





We are so delighted to have you join us this year for J-PLEx. This innovative program runs from the High Holy Days through the end of the school year for twenty-four Sundays from 9:30AM-12:00PM, with our experienced educators from the Margaux School and from across the South Florida Jewish community, who know how to tie together holiday fun with hands-on learning.

### **So, what is J-PLEx?**

The goal of J-PLEx (Jewish Play and Learning Experience) is to educate and enculturate young people so they will someday be adults who are committed to Judaism and its continuance, who identify strongly as Jews, and who participate as dedicated members of the Jewish community. Being educated at Temple Judea prepares our children to choose to practice Judaism out of love and respect for its traditions as well as out of knowledge of our values and ideals.

### **What ages is J-PLEx intended for?**

We have amazing and special activities for every age group. From the age of 15 months to high school.

### **And for the families?**

One Sunday morning a month we will kick-off the day with families in the sanctuary from 9:30-10:00AM for bagels, holiday celebrations (Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Hanukah, Purim, Passover and more) as an introduction to Jewish family life. These Sundays will also offer Family Education courses and Adult Learning opportunities.

# Our Programs by ages

## FOR ECC to K

In addition to the holidays, we will meet for twenty-four Sundays from 9:30AM-12:00PM. This is a chance for our kids to engage in:

- the Hebrew Aleph Bet
- Stories from the Torah
- as well as the food, art, sport, music and dance of Israel and our global Jewish community.

## FOR 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE FAMILIES:

In addition to the holidays, we will meet for twenty-four Sundays from 9:30AM-12:00PM. This is a chance for our kids to engage in:

- An introduction to Hebrew
- Stories from the Torah
- as well as the food, art, sport, music and movement of Israel and our global Jewish community.
- In addition, we are ready to rejoin the fun of STAR 123 Youth Group with amazing trips and activities planned for five Sundays following J-PLEx this year. Please see the calendar for dates and plan on your kids getting a special meal and pick-up at 3PM.

## FOR 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAMILIES:

In addition to the holidays, we will meet for twenty-four Sundays from 9:30AM-12:00PM. This is a chance for our kids to engage in:

- Intermediate modern and prayer Hebrew
- Stories from the Torah
- as well as the food, art, sport, music and movement of Israel and our global Jewish community.
- In addition, we are ready to rejoin the fun of STAR 123 and CLUB 45 Youth Groups with amazing trips and activities planned for five Sundays following J-PLEx this year. Please see the calendar for dates and plan on your kids getting a special meal and pick-up at 3PM.

## FOR 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> (pre-Bnai) GRADE FAMILIES:

On 24 Sundays mornings from 9:30AM-12:00PM our pre-Bnai Mitzvah teens will engage in:

- Finalizing their Bnai Mitzvah Hebrew
- Study of the Holocaust with Rabbi Siegal
- Study of Israel with Rabbi Fisch
- Mitzvah project design and implementation with Seth

On Monday nights from 6:30-8:30PM our teens will engage in:

- Bnai Mitzvah Tefillah preparation in BMC
- Preparation with the clergy and Seth for their Dvar Torah
- JTY Jr. Youth group activities with both middle and high school students.

### **FOR 7<sup>th</sup> (post Bnai and 8<sup>th</sup>) GRADE FAMILIES:**

In addition to the holidays, they will meet with the clergy, Skylar and Seth for twenty-four Monday nights from 6:30-8:30PM. This is a chance for your middle school student to engage in meaningful dialogue with other Jewish teens about:

- Jewish identity in modern America
- Their evolving beliefs, ideals and values
- as well as the food, art, music and movement of Israel and our global Jewish community.

Teens will engage in small groups by breaking bread together (Chicken Kitchen!), challenging their assumptions and creating common bonds. Each week will also feature a JTY Council driven Youth Group activity that provides them with a chance to just hang together with other Jewish teens. This year will also feature a special L'Taken Social Action Trip to Washington D.C., special weekend community service events and family holiday celebrations!

### **FOR HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES:**

In addition to the holidays, they will meet with the clergy, Skylar and Seth for twenty-four Monday nights from 6:30-8:30PM. This is a chance for your middle school student to engage in meaningful dialogue with other Jewish teens about:

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