

HJC RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - "QUICK START GUIDE"

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

The HJC Religious School Family Handbook includes information explaining policies and procedures and we strongly encourage you to read through it, review it with your children and refer to it during the year.

- **First Day of School all students: Sunday, September 16th at 9:00 am**
 - **ALL PARENTS** are invited to an information breakfast at 9:00am in the Family Life Room to discuss policies, curriculum, and questions.
 - **10:00 am free ice cream**, from a Mister Softee truck, please join us!
 - **Early dismissal at 10:45 am** in the parking lot so we can walk together across the street to the stream for our Tashlich ceremony

- **Food:**
 - All food brought in must be kosher and nut-free
 - Sunday bagels and snacks are sold in the lobby starting at 8:45 am
 - Tuesday snacks are sold in the gym library starting at 4 pm

- **Drop off/Pick-up**
 - Do not allow students to walk through parking lot by themselves
 - If you drop off/pick up curbside, please wait your turn in line
 - Gan and Alef students must be escorted to and from the classroom

- **Student Friendly Shabbat Programming**
 - Nitzanim: grades K-2, Saturdays 10:30 am, Family Life Room
 - Junior Congregation: grades 3-6, select Saturdays 10:30 am, Lief Chapel
 - Students who attend at least 15 services may qualify for end of year mystery trip

- **Youth Group:** bi-monthly with our new director Samara Rossi
 - **Chaverim**, grades 4-6, Tuesdays 6:15-7:30 pm, starting October 9th
 - **Kadima**: grades 7-8, 5:30-7 pm, starting October 14th

- **Communication:**
 - **Weekly updates are sent from Maxine Fisher.** Alert the office if you are not receiving them.
 - **Text reminders/updates are available through remindme.com.** Let Blair know at bbillings@hjcny.org if you would like to be included.

- **First RS Committee Meeting**
 - Sunday, September 23, at 9:15 am in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

- **Review the Calendar for important event dates**