

TERS MESSAGE – December 2021

We were thrilled to see so many of our religious school families come together on November 5 as we held our initial in-person First Friday Family “Share Shabbat”. It was a meaningful time for our students and their families to gather in person and virtually for a new and exciting Shabbat service. Madison Goldstein from Kitah Chet helped Rabbi Marc lead the service followed by her Bat Mitzvah the following morning. Mazel Tov to Madison and Goldstein family!

We hope to see you all again at our next **First Friday Family Share Shabbat on December 3 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** Please bring your families Chanukiah and candles to light during Share Shabbat.

For those who may not be aware, Share Shabbat is held the first Friday of each month. Students and their families will have the opportunity to **pick a part of the service on November 21st after religious school.** Share Shabbat is an opportunity for all our students and their families to share in the Shabbat service. What makes this service engaging and interactive is that as each part of the service corresponds to a piece of a puzzle. When each puzzle piece is put in its place a very special picture is revealed (see picture below). What picture will be revealed on December 3? You will have to join us to find out!

On November 21 the Sisterhood had their annual Chanukah Fair. TERS focus was on instilling in our students the joy and intrinsic rewards of giving and Tzedakah. Students discussed the many ways we show love and appreciation during this Chanukah season - with gift giving being only one of them. With that said, all our students had the opportunity to browse the fair, and our Kitah Chet students were there to assist the students in finding gifts for parents and/or siblings and make and wrap their purchases. The fair was an exciting time and a great way to kick off the holiday season. Of course, many students made off with a dreidel and of course a bag of chocolate gelt as well.

LOOKING AHEAD...

We will reconvene after Thanksgiving break on December 1st, for mid-week virtual Hebrew instruction, and on December 5, for our Sunday classes. On **December 5 we will be having an amazing and very special school**

wide Chanukah celebration. Thanks to the Ruth Brody Fund we were able to have Musical IQ present to our students *Drum Tales: A DeLIGHTful Story of Hanukkah, “an inspiring tale of struggle and survival, the Holy temple and a jar of pure olive oil”*. The program incorporates drumming and musical accompaniment with storytelling and song. Each student will be given a percussive instrument that becomes their medium of transportation to far-away lands and exotic places. Parents are welcome to watch and experience a truly unique program. **Drum Tales will be performed at 10am for Preschool, Kitah Gan/Alef and Kitah Bet and at 11am for Kitah Dalet, Hay, Vav, Zayin and Chet.**

Keeping with the mitzvah of Tzedakah TERS will also be participating in a **Toys for Tots Collection Drive**. We encourage our families to donate an unwrapped toy to help support those less fortunate during this holiday season. Please keep an eye out for the details in the proceeding weeks.

Religious School teachers will be on vacation for winter break this month so there are no classes on December 26, 29 and January 2. Mid-week Hebrew instruction returns to virtual class on Wednesday, January 5. Sunday classes resume on January 9 and preschool resumes January 16.

Chag Chanukah Sameach,
Rachel