

## May Bulletin

I hope everyone had a wonderful Pesach celebration with family and friends, and that you enjoyed some rest and relaxation during Spring Break. Before taking this well-deserved down time, April was an exciting month for our students. On April 2nd students participated in a special Passover program. The morning was filled with educational hands-on activities. Students started their morning with a fabulous Passover program led by **Omer and Uma. A big thank you to our shinshinim for creating such an interactive program.** Our youngest learners also had a great treat and met with Rabbi Marc to learn about the essence of Passover. The morning then wrapped up with each student making their own afikomen bag (a bag to put the piece of matzah that is hidden at the end of the passover seder) followed by a special treat. Each student made the most delicious chocolate matzah! **Thank you to all our staff for their help in making Passover fun and engaging.** I would also like to **thank Rebecca Brody for jumping in and helping out with this hectic morning.**

This past month students also participated in a wonderful mitzvah project, Kids Helping Kids, with the help of the Social Action Committee. **Thank you Karen Bloustine and Sybil for your support and direction with this project.** On April 23rd TERS students packed over 24 backpacks with essential items for children who need to move from their home into foster care. This was a truly important project and we had a wonderful turnout. Our students were able to contribute not just through donations but by jumping in and lending a hand.

I can't believe that religious school is moving to the homestretch. Please note, **our last mid-week Hebrew instruction is on May 10<sup>th</sup> and our last Sunday session is May 21<sup>st</sup>.** Our last day of religious school will conclude with a whole school celebration - details to come.

Meanwhile, please mark your calendars, as our next **First Friday Share Shabbat will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>.** Please join us! This will be a special Share Shabbat in that we will be recognizing our staff and all their hard work. Students will be participating in Share Shabbat with their teacher, as a class, so it will surely be a special night.

We have had such a productive school year, one filled with new experiences, opportunities to learn and to make new connections. We couldn't have done it without the consistent support of Rabbi Ekstrand, Sherry Barnes, and all our dedicated teachers, faculty assistants.

With that said I am sad to step down as TERS Director. Unfortunately it is time for me to move on to new opportunities. Next year I hope to find myself working in the public school system as a School Counselor. I will truly miss all, both students and families, and of course the wonderful staff that supported me in more ways that I can count. **A special THANK YOU to Amy Orce whose help in the success of TERS was invaluable.** I will look back on my time with TERS with fond memories and admiration for TERS and its wonderful community.

Wishing you all a great summer and a wonderful 2023/2024 school year with the upcoming TERS director, I know it will be great!!

Shalom,  
Rachel