

2013-2014
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Nisayon

An Innovative Religious School Experience



For information and questions call: 818.758.3800

The Nisayon Experience

Nisayon is an alternative to our traditional religious school model inspired by what works best in Jewish education: the Jewish Camp model, family education and experiential learning. These elements combine to create a program that accommodates busy family schedules while being fun, engaging and meaningful for the entire family.

Nisayon students meet for two weeks of day camp in the summer and one week of day camp in the winter. During these camp sessions, our days are filled with t'filah (prayer), camp activities (including art, gaga and swimming), learning time (to cover the Judaic content on our yearly theme), as well as shared meals and shira (singing).

During the rest of the year, Nisayon meets once per month for various dynamic learning events that are always hands-on and experiential - students and families learn by touching, tasting, creating and by trying new things. Nisayon is a religious school experience that blends the fun of camp life with the warmth of family. We hope you'll join our community of learners!

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To register, please visit:
www.templejudea.com
Select *Learning*, then *Religious School*

**Jewish
Education**

Camp

**Family
Learning**

Community

The Best of Religious School

We cover all of the major content areas found in the religious school curriculum and are committed to teaching and instilling Jewish values and beliefs. Additionally, our 4th through 6th grade students learn Hebrew weekly in private, semi-private or group settings in preparation for B'nai Mitzvah.

The Best of Camp

In addition to fun and friendships, we expose our students to music, prayer and Jewish culture daily. Our teachers utilize experiential education to teach content - we learn by touching, tasting, creating, experimenting, and exploring.

The Best of Family

We understand that parents are their children's first and best teachers. Our program strives to involve parents as we share our learning with you during our end-of-day gatherings and family events during the year. By showing interest in what your children are learning and doing, parents role-model active involvement and love of Judaism and community.

The Best of Community

The Nisayon calendar of events is designed to give you and your children the opportunity to make connections and develop lifelong friendships within the Temple Judea community. Students spend full days learning, playing and exploring together during our summer and winter sessions, allowing them to connect meaningfully to one another. We also have a special Parent Night Out event, where we facilitate groups of parents dining out together while your kids are engaged in activities on campus. Whether you are a parent or a student, you'll find community in Nisayon.



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Camp Sessions

Our day camp sessions run from 9:00am – 4:00pm, with early and late care available as early as 8:00am and as late as 5:00pm. Each day is filled with activity, all meant to engage our students in Jewish life, culture and learning.

We begin the day with a community gathering, morning t'filah (prayer) and sports activities to get us moving. Learning sessions take place twice each day and includes group projects and activities, the creation of special events, games and more. By utilizing the principals of experiential education, our educators strive to engage students in learning that feels energized and authentic.

We spend time each day in chuggim (electives). Our 2nd-7th grade students sign up their preferred activities that include gaga, Krav Maga, music, Israeli dance and a lot more. Students sign up for new electives every few days, which gives them the opportunity to try new things and connect with one another. Kindergarten-1st grade students enjoy a rotation of chug activities.

By following a set routine each day, our students make a habit out of praying, engaging in Jewish learning and participating in Jewish camp life. Before they know it, it has all become natural!

Choose the Summer Session That Works Best For Your Family

Summer schedules are busy so we strive to accommodate you by offering two summer sessions. Please register for the summer session that will work best for your family and mark your calendars for the remaining dates in the year. Nisayon students are responsible for attending a minimum of 75% of Nisayon programming in order to qualify for a year of religious school credit toward Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Shemesh Summer Session

June 24-28, June 30-July 3, July 5

Mon-Fri

Sun-Wed

Fri

Yareach Summer Session

July 29-August 2, August 5-9

Mon-Fri

Mon-Fri

Yom Mahane (Day of Camp)

Sunday, September 29, 2013 (1:00pm – 5:00pm)

Kid Event

Sunday, October 20, 2013 (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

Family Event

Sunday, November 17, 2013 (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

Winter Camp

December 29-31, 2013, January 2-3, 2014

Sun - Tues

Thurs - Fri

Kid Event

Sunday, January 12, 2014 (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

4-7th Grade Retreat

Friday, January 24, 2014 - Sunday, January 26, 2014

Parent's Night Out/Kid's Night In

Saturday, February 22, 2014 (5:30pm – 8:30pm)

Yom Mahane (Day of Camp)

Sunday, March 23, 2014 (1:00pm – 5:00pm)

Family Event

Sunday, April 27, 2014 (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

Kid Event & Family Party

Sunday, May 18, 2014 (1:00pm – 3:30pm)

Top 7 Community Events Not To Miss!

