



# Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey

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**The Mike Weiner School of Jewish Learning**

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Dear Religious School Parents and Madrichim,

I look forward to continuing as Education chair and now sharing this role with Marci Braunstein as we serve together as Education co-chairs. 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.

An exciting addition this year will be that Cantor Lazar will be actively involved in the Religious School program. We look forward to having her join us roughly once per month to enrich our students' experience!

Suzi will continue to teach the 4th graders this year. After many years of her amazing dedication to our kids, she has decided that this will be her last year teaching. We can't thank Suzi enough for all she has done!! Suzi will be transitioning her role to the Rabbi's daughter, Shira, whom she will mentor and co-teach with throughout the year. Welcome, Shira!

We are happy to have Adam return who will continue to teach the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders this year. As you may know, three of our students will become Bat Mitzvah this spring!

We are also excited to have Debbie Fesinstine and her daughter Jill return to lead our music program as the dynamic duo 😊.

We will have four Madrichim this year who will be helping out in the classroom and providing one on one student time as needed. We greatly appreciate our wonderful Madrichim: Hannah, Jill, Tyler and Walker!

School dates/times are posted to the Temple Calendar on our website [www.jcnwj.org](http://www.jcnwj.org).

**Our first day of Religious School will be Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** In the past we had Grow-a-Row on the first day, but due to farm time availability, we have scheduled **Grow-a-Row on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm**. We will plan a brunch that day before heading over to the farm. As in the past, this will be a joint Mitzvah Day with our Sisterhood.

Attached you will find the **Religious School forms**, including:

1. Registration form (*Required for students*)
2. Activity Fee & Book order form (*Activity Fee required for students. Book orders should not be needed for any current students*)
3. Photo Consent form (*Required for students and Madrichim*)

Please complete each required form and email back or bring with check on the first day of school. Please ensure that your JCNWJ Membership accounts are in good standing prior to enrolling in our school. Families who require assistance should contact JCNWJ Treasurer Jerry Berkowitz ([jcnwjtreas@gmail.com](mailto:jcnwjtreas@gmail.com)). Please rest assured that all conversations with our Treasurer about financial assistance are kept strictly confidential.

Looking forward to a great year!

Best regards,

Deb Kalisher and Marci Braunstein, Education Co-Chairs

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