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RECENT FESTIVALS AT GESHER



Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot is a time to be filled with awe, self-reflection, excitement and happiness, and at Gesher we aim to imbue the students with all these feelings and thoughts so that they can embrace each of the chagim (festivals) in the best way possible. As a school, we were excited to support families with this by giving out our newly published boxset of inclusive resources for all the chagim. We hope they were well received and enjoyed by the families.

For the students, they thought about their new year resolutions and what to ask Hashem for on Rosh Hashanah which allowed them to consider what was really important in different areas of their lives. Over the next week, they had the opportunity to reflect on their past year for Yom Kippur and develop their friendships by learning the importance of saying sorry and how to express their forgiveness in a mature and sincere manner.

We also had a lovely pre-Yom Kippur breakfast to build up our energy in preparation for the 25 hour fast. This was quickly followed by a handful of students doing a mitzvah and helping to put up the sukkah, twice (the storm blew it over the first time). We have been blessed with beautiful weather over Sukkot which has allowed parents and grandparents to join their (grand)children in the sukkah to shake the lulav and etrog, sing some songs and have some snacks in the sukkah. A great time has been had by all over the last few weeks, and the students are now excited for what the next festival - Chanukah - has to bring. Shabbat Shalom and Moed Tov (happy festival).