

TOURO SYNAGOGUE

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & UPTOWN HEBREW



Dear Uptown Hebrew Families,

We've decided to make a slight change to our Uptown Hebrew schedule this year, in order to benefit as many Touro Synagogue kids and families as possible. **Starting in September 2019, Uptown Hebrew will take place from 4:30-6:00 PM on Wednesday afternoons.** This means we will begin and end a half-hour later than in previous years.

We considered a number of factors and heard feedback from a number of families while making this decision; in the end, everything indicated that moving our Wednesday afternoon start time to 4:30 PM made a lot of sense.

Here's Why We're Moving Uptown Hebrew to 4:30-6:00 PM

- It will give students whose secular-school ends later than others more time to refresh and reset themselves before Hebrew instruction begins.
- It is more considerate and accommodating for Touro families whose kids attend schools across the city and have to battle cross-town traffic to get here.
- We have had some wonderfully positive conversations with school leaders and coaches, and want to support every kid in both their athletic and religious activities.

Here's What WON'T Be Changing:

- Students can still arrive anytime after 3:30 PM -- same as always. Every week there will be a staff member to hang out and watch out for anyone who shows up early. There will even be a designated Homework Help quiet space for those who want to get started on any take home work or just read silently.
- Snacks. Lots and lots and lots of snacks. I'm talking fresh fruit, string cheese, crunchy veggies, maybe even some gummies -- that's how we roll here.

If you have any questions at all please reach out to Rabbi Silverman via email or phone. We are looking forward to another great year of Hebrew learning together with your kids!

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