

To all the families of Temple Emanu-El Religious School, Shalom! Welcome to the new year and L'Shana Tova.

I know how important the quality of education is to all of you. As the chairperson of the temple religious school committee I want to speak to you about the upcoming year and how you can all help to assure that your child has a first rate religious education. Your simple participation in the PTO will improve the quality of education at Temple Emanu-El.

What is PTO?

PTO at Temple Emanu-El is a parent organization that organizes fundraising events that supplement the cost of your child's education. Did you know that less than 20% of the total cost of your child's education at Temple Emanu-El is covered by your tuition? The remainder of each child's education is pieced together from temple dues and fundraising efforts.

What are the monies raised by PTO used for?

The monies raised by PTO provide the funding for numerous events through the years, including Family Connection grades 3 and 4, the 7th grade trip to Brookline and grades 3 and 4 trips to the JCC in Newton. These and other programs are funded by the efforts of PTO. Your participation in the organization is needed to ensure that these programs continue for your children and also for future Temple Emanu-El generations.

What does participation in PTO mean for my child?

PTO is a special part of the temple that benefits your children as they progress through Religious School. Participation means donating some of your time to attend a meeting, make a few phone calls, help to organize or participate in holiday events. Not only is the participation in PTO a mitzvah, but also a time to meet other parents, get to know their children and form lasting friendships. It shows your child that each temple member must take a role in creating an abiding Jewish community.

What is planned for this year?

This year we will be holding a fundraiser on November 14th. We will be asking families to help. Please put November 14th on your calendar. Would like to be on our planning committee for this event. - we could use your help. Please call or email Pat at the religious school office 978-373-3861, pat@templemanu-el.org and let us know.