

Religious School Committee Annual Report
May 6, 2018

We had another successful year because we have a truly dedicated staff. We may be small in numbers but we are large with enthusiasm. Debbi and the teachers create a rigorous curriculum that challenges the kids to learn yet excites them to want to learn.

Cantor Vera continues to be a blessing to the Temple Emanu-El community. She has a well-established musical program that encourages involvement from all of the students. She has begun teaching trope to the pre-bar/bat mitzvah students. And, Vera has helped with Family Ed, class services, and planning future activities.

The religious school committee is a dedicated team of parents and other congregants. Erin Karas joined the committee this year and will be starting a social media project to help provide information on the religious school to current and prospective members. We're always looking for more ideas and support.

Cheryl is constantly making sure the parents are notified of what we have going on with the religious school, as well as the temple events related to the religious school, we are thankful that she keeps us organized.

Don is always keeping up with our new ideas of how we want rooms set and he does so very willingly (we really appreciate that). He also keeps our classrooms and buildings clean which we are all grateful for. The religious school students always notice Don's hard work.

Thanks to Polly Fisher and the rest of the PTO for organizing the Sukkot hot dog dinner and the ice cream social. The recent paint night fundraiser was fun and a big success.

Debbi continues to be the backbone of the religious school, she pitches in wherever and whenever she is needed. She greets every child on the way into school and sends them off with a smile. She always keeps us up to date about any issues that may arise, as well as what is going on in the temple and BCA.

We as families and as a community must come together to support the religious school, our children and the teachers. Please remember that coming to services and getting involved with events that go on during the year also helps promote Jewish learning and shows the children how important it is to be connected to other generations of temple members.

Respectfully
Andi Hannula