

July 2009

Dear Akiva Families,

It is amazing how quickly this year has flown by; we know how soon summer will be over and we'll be back in the classroom. I would like to share with you a few of the new ideas and initiatives we are developing to meet the needs of our students during the 2009-2010 school year.

Siegal College @Akiva - At this moment, Akiva is developing a new and exciting program, in which Akiva will be able to provide 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders college credits for both Judaic and Hebrew studies. Although most of details are not in place yet, the following is what we know:

1. College credit will be available for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who will study:
  - a. Hebrew classes (during Akiva Tuesday and Thursday)
  - b. Judaic classes (date and time TBA)
2. Numbers of credits:
  - a. Hebrew – One Akiva semester will be equal to 3 college credit hours.
  - b. Judaic - Two hours per semester (around 15 meetings) will be equal to 3 college credit hours.
3. There will be an additional (very minimal) college credit fee.
4. We are in the process of developing separate guidelines and expectations for studies that will grant college credit.

We hope to see many of you participate in this great opportunity and we would like you to share this information with your friends.

If you have questions please contact the Akiva office 216-464-4050.

In addition to this news, Akiva will continue to offer its great programs:

Classes will begin September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The Hebrew Explorer Track** – As in the last four years, Hebrew education will continue to be at the forefront of our program. Students that choose this option will study Hebrew twice a week at six different levels. The placement test for new Hebrew students will be given at 6:00PM on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. For students taking Hebrew for high school credit, please read the [Hebrew guidelines and expectations](#) ((follow the Hyper link for PDF version)

**The Jewish Explorer track** – For the students that choose to focus on their Judaic education, we are planning a very exciting program.

**Tuesdays and Thursdays (evening)** –Students that choose to focus on their Judaic education may register for this track and select one or two days of learning per week (the courses for this track will be published later this summer). Class choices will include Conversational Hebrew, Israel, and Bible and Talmud.

**Slices @ Akiva Monday 4-6** – Akiva will offer a Judaic course for those students who would like more. The course, taught by Alex Blumin, will offer portions of the Bible and bites of pizza and will focus on high level intellectual discussions. There will be no additional charge for the students already enrolled in the two day per week program. This class will begin Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Out-of-classroom-activities** – As in the past, Akiva will offer additional activities. Most of them are still in the planning stage and you will receive information as it becomes available. We will continue our ongoing collaborations with our partner education agencies, Siegal College, Maltz Museum and the JECC.

We are pleased to inform you that this year there is no raise in tuition cost. The fee for students attending two nights per week remains at \$825.00 for the first child in a family and \$725.00 for additional siblings. These students

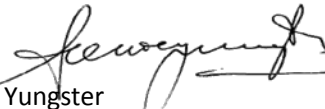
may register for the Monday evening or Sunday afternoon program at no additional cost. Tuition for students attending one day per week remains at \$450.00. There is an additional book and supply and fee for all students and a graduation fee for seniors.

Finally, included with this letter are the Akiva [registration](#) and [medical](#) information forms and the [credit card payment form](#). (follow the Hyperlinks for PDF version) Beginning in September there will be 3% surcharge for all credit card payments. Please complete and return all forms to us along with your deposit as quickly as possible. Early registration is key to our planning and success.

We look forward to another successful year at Akiva: renewing friendships with our returning students as well as meeting and forming long lasting friendships with new students. Enjoy the sunshine and warm temperatures and the relaxing days of summer. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

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