



WELCOME LETTER FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT



Dear Religious School Parents,

Welcome to the start of another what promises to be another unique and exciting year at the Morris Gold Religious School.

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. I often say that 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 greatest extent possible in our Temple community. There are opportunities through our Religious School Parents Association, Shabbat and holiday observances, adult education, Sisterhood, Book Club, and numerous other Temple activities and volunteer opportunities. If you have a special interest that you would like to see addressed at Temple we invite you to share that interest with our community. Our Temple's next best idea could come from you!

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 partner with you in your children's Jewish education. Please feel free to express your ideas or concerns to me, Rabbi Mark, our Education Chair David Goldstein, or any member of the Board of Directors.

We are going to have a wonderful year!

Cordially,

IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President