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October 2018 Bulletin Article

Thanks to wonderful teamwork between our religious school parents, teachers and faculty assistants, our first few mid-week and Sunday sessions went smoothly. Students enjoyed welcoming one another back, meeting their new teachers, reviewing aleph bet and prayers, and celebrating holidays together as well as interacting with our new young emissaries Liron and Roy.

For the most part, students have been open to the new Sunday and mid-week snack offerings. There were a couple of students who missed having a bagel one Sunday. This past Sunday we did serve a half-bagel plus fruit to the entire school. We will occasionally include it in the mix of snack offerings. Please note that parents are always welcome to pack a snack for their children if they believe their child will be much happier with a choice from home. Otherwise, we will continue to serve light and healthy snacks on Sundays and Wednesdays.

It was lovely to see religious school families who were able to attend our first Family Hike at Stenger Farm Park on Sunday, September 30. Parents and children enjoyed socializing and hiking while learning a little bit about the history of this former farm turned nature preserve. Mark your calendars for October 28, when Artists-in-Residence Rabbi Or & Feliza Zohar will spend time with our children during religious school. Parents are more than welcome to join in the fun around 10:30 in the sanctuary during assembly time for their special musical program with our students.

Congratulations to those students who were consecrated at the Oct. 5 Shir Shabbat service. May your years of learning about Torah be sweet. Thank you to the 8th grade, teachers and students who participated in the Retirement Shabbat celebration in honor of Barbara Kallan, Marc Goldsmith, Terri Goldsmith, Barbara Senges, Sam Winograd and Roberta-Reisner Winograd. It was a moving and memorable service. We appreciate their longtime commitment to the Jewish education of our youth. You all have truly made a difference in the lives of so many children and their families over the years. We will miss you all but look forward to seeing you around at Temple. We would love to have you visit the kids at religious school, any time.

Thank you to parents for your cooperation with our student sign-out and pick-up procedure. We will continue to dismiss students to parents from the student wing once parents have signed out their children. Mid-week drop-off and pick-up will continue to be via the school atrium, regardless of the building location of our activities. For everyone's safety, on Sundays and Wednesdays we will place an orange cone in front of the exit doors in order to temporarily divert parking lot traffic for about 15 minutes during dismissal.

A gentle reminder to those parents who have not yet submitted their book order and pick-up authorization forms -- please turn these in as soon as possible.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at religiousschool@tewaterford.org

Warmest regards,

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