide direct, live teaching.
- **The second opportunity for learning will be through daily SEESAW posts.** The teacher may read a story and/or engage in a variety of different activities with the students. The beauty of SEESAW is you can watch over and over again. It is not a one-time viewing session. This is also the platform for messaging.
- **Phone calls will occur weekly.**
- **The Holy Blossom website landing page** will provide you with a **daily schedule of events.** Parents will also be able to find **additional resources and activities** for those of you who are looking for more to do with your child throughout the day.

Specialty programs will be listed on the landing page as well as this weekly newsletter.

Mark Weinstock continues with his live Friday music program. He will be offering two times, 9 and 11.

Mini Movement with Sarah from L'Dance begins next week.

Please join us on Wednesday April.1st at 3:30pm for an interactive LIVE Movement Class with Sarah from L'Dance. This Movement program is geared towards children under the age of 5 but the entire family is welcome to tune in and dance!



The students enjoyed the program so much this past session and we are looking forward to dancing with Sarah LIVESTREAM on Wednesday.

Simply 'LIKE' <https://www.facebook.com/LDanceClasses/> and wait for the notification that they are LIVE for our Holy Blossom Families at 3:30pm.

Suggested to have on hand:

- Something shakeable(maraca, pasta box etc),
- A scarf/dishtowel etc
- An animal figurine(Dinosaur or other),
- A teddy bear(any stuffy) & of course...
- A big SMILE!!

MaryAnn is working hard at connecting with us. Stay tuned. Sportball and Rufus hopefully as well.

Shabbat Shalom and stay healthy.

Kita Aleph

With Brenda, Barbie, Brooke and Eve

We hope that all our students and families are all well, and coping ok with this new normal.

Did you all do some of the creative activities we sent home for you??

Maybe you can show us during our virtual classroom meetings when we log in.!!

Are you singing some of these Pesach songs??

- Oh Listen Oh listen.
- One morning when Pharaoh awoke in his bed??

Do you know the story of Pesach? Ask mom or Dad to tell it to you again

Maybe on Monday we will tell you the story again to remind you.

We are so proud of ourselves and all of you for tuning in to our ZOOM meeting!!

It felt different seeing you all on our computers, but it was so wonderful seeing you all with your smiles!!

Your teachers miss you all. We miss the hugs you give us, and the good fun we have when we spend time together in the Classroom.

Shabbat Shalom to all of you.

Love from us

Kita Bet
With Marla and Terry

Hello Kita Bet

This week was a very interesting week. We learned how to see our friends and teachers on the computer. It's so fun sitting in our homes doing circle but we would so much rather be in our classroom.

We did our Seder plates and Elijah's cups at home and learned what is on the Seder plate. We sang Passover songs and even read a Passover story online. We had our first virtual Shabbat sing song that was so much fun.

We spoke with all the parents and can't wait to speak to them again next week. We are so excited to introduce new things for next week.

Have a great weekend stay safe and healthy.

Kita Gimel
With Bluma and Sharon

Hello Kita Gimel!

We miss you all very much. So happy we can see each other on Zoom.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding while we navigate our learning during this challenging time.

We sent home Pesach symbols for your seder plate in your package.

You can glue them onto a paper plate. Let's arrange a seder plate with everything in order: shank bone, charoset, parsley, egg, and in the middle maror.

Continue with the letter of the week. You can find pictures and magazines beginning with the letter 'G' and make a collage on paper. Go on a treasure hunt around your house and play 'hot and cold' with items starting with 'G'.

Looking ahead ...

Monday - show and share with the letter 'g'

Havdalah

Wednesday - Pesach songs and activities

Friday - Kabbalat Shabbat

Keep well

Shabbat Shalom

Kita Dalet
With Joanne and Gail

This week in Kita Dalet we have been continuing to talk about Passover and singing songs through SEESAW.

We hope you are all enjoying the seesaw videos. Remember you can re watch them at any time. We hope you have been singing along and completing the activities. We would love for you to post them and share your creations with our class.

We are so excited that we have completed our tutorials for our virtual classroom. We are so looking forward to our first Zoom meeting on Monday. You will receive all the details.

It was great talking to everyone on the phone.

Shabbat Shalom.
Miss you all.

Kita Hei
With Melody and Susan

Hello Kita Hei Families!

It has been our pleasure to have established a daily zoom "classroom" meeting this week with all of you and especially our wonderful Kita Hei students. We will continue to do this for as long as school remains closed. Please join us at 9:25 am every day from Monday to Friday.

Seeing your comments, pictures and videos on the Seesaw app has kept us motivated to keep providing learning opportunities for Kita Hei. Plus, it's incredible to see how happy the children are. Please keep sending them! They mean a lot to us!

This week we reviewed the story of Passover, conducted a Walking Rainbow science experiment, played a "chametz or not" game, sang Shabbat songs and said the Shabbat blessings.

We are also hoping to contact everyone by phone over, so stay tuned!

We miss you all and hope you are staying healthy.

Sending you all so much love.

Next Week on Zoom:

****More details will be posted on the app.**

Monday, March 30: Seder Plate and frog focused. We challenge you to make your own seder plate with your child and bring it to show everyone at the zoom meeting. As well, please bring your frog plate or frog craft.

More information will be posted on Seesaw.

Tuesday, March 31: Letter Review Day – B and R. If you completed any projects about B and R, please bring them to show everyone.

Wednesday, April 1: Yeast Experiment Day. All you need is a package of yeast, 2 clear plastic cups, sugar, and warm water. Watch Susan and then try at home!

Thursday, April 2: Graphing Matzah Toppings. Please bring a small piece of matzah topped with jam, butter or cheese. We will have each child sample it, tell us their favourite and we will create a graph together.

Friday, April 3: Shabbat songs and Tzedakah. Please speak with your children and decide on a worthwhile cause to donate some Tzedakah to. Come dressed for Shabbat and ready to explain a bit about your chosen charity.

Upcoming Virtual Offerings and Resources

Please also visit <https://holyblossom.org/> for all information.

LIVESTREAM on Wednesday.

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Learning Without Tears- Matman Resources

<https://www.lwtears.com/programs/distance-learning>

Yoga for Kids – We have used this in the school. Jamie, the leader is wonderful and the children love it!

<https://www.cosmickids.com/category/watch/>

Scholastic releases free daily courses for kids

Each day of content is filled with exciting articles and stories, videos, and fun learning challenges. The students can even go on virtual field trips or meet best-selling authors.

www.wowktv.com

Live dance parties every weekday at 4PM EST (1PM PST) on Instagram Live! Head to their Instagram, **@magenboys**, follow and join in on the fun! Great for all ages!

Pre -K Pintables and Activities

<https://www.pre-kpages.com/>

Friday Music with Mark Weinstock - We have a 9:00 am and a 11:00 am this Friday and for the next few weeks after. Hope you can join and there is no password needed. You will receive an email link.

Join Zoom Meeting 9:00 am

<https://zoom.us/j/861098886>

Meeting ID: 861 098 886

Join Zoom Meeting 11:00 am

<https://zoom.us/j/671396955>

Meeting ID: 671 396 955