

I forgot, I made a mistake, I did not write it down, I am so busy right now, whoops... the list of excuses goes on. We are all human: lots of us are busy, sometimes we drop the ball, and we forget things. I am no different than any other human.

Forgiveness was the first lesson that Morah Cami led with our brand-new Sunday Pre-K class in October. While Yom Kippur is behind us, I think about the lesson of forgiveness 12 months a year. Sometimes I ask for forgiveness for sending an email late or forgetting to send fruit to my daughter's Pre- K class on a Monday after a busy weekend. Other times I am searching within myself as to how to forgive others. With our religious school program in full swing, I receive many emails from parents who have a lot going on in their lives. I hear you; I feel you, and I understand, it is OK. I ask that you try your hardest because that is the best we can all do. While many lives feel normal, we continue to operate under extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Our religious school and youth programs are in full swing. As I mentioned above, our brand new Pre-K program began in October. We had more than 15 three- and four-year-olds over two sessions join Morah Cami Murace for lessons using the teachings of Mussar. By the time you receive this bulletin, we will have held multiple Family Chavurot, including two offsite field trips, a guest speaker from the Schoke JFS Kosher Food Pantry, and Israel Palooza with our fifth grade. Teens from Temple Sinai joined Rabbi Jay, myself and more than 100 other teens at Quassy Amusement Park for an afternoon of outdoor fun co-sponsored by Temple Sinai, BBYO, and Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy. To say we have been busy is an understatement.

We have a lot more to look forward to this year. I am most excited for our Temple Sinai Chanukah Extravaganza. Although we are in the planning stages, I can share that there will be an activity for everyone who wants to participate, from our youngest to our oldest congregants. Everyone will stay warm by the bonfire while enjoying traditional Chanukah goodies. Stay tuned to your email and our Facebook pages for much more information on the event.

L'Shalom,

Morah Erica Quamily, LMSW

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 5:

First Friday a Shabbat service for families with young children

November 14:

Fourth Grade Jewish Museum virtual field trip

November 14:

Second Grade Family Chavurah – Havdalah sets

November 19:

Third Friday, an interactive Shabbat program for families with young children

November 21:

Religious school Chanukah candle and dreidel distribution

November 21:

SoSTY Event

December 3:

First Friday a Shabbat service for families with young children

December 5:

Religious School and Congregation Chanukah Extravaganza

December 17:

Third Friday, an interactive Shabbat program for families with young children