

## **Education Committee Report – November 2019 *Doorpost***

We have had a busy start of the year for the Education Committee. The following is just a small sample of the exciting changes we are working on.

Hebrew School is in full swing. Speaking as both the Education VP and a classroom teacher, the new curriculum structure seems to be working out well. A big thank you goes out to all the teachers and Elian Tackeff for all their hard work.

If you had a chance to attend the family service this year on the High Holidays, you hopefully noticed the new family *machzor* and enjoyed a very special and meaningful service. Hearty thanks to Ian Kaner for spearheading the effort to revamp this service, along with Marla Gordon and the Temple Israel teens.

A final initiative that we are working on is reinstating a USY program here at Temple Israel. Many people have commented on the lack of programming for our post-bnei mitzvah youth. For those of you who, like me, grew up as an active member of USY, you know how wonderful this program is. We are still seeking an advisor to work with the kids and help them get this program off the ground. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this part-time, paid position, please feel free to contact me or Ryan Kaplan. This is a great opportunity for young adults in college locally who might have an interest in furthering Jewish life for our teens, while gaining work experience and earning a stipend. If you have any questions about the position and what it requires, please feel free to check out the job description posted on the temple website and the bulletin board.

As always, we are looking for people who might be interested in joining the Education Committee. If you would like to be part of the committee, please feel free to contact me or the temple office.

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