

Jewish Experiences Create Jewish Lives!



at **Temple Emanu-El**

**THE JEWISH
EXPERIENCE CENTER'S
2018-2019 HANDBOOK
& CALENDAR**

August 2018/Elul 5778

Dear JEC Families,

Shaloha and welcome to the 2018-2019 Jewish Experience Center school year!

With our former education director, Jessica Bram, having relocated to the east coast and the search committee unable to find a suitable successor there will not be an overall director. However, we are fortunate to have a talented teaching staff led by Jan Fried and Jackie Mild Lau, a dedicated group of *madrichim* (teen teaching assistants) supervised by Yaron Hanan as well as Rabbi Ken, Richard Field and Stephanie DeMello.

We believe that “doing” Jewish and positive educational experiences will help your child create his/her unique Jewish life!

Our School of Jewish Studies (Sundays for K-8th Grade) and Kadima (Wednesdays Grades 5-7) will begin with special holiday activities in September.

It is never too late to register your child and let other families know about us. You can use this packet or register on-line through shaloha.com/jec.

If you have a question or concern please call Stephanie at 595-7521 who will have the proper staff member respond in a timely fashion.

V'shinantam l'vanecha...Teach your children...Everyone at our Jewish Experience Center is here to assist you in this important and sacred task.

What's in a Name?

The Jewish Experience Center or JEC encompasses all of the following Temple