



“The Temple with a Heart”

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Dear Religious School Parents,

Welcome to the start of another exciting year at the Morris Gold Religious School. You are a valued part of the Temple Beth Emet Family. The education of our children is a primary obligation of the Jewish community. As Torah commands us, “(a)nd these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children . . . .” (Deuteronomy 6:6). The Temple Beth Emet family takes this obligation seriously, yet joyously, and we are honored to partner with you in instilling in the next generation the knowledge and experiences that will form their Jewish identities for the rest of their lives.

As parents, your role in your children’s Jewish education is perhaps more important than ours. As I often say, if we want Judaism to be important to our children, we must show them that Judaism is important to us. I therefore urge you to become involved, not only in the religious school, but in the Temple community as well. There are opportunities through the Religious School Parents Association, Shabbat and holiday observances, adult education, Sisterhood, Men’s Club, havurot, and numerous other Temple activities and volunteer opportunities. If you have an interest in something we are not already addressing, please let us know -- our next best idea may be yours!

We know that there are many demands on your personal and family time, but I assure you that if you make the investment of your energies in the Temple Beth Emet community, the return will be surprisingly rewarding. Our Temple belongs to you as well as you belonging to it.

Thank you again for allowing us to be part of your children’s Jewish education. Please feel free to express your ideas or concerns to me, Rabbi Mark, our Education Chair David Goldstein, Religious School Parents Association President Cherie Rye, or any member of the Board of Directors.

We are going to have a wonderful year!

Cordially,

IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President