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The Mike Weiner School of Jewish Learning



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Dear Religious School Parents,

I look forward to be taking over the role of Education Chair. I have been working closely with Gerri to ensure the transition goes smoothly. Marci Braunstein will be assisting me and will be my backup. She will also be the main contact for the Confirmation students. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us anytime with questions or suggestions to ensure your child(ren)'s Religious School experience is as fulfilling as it should be.

One important change this year is that there will be **no door duty**. This means there may be times when no one is sitting in the entrance area. This will likely be between the end of opening session and pick up time. We are having a doorbell installed should we decide to lock the door during this time.

I am happy to let you know that the teachers will be the same this year. Jennifer Rosenblum will have Grades 4-6 and Suzi Marr will have Grades 2-3. Debbie Fesinstine will continue to lead music.

In addition to communicating through email, we will introduce another optional tool to help reinforce communication and reminders. This is the **Remind Me app** – a user-friendly texting app. We will discuss this in more detail and get those interested set up at the beginning of the school year.

We will continue to use **Sign up Genius** to seek your help in providing food for events, as well as for set up and clean up. Your ongoing support is essential and very much appreciated.

School dates/times are posted to the Temple Calendar on our website www.jcnwj.org. Family events are noted.

Our first day of Religious School will be **Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m.** Please plan to stay for opening day, which will include a potluck brunch at 10:30. A Sign up Genius will be sent out soon. After brunch we will head over to Grow-A-Row to enjoy our joint volunteer activity with Sisterhood.

Please remember to make every effort to arrive to Religious School each week on time at 9:30 so the Rabbi can begin the opening session. Similar to last year, we ask parents to stay for the opening session (roughly 45 minutes), during which time the week's Judaic theme is presented.

Attached you will find the Religious School forms as well as the Parent Manual.

The three forms include:

1. Registration form
2. Book Order & Activity Fee form
3. Photo Consent form

Please complete the three forms and email or send with your payment or bring on the first day of Sunday School. **Friendly reminder that your JCNWJ Membership accounts must be paid in full for children to be enrolled in our school. That said, no child will be turned away from Jewish education at JCNWJ because of financial hardship.** Families who require assistance should contact JCNWJ Treasurer Cindy Wilson (jcnwjtreas@gmail.com) to make appropriate arrangements.

Looking forward to a great year!

Best regards,

Deb Kalisher, Education Chair