

Rabbi Zamore's Message for Summer, 2014

I am sharing with the entire congregation [the letter I have sent out](#) to the entire religious school community. In it you will see my suggestions for keeping connected to Judaism after the official religious school year is done. After all, there are three full months until Sunday school starts up again.

While it is important for our school children to keep their Hebrew skills active and not to lose the progress they have worked hard to accomplish during the school year, it is more important for each of us not to see our Judaism as attached to one season, classroom or outlet. It is not an activity or even a particular skill; our Judaism is a dynamic part of each one of us, connecting us to each other and the greater Jewish world.

Just as I challenged our religious school families to find fun and meaningful ways to connect with their Judaism over the summer, I extend that challenge to every member of our community. In addition to the list I provided for the children (please read below), I offer these suggestions for adults:

- Read a Jewish book
- Rent a Jewish movie
- Visit a Jewish museum or historical site
- Work on learning a Jewish skill or set of information
- Study some Hebrew
- Celebrate Shabbat at home
- Visit another synagogue while you are on vacation
- Attend the JCNWJ Summer Services

Please feel free to reach out, as I am glad to help you connect with the details of these summer goals. I hope you each have a wonderful summer filled with family, friends, sunscreen, and Jewish growth!

L'Shalom,

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[Read the letter](#)