

Dear Religious School Families,

We are excited about the beginning of the 2022-23 religious school year. We are fortunate to have a dedicated volunteer teaching staff that is passionate about Jewish education and engaging our students. We are equally fortunate to have dedicated students and families who value the importance of Jewish education.

Operationally, religious school runs smoothly with the weekly presence of security to ensure safety. We have been able to afford security through a generous grant from the Cleveland Jewish Federation. This grant has been in place for some time; however the Federation will be concluding this financial support at the end of the 2022 calendar year. In order to continue providing security every Sunday at religious school, starting January 2023 we will need to fully fund this on our own. This is expensive and not something we currently have available in our budget. The approximate cost for security for the entire religious school year is \$3500.

For the 2022-23 religious school year we are hopeful that families will help us fund the cost of security through donations. While any donation is much appreciated, a minimum donation of \$50 per family is recommended. These donations will greatly help us alleviate the burden on the general fund and provide an essential component of religious school.

For the following school year 2023-24 we are collaborating with the Temple Board of Trustees to understand how to support the expense of security. In our conversations we will be discussing adding a security fee as part of the religious school tuition. We will be able to communicate this once we have worked with the Board of Trustees to determine the best financial strategy moving forward.

We appreciate the never ending support from our families for the religious school at Beth Israel-The West Temple. We look forward to an outstanding school year ahead, full of engaging learning and growing.

Thank you,

The Education Committee, Beth Israel-The West Temple