

New School for Jewish Identity
at Congregation Mogen David
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We are pleased to announce the opening of a brand new after-school Jewish Learning Center at Congregation Mogen David. Over the course of the school year, our students will be participating in Hebrew language classes and Jewish Studies. Enclosed you will find the school program and calendar for 2010-2011.

New School for Jewish Identity is an after-school program where Jewish Students ages 6-12 will learn about Love of Hashem (G-d), Love of Torah, Achdut (Unity of the Jewish people), Love of Israel, and taste the spices of our rich, cultural heritage.

We are currently accepting applications for our 2010-2011 School Year. Please print out this application, fill it out, sign it, and drop it off/fax to the office at Congregation Mogen David during office hours.

You may email/call us at the following address for more information.

Thank You,

Barbara Heller, Director
Cecelie Wizenfeld, Administrator
Rabbi Gabe Elias, Rabbi

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New School for Jewish Identity Los Angeles, or **NSFJI** provides an alternative to typical "Hebrew School". Through our classes and original curriculum, our students have a comforting space where each can be introspective, creative, flex new muscles, get excited about our heritage, and learn something new all at the same time. In addition, there will also be arts components to our school. Students will have the chance to engage in Music, Art, Theatre, Creative Writing, on a regular basis. There will also be Jewish Meditation and prayer incorporated in all of our Tefilot classes. In a short time our students will be given the opportunity to build on their skills in the areas of their own Jewish identity, Jewish History, Hebrew Language-reading and writing, and speech writing.

Student Profile:

Girls and Boys ages 6-13 of all Jewish denominations are welcome! We must comply with kosher laws, and Jewish holiday observances. Students must be mature enough to handle the grade level, attendance, and behavior requirement expected of them, or they may be asked to leave the school.

Staff Profiles:

Rabbi Elias, Rabbi of Mogen David

Cecelie Wizenfeld, Executive Director

Barbara Heller, Director, and Teacher of the following subjects: Jewish Studies, Creative Arts

Orly Zarur: Hebrew Language Specialist

Shiva Mehrannia, Hebrew Language Specialist

New School for Jewish Identity will be held at:

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Mission: To create a safe and sacred space for learning about our Jewish identity and the basics of Jewish values, halacha (ritual), history, and our mission as a community. The purpose for this program is to help develop Jewish leaders for the future. To equip our youth with the tools they need to grow, and learn how to communicate these values outside of our community, on college campuses, in the workplace, and in their future communities.

Our Curriculum will cover the following major areas:

1. Hebrew Language

- a) Letter Recognition/Sound
- b) Reading Words
- c) Prayers for Shabbat
- d) Basic Vocabulary

2. Tanakh

- a) Parshyot names and basics about each
- b) The major books of Jewish Knowledge: Torah, Nikavim, Ketuvim, Talmud-and what they are comprised of?

3. The Big Questions:

- a) Does G-d exist?
- b) When /How was the Torah given?

4. Prayers: Halchot of Basic Daily Prayers

- a) Mapping out the siddur
- b) Personal Prayer Journals
- c) Connecting with G-d: What it means to have individual prayer time?

5. Chagim: Jewish Holidays

- a) Basic observances for each
- b) Different customs by different communities

6. Halacha (Rituals/commandments)

- a) Basics of how to observe daily halachot
- b) The development of the Oral Law
- c) Brachot over foods

7. Jewish History

- a) Characters in the Bible
- b) History of Israel-Jewish state
- c) Jews of Eastern Europe
- d) Holocaust
- e) American Jews
- f) From Palestine to Israel

8. Current Events in the Media

- a) Who are the players?
- b) Who do we listen to?
- c) Does real life reflect the Torah/Parshyot/Jewish History?

9. Bar and Bat Mitzvah Parshyot

- a) What is my actual Hebrew Birthday?
- b) How does my actual Parsha relate to my own soul?
- c) What is the background of my Hebrew name?

10. Other Activities may include:

- a) Meditation and Mindful Awareness
- b) Journal Writing
- c) Music-Singing Jewish songs
- d) Writing sketches and plays around Chagim, Jewish Stories, and Parshyot
- e) Group Debate

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- f) Creative Writing Projects
- g) Art Projects
- h) Songwriting
- i) Chesed Projects in our own community and giving to outside communities

Benefits:

- a) Inspiring and Content Based
- b) Bar and Bat Mitzvah Training offered
- c) Non-coercive learning environment

Typical Daily Schedule:

Tuesdays:

3:30-5:30PM

3:30-4:15PM Jewish Studies

4:15-4:50PM Hebrew Language

5PM-5:30PM Tefilah and Music

Wednesdays:

3:30-5:30PM

3:30-4:15PM Jewish Studies

4:15-4:50PM Hebrew Language

5PM-5:30PM Tefilah and Music

New School for Jewish Identity YEAR Dates:

October 5th, 2010 through Thursday, June 1st, 2011

Snacks and water bottles:

Students are encouraged to bring their own Kosher Dairy/Parve snacks and reusable water bottles to school. Kosher Snacks will be given out periodically throughout the year but not provided daily. These range from cookies to graham crackers to dried fruits.

Drop offs and pick-ups from New School for Jewish Identity:

Parents are required to drop off their students/car-pool no earlier than and pick-up their students no later than 10 minutes before and after start and ending times, respectively. We will have staff members greeting students at drop off and accompanying our students to cars for pick-up.



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Please fax this 2 page Application to: 310-556-8475
New School for Jewish Identity APPLICATION
Application Fee: \$100 All Fees for school are due in full at time of registration. Fees can be paid for by check or charge and made out to and dropped off or mailed to: Congregation Mogen David 9717 West Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90035
Refunds: All school fees are non-refundable. No partial refunds will be given back. There are no refunds given back for any days missed due to sickness nor vacations.
Student's Name:
Date of Birth:
Parent/Guardian's Name (s):
Address:
Home Phone:
Work Phone:
Cell Phone:
Primary Email Address:
Primary Emergency Contact #1
Name:
Relationship to Student:
Home Phone:
Work Phone:
Cell Phone:
Medical Information
Hospital/Clinic Preferred:
Physician's Name:
Phone Number:
Insurance Company:
Policy Number:
Allergies/Special Health Considerations: (Please specify which student if more than one on this application)

Tuition:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 60 sessions, \$1800 per student, if application and payment in full is received by, September 25th, 2010, \$50 discount.

Family Discount: There is a \$50 discount per student if more than one student comes from the same immediate family.

TOTAL \$ _____

I authorize all medical and surgical treatment, X-ray, laboratory, anesthesia, and other medical and/or hospital procedures as may be performed or prescribed by the attending physician and/or paramedics for my child and I waive my right to informed consent of treatment. This waiver applies only in the event that neither parent/guardian can be reached in the case of an emergency.

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Date:

I give permission for my child to be filmed or photographed for school projects or the school website. I release Congregation Mogen David and **New School for Jewish Identity**, and other individuals from liability in case of accident during any activities related to New School for Jewish Identity, as long as normal safety procedures have been taken. I have also read and understand the Policies of New School for Jewish Identity.

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Date:

