Dear Rabbi Steven Foster ELC Families,

Most importantly, I hope you and your entire family are healthy and safe during this unprecedented time. We also hope that the support you have received, these past weeks, from the ELC teaching staff and administration has been helpful and supportive to you as a family.

School Year:
As many of you have heard, the Denver Public School System has suspended “in-person classes” for the remainder of the school year. **As such, we will also not resume classes until the summer on June 1, 2020.** This is a very difficult and painful decision, but one that is made in the best interest of our local and global communities. We also realize that this has a significant impact on our ELC family. We appreciate your continued support of the teaching staff during this difficult time.

Tuition:
Moving forward, we will be waiving all fees for May. For most of our families, that means you will not have a May charge in Smart Tuition. For a very small percentage of families who still owe tuition from the year due to schedule changes, etc., those will be charged. However, if you are facing financial hardship, **please reach out to us so that we can work something out with you.** This plan will allow us to pay our teachers through the end of the school year. Many of our teachers have asked us to share with you just how grateful they are for the care you have shown.

Summer:
Please be reassured - even those families who are committed for our summer sessions will not be obligated to pay these sessions if we are not in school. Unlike the school year (August-May), we allow all of our families the opportunity to opt in and out of summer programming. You are welcome to opt in or out of summer registration through May 15th and no family will be charged until we confirm that we will be in session for summer.

Continued Learning:
In the meantime, we will move forward with our plan for daily Zoom experiences with your children in addition to sending prerecorded experiences and emailed ideas & resources. In an effort to make sure we are meeting your needs, we will be sending out a short survey in a few days.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding through these uncertain times. We are all in this together, and we will continue to support your families and our educators as we navigate this new terrain of living and learning as a community.

We look forward to when we can all come back together again ... stronger, closer and more bonded than ever before. Until then, thank you for everything you’re doing for your child(ren) and our community!

We wish you all well, and we hope to see you all soon.

The entire ELC team and Temple Emanuel staff