

# Reimagining Our Religious School

The Temple Beth Shalom "Reimagining Religious School" Education Task Force is reimagining and enhancing our existing religious school through a collaborative effort between full-time staff, lay leaders, parents, teachers, and students. While not set out to critique our existing religious school, we are moving forward with creating a dynamic environment of shared ideas that we develop and that we will support the implementation potentially in fall 2023.

Our task force started with the premise of what it means to reimagine our religious school: we identified commonalities amongst our shared personal experiences related to our Jewish education experiences, we analyzed a scholarly work to help guide our thinking in the history of religious school education through the importance of being relevant to meet the needs of today's families and youth, and we are currently in the process of studying and evaluating several alternative religious school models across the country.

Our next exciting steps in the summer months of 2023 will be to select, or adapt, an alternative religious education model that we propose that staff implement as a pilot program beginning in fall 2023. Our task force will support the evaluation of the pilot program as it potentially becomes an entirely new and exciting model for Temple Beth Shalom religious school families to have available as a full religious school experience.