



TEMPLE JUDEA

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Dear Parents,

With a great sense of excitement I welcome you to the 2010-2011 Youth Education program at Temple Judea.

As I begin my new role as rabbi at the Temple and Director of Education, I see it as my duty, privilege and role, to do all that I can in order to provide your child with the best, most engaging, innovative, and in-depth Jewish education possible.

We have a very special task in front of us this year; we will be introducing a new, revolutionary model of religious education that has never been tried before. In our new program the emphasis is on creating community, on building relationships and on extending the idea of Jewish education well beyond the walls of the school and Temple.

This could not be possible without a dedicated staff. First and foremost I am happy to reintroduce Limor Meital who is returning after a year of absence to take the role as my right hand. Most of you know Limor and know how valuable her contribution to the school has been. We also have the most amazing and dedicated team of teachers. We have 100% retention among our teachers, a fact that we are very proud of. I am thrilled to be working with each and every one of them. This year, most of our teachers will be moving up with the same class they taught last year, a change that will benefit both students and teachers who have already built a relationship with each other.

Even with a great leadership team and amazing teachers, nothing can be done without you, the parents. I believe with all my heart that we are here just to support you. The personal example you set in front of your child is the most effective form of education they will be exposed to.

We are partners in the task of raising *Menches*. We are partners in the task of passing on all that we love in Judaism to our children. Therefore, this year we are going to ask for your increased involvement as we offer you more opportunities to both learn and celebrate with your children and your Temple Judea family. Adult education days at the beginning of each semester, family celebrations at the end of each semester, Shabbat dinners and Havdalot are just a few of the ways that will help you not just **"Tell your children how special Judaism is but actually SHOW them."**

In this packet you will find all the necessary forms for registration. All of the registration forms are essential for proper processing, ordering books and material and the placement of your child. Please fill out each form clearly and return to our office with payment no later than August 29, 2010.

Please fill in and return the following forms:

1. Registration (double sided) required for all participants of YEP
2. Blanket permission form
3. Emergency contacts and medical forms.
4. Parent volunteer form.

We are also doing our best to promote an environmentally friendly atmosphere. To help, please go to www.templejudeapbc.org and open youth education for a copy of the Parent Handbook with information such as school days, teacher contact, an updated report on our Hebrew curriculum program and a list, information about our POH program and It's A Girl Thing programming.

**DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THE DATE :
YEP opening weekend, August 27-29, 2010**

Our school year will begin with a festive weekend celebration that will include a Shabbat dinner and P.J Havdallah party and our first day of school.

Please make plans to be at school on **Sunday, August 29 from 9:30-1:00pm**. On this day we will gather together as a school community and celebrate the beginning of the year. You will have a chance to meet with me and receive a comprehensive explanation of our new school model while our students begin to re-acquaint with teachers and friends.

The day will end with a complimentary BBQ lunch!!!

In the following days as well as all year long, please don't hesitate to contact me with any question, concerns or suggestion.

I wish you and your family a great ending to your summer and I am looking forward to seeing you back in the fall.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik