

TERS Message

December 2018

November was very busy and packed with activities our religious school families were able to experience as part of our Temple community.

A multi-generational crowd enjoyed **Bingo Night** on Saturday November 10. Pasta dinner prepared by members of the Religious School staff was a lovely casual dinner. It was fun playing 15 rounds of bingo and singing two sing-a-long songs together during a couple of brief intermissions. A huge thank-you to Deb Linder who coordinated the entire event. Thank you also to Sean Bendick who called the numbers, Tom Smith who updated the called numbers on a projected screen, Rabbi Ekstrand and Sherry Barnes for leading Havdalah and all of the volunteers who helped to cook or set up, baked for the bake sale and helped clean up. We are so grateful for this fundraiser, as its proceeds directly benefit our Religious School.

Our Religious School students paid tribute to five of Temple Emanu-El's **U.S. Veterans** on Sunday, November 11. During our tefillah assembly, our students sang patriotic songs, led special prayers, read poetry and gave a special presentation to our veterans. It was good for our students to hear from the veterans, who introduced themselves and shared which branch of military they served. It is important for our children to appreciate the everyday freedoms they have, thanks to the brave men and women who work so hard to protect us all.

Havdalah Pajama Movie Night on November 17 was a cozy gathering for our religious school families. After a brief Havdalah storybook and songs, the children snuggled in their warm robes and sleeping bags, as they enjoyed a friendly movie and snacks with their Religious School friends.

We look forward to the Religious School's Scholastic **Book Fair**, which will be set up in the Temple Sanctuary beginning on Wednesday, November 28, just in time for Chanukah gift shopping and gift giving. A huge thank-you to Thea Johnson and Barbara Kallan for organizing the book fair and continuing the wonderful tradition of encouraging our students to read books that are written by Jewish authors during this time of year. The book fair will also be open on **November 28, 6-8 P.M., Sunday, December 2, 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M., and Wednesday, December 5, 6-8 P.M.**

Please join our school for a very special **Chanukah Party** during Religious School on the morning of Sunday, December 2 and the Chanukah Shir Shabbat dinner and service on **Friday, December 7, when our 6th graders will participate at the 7:00 service.** Remember to RSVP by December 2 to the Temple Office and **bring your own chanukkiyot** as we will light them all together.

Warmest regards,

Armi Rowe and Jennifer Zettler, TERS Co-Administrators