The Nisayon program is all about community and learning by jumping in and participating in a variety of experiences. That is why we want to be sure to invite your family to participate in these community events at Temple Judea. At these events, you'll see Nisayon friends, experience the holidays and deepen your connection to Judaism and your community. We'll see you there!

Shabbat Sukkot Celebration & Dinner

Friday, September 20, 2013

Simchat Torah Celebration

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mitzvah Day

Sunday, November 3, 2013

Shabbat Chanukah Celebration & Dinner

Friday, November 29, 2013

Erev Purim Celebration & Shpiel

Saturday, March 15, 2014

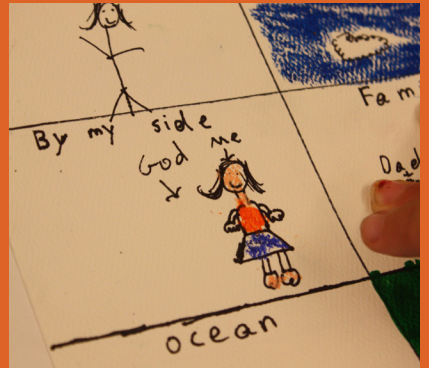
Intergenerational Women's Seder

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Israel Shabbat Celebration

Friday, May 2, 2014





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Annual Learning Theme

Each year, a different Nisayon learning theme is selected from among the various curricular areas studied in our Religious School to serve as the foundation for all programming. By focusing on one subject for an entire year, we believe your child will learn more and have greater opportunity to reinforce the knowledge that he or she has gained. This year's theme is History & Heritage.

Our entire community engages in our yearly learning theme during camp sessions and monthly events. Additionally, we engage in aspects of Jewish life which include Shabbat, Havdallah, holidays and tikkun olam (repairing the world). Students who continue with the Nisayon program from kindergarten through 7th grade will have covered all of the subject areas of our Traditional program including Israel, Torah, Mitzvot, Lifecycle, God, and History & Heritage.



Register online at www.templejudea.com



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Engaging our Teens

Upon entering 8th grade, Nisayon students have the exciting opportunity to begin working in classrooms as a counselor-in-training, which is one of the most meaningful aspects of the Jewish camp experience. Our 8th grade program integrates leadership and classroom management skills with hands-on involvement by assisting teachers in the learning process. Students practice caring for children, managing a group, facilitating activities and begin learning what it means to be a role model and Jewish leader.

High school students in 9th through 12th grade continue their involvement in our community by becoming full-fledged, all-day counselors for Nisayon. These students are encouraged to attend Temple Judea's High School program to continue their Jewish learning. As part of our high school experience, teens have the chance to connect with peers, engage with text and tradition, travel to Israel and more.

Eighth graders must register online for Nisayon to participate in the leadership program. Students in 9th through 12th grade can apply to work in the Nisayon program by submitting a Madrichim Program Application that can be found online with our registration materials. Due to the limited numbers of teens that can work in our program, those that attended Nisayon and those with exemplary leadership skills will be given priority.



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Monthly Events

Once a month, the Nisayon community gathers to participate in a wide variety of programming. These programs are designed to keep participants engaged with the program while we continue to build on learning and community.

Yomai Mahane (Days of Camp)

feature a schedule and range of activities that feel like a day in the life of our summer/winter camp. We'll have t'filah (prayer), classroom learning time, chug (elective) activities and sports.

Kid Events

have an emphasis on experiential learning in the classroom focused on our yearly theme.

Family Programs

are designed for Nisayon students and their parents to engage in content together on a Sunday afternoon. These events allow parents to share in the joy of Jewish learning and exploration with their kids.

Parents Night Out/Kids Night In

is a chance for parents to build community while students are engaged in activities at Temple Judea. Families gather together on campus for Havdallah and then separate into groups. Parents have a chance to enjoy wine & cheese before going out together to enjoy local restaurants and great conversation while kids are learning and having fun.



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