

Morris Gold Religious School



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WELCOME LETTER FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT



Dear Religious School Parents,

Welcome to the start of another year that promises to be another unique and exciting year at the Morris Gold Religious School. As we begin the year many uncertainties remain with respect to COVID-19. We are planning a return to in-person instruction with modifications to our usual routine to reduce risk to our students and faculty. We are carefully monitoring local conditions and Los Angeles County Health Department directives. We are hopeful that in spite of the recent rise in incidence of infection due to the Delta variant we will return to recovery as vaccination rates increase and other mitigation measures begin to show results.

You are a valued part of our 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). Our 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 urge you to become involved to the extent possible in our Temple community. There are opportunities through our Religious School Parents Association, Shabbat and holiday observances, adult education, Sisterhood, *Havurot*, and numerous other Temple activities and volunteer opportunities.

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 our 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