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Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents,

As the school year begins, I want to tell you about a wonderful opportunity now open to your 3<sup>rd</sup> graders – Jewish Youth Group! Our Park Synagogue Youth groups are a terrific way for your children to develop a strong connection to the Park Synagogue community and create lasting friendships.

Park Synagogue has three youth groups. Jr. Kadima is for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Kadima is for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Our high school group, USY, is for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Each group will hold a monthly activity that will help our Religious School and Day School students integrate with each other and encourage them to create lasting bonds with our congregations.

Our kickoff event for Jr. Kadima is Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Holden Arboretum. We will meet at Park East after religious school at 12:00 and then take a bus to the Arboretum for a picnic lunch and afternoon of fun! We need parents to come along and chaperone this event, which may be a great way to encourage your child to participate.

This year we have a terrific Jr. Kadima and Kadima advisor, Becky Faur. This is Becky's second year working with our Jr. Kadima and Kadima chapters. Becky has planned many fun events for this year. If you have any Youth Group related questions, please call my office at 216-371-2244 ext. 123 or email me at [symarcus@parsyn.org](mailto:symarcus@parsyn.org). I'm looking forward to sharing the fun of Jr. Kadima with you and your child!

B'shalom,

*Rabbi Sharon Marcus*