

TERS Message

December 2019

It's hard to believe that our religious school year is almost half over.

We thank Rachel Sherman for facilitating our Temple Shabbat dinner on Friday, November 1 by sponsoring a more casual format. It was a wonderful time for our religious school families to get to know each other better. We are also grateful to her for coordinating a **Shabbat Potluck dinner on Friday, December 6 at 6:00 pm**. The children enjoy seeing each other outside of their classrooms at Shir Shabbat services at 5:30 pm and then being able to eat dinner together afterward. Sign up for a dish to share by logging on to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AAEAF2AA64-potluck> Please direct all inquiries to Rachel Sherman at rshermanesq@gmail.com

We look forward to supporting **Max Frischling** and his family on the occasion of his **bar mitzvah on Saturday, December 7**. Fifth, sixth and seventh graders, this is a good opportunity for you and your families to observe the role of bar mitzvah in action at Shabbat morning service.

We were so happy to have been able to honor Mike Haynes, Joel Holwitt, Andy Parad and Adrienne Parad, our religious school parents who are active duty and veterans on Sunday, November 10. Thank you to Rabbi Marc, Hazzan Sherry and our 8th graders for leading the service and helping to make it such a meaningful ceremony for our students. The special blessing over the celebrants was especially moving.

Thank you to Rabbi Marc, Hazzan Sherry, Rabbi Or and Feliza for a very special musical interfaith service with All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Sunday, November 17. Thanks also to all of our teachers for their flexibility with lessons that day. It was an interesting experience for our religious school to attend and participate with students of All Souls, especially the story of all ages segment which we co-directed with Perry Montrose, their school's director.

Save the date for the school-wide Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 15. We need parent volunteers to make latkes and cookies for the event. If you are able to help, please let us or your child's teacher know. We also encourage our families to donate an unwrapped toy to help support local Toys for Tots collection drive. Thanks in advance to Barbara and Peter Kallan for their help with delivering these donations.

Chanukah Sameach,

Armi and Jennifer
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