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Dear Religious School Families,

Shana Tovah u'Metukah, a happy and sweet new year.

As we begin our spiritual journey into our High Holy Days we hope you and your family join us for our various scheduled youth activities throughout the coming weeks. Please refer to our website or the information sent in your High Holiday packets for a schedule of the days and times of all activities.

Please join us as our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders lead our Mincha Service on Yom Kippur afternoon beginning at 5pm. Every year watching as our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students lead the entire congregation by reading Torah and chanting the service is a highlight of the holidays. Immediately following Mincha, all families will have the opportunity to stand before the ark for the final prayers of repentance recited during the beautiful closing Neilah service.

We hope to see everyone at our Simchat Torah celebration at the conclusion of Sukkot spending the evening dancing, singing, and rejoicing with our Torahs. Simchat Torah is such a festive celebration and is a great opportunity for children and teens to experience the joy of Jewish life. I look forward to dancing with everyone.

Shalom,

*Rabbi Michael Kushnick*