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Dear Parents,

Upon starting this letter, I spent a great deal of time searching for that ultimate Jewish quote about "kehillah" - community, "adeevoot" - kindness, and "tikun olam" - repairing the world. However, with each wise and insightful reading, I was left feeling incomplete. There was a disconnect for me and I realized why. The ultimate source of wisdom, truth and hope was right in front of me ... your children.

Kehillah – Community

"The corona virus is spreading germs and we couldn't go to Gan HaYeled. Now we can. I really like being at Gan HaYeled. There is new stuff to play with and everything has changed in the room. It makes me feel happy because I really like being here. The teachers are nice to me. I really like my friends because they play with me, and today we played in the mud pit together and that makes me really happy," - Eitan, age 5

Adeevoot - Kindness

"If you don't be kind to each other you can get hurt. When we are kind to each other we feel happy. At Gan HaYeled we are kind. We help people up when they are hurt, and also we should ask how they are feeling when they get hurt, so they can feel better and we can help them feel better," - Bode, age 4

Tikun Olam - Repairing the World

We take care of trees, watering them cause we have to water them, cause they need water so they grow, cause we want them to grow, cause we love them," Eva, age 4.

Once again, thank you for entrusting us with your children. Our summer program, Camp Shalom Katan, is going great! Our adventure filled days have taken us from outer space to the depths of the ocean. The children's creativity, energy, and social/emotional interactions emanate throughout the days. As a staff we were pleasantly surprised how quickly we adjusted to our new sanitizing schedules and drop-off/pick-up routines. Our families have been exceptionally forthcoming regarding the changes in their child's or family's health, mindful of the daily health check-in procedures, and a source of strength and support for our community. We are now preparing Gan HaYeled for our upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

While our intent is to remain open, situations may arise where we need to close for a period. They are as follows:

- If a student or staff is diagnosed with COVID-19, we would close the school for quarantine (length of time determined by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services)
- If there is a government mandate that early childhood care centers must close, we would need to follow the guidelines of the government mandate.

If our facility needs to close for a period, we will immediately switch to remote learning. This will include:

- Daily all school Zoom get-togethers, including our weekly Shabbat



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- Daily classroom Zoom get-togethers
- Daily Zoom playdate groups (sign-up for times)
- Daily Zoom one-on-one teacher time (sign-up for times)
- Weekly google docs with exploration ideas to do at home (science, construction, dramatic play, art, social/emotional, movement, etc.)
- Links for children and parents to explore
- Weekly-made Gan HaYeled “movies” featuring photos and Zoom clips of the children

The following is necessary in order to complete the registration process:

- Completed registration form
- Registration fee
- First month’s tuition

In addition, we are adding a fee for schedule changes. There will be a \$36 charge for each schedule change after we receive your initial registration form (adding on days or hours). Drop-in care is \$16 per hour with at least 24-hour notice and approval.

<u>If withdrawal from Gan HaYeled is necessary and Gan HaYeled is notified in writing:</u>	<u>Family will be responsible for:</u>
Between August 1-November 15 th	Paying tuition through (including) December
Between November 16 th -June 10 th	Paying full year’s tuition

Keeping all of us connected, especially during these uncertain times, is essential. Our staff is devoted to working their scheduled hours if we need to close our facility. Families will continue to pay their monthly tuition if we need to switch to remote learning. Registration forms are due by August 1, 2020. As always, please contact us with any comments, concerns and questions.

All the best,
Marla