

## JEWISH LEARNING PROGRAM (K-12)

In The Louis and Emily Slater Youth and Education Center



*Child-Focused, Individualized Program*

### An Overview...

**Grades K,1 & 2 Shoreshim** (Roots—Judaics and Prayer)

Monday, 4:00-5:30 PM OR Tuesday 4:00-5:30 PM. Optional supervised care from 5:30-6:00 PM offered for those in need of additional childcare

**Grades 3-6**

**Requirement 1: Shoreshim** (Roots—Judaics and Prayer)

Monday, 4:00-5:30 PM OR Tuesday, 4:00-5:30 PM

**Attendance mandatory for students in grades 3-6**

Children attend **one** session per week for the year. Optional supervised care from 5:30-6:00 PM available for those in need of additional childcare

**Requirement 2: Mercaz Ivrit** (Hebrew Center)

Small group, individualized Hebrew training leading toward B'nai Mitzvah. Choose 1, 45 minute time slot per week. Offered Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays. **Children attend one 45-minute session per week for the year.** Families will be asked for their top three time slots

**Alternative to Mercaz Ivrit**

For children who cannot attend *Mercaz Ivrit* classes we offer the option of working with a private tutor. It is up to the family to choose the tutor from the JLP approved tutor list and set the schedule and cost (which is additional to the JLP tuition and is handled privately between the family and tutor). Families will be responsible for monthly in person check-ins with JLP staff to make sure that the child is progressing towards B'nai Mitzvah satisfactorily.

**The Mechinah Year: Transitions (Grade 7)**

**Requirement:** Meets weekly Choose one: Mondays, 4:00 pm-5:30 pm

OR Tuesday evenings, 5:45-7:15 PM (with dinner) This course aims to help students explore Human Behavior, Jewish Identity, Holocaust Studies, Israel. Connectedness, while also offering one on one tutoring towards B'nai Mitzvah for at parental request.

**Makom: The Teen Experience (Grades 8-12)**

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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**The Early School** is a child's first formal learning experience involving a progressive development in which each level has its own age-specific program and goals. Its overriding objective

is to provide an educational and emotional foundation for success when entering Kindergarten.

- Full day and/or half day programs available.  
**2 year olds**— available 2, 3 or 4 days.  
**3 year olds**— available 4 or 5 days— option for extended days  
**K-Ready** (4-5 year olds) — available 5 days— option for extended days
- Before and After Care Hours 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Outstanding, caring faculty
- Large indoor spaces for active programming
- State-of-the-art Slater Family playground
- Splash Pad Park
- STEAM\* based curriculum with Intro. Spanish



**Program for parents & their**

**toddlers** from 12 to 23 months.

Mondays/and or Tuesday, 9:30 - 11:00 AM



**Camp**—7 weeks—provides an active outdoor and indoor program organized around a new theme each week, including activities in math, music, art, cooking & other areas.

Tot Time Goes to Camp program—4 weeks.

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**Welcoming...** Temple B'nai Abraham, one of the oldest and largest independent synagogues in the country, is a vital, dynamic and forward-looking congregation that offers connection, compassion and community for all. We provide a rich array of programs and services, but most of all we offer a sense of belonging, of community, of a larger family — your Temple family.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

**As a congregation:** We are an extended family that offers connection, compassion and community for all.

**As a synagogue:** We worship God with joy, humility and meaning, maintaining our own rich traditions as we perpetuate those of our faith.

**As members of a global people:** We strive to manifest our dedication to Israel and fellow Jews everywhere in ways that instruct, influence and inspire.

**As partners in an eternal covenant:** We teach, share and practice the timeless values of Judaism to make a difference in our lives, our community and our world.

*Adopted January 12, 2009*

**Temple B'nai Abraham offers an array of activities, groups, and ways to be involved in our community. There is something for everyone!**

## CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

Men's Club ♦ Sisterhood ♦ Parent-Teacher Association

## AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION

The Early School Parents' Council

## TEMPLE COMMITTEES

Audit ♦ Board of Ed ♦ Budget  
Building & Grounds ♦ Development  
Security ♦ Investments  
Membership ♦ Memorial Park  
Nominating ♦ Prime Time ♦ Ritual  
Social Action ♦ Way & Means

## COMMUNICATIONS

*This Week @ TBA ♦ Weekly Life Cycle*

TBA website: [www.tbanj.org](http://www.tbanj.org) ♦  

## WORSHIP

Temple B'nai Abraham is a traditional progressive congregation.

### *Fridays*

**Erev Shabbat Service      6:30 PM**

**Tot Shabbat Service      5:45 PM**

Tailored to children under six and their families

### *Saturdays*

**Parashat HaShavuah      9:00 AM**

Before services—discussion of weekly Torah portion. All are welcome. Drop in any time.

**Shabbat Morning Services 10:00 AM**

### *Summer Shabbat Services*

**Friday Evening      6:30 PM**

**Parashat HaShavuah      9:00 AM**

**Saturday Morning      10:00 AM**

### *Clergy*

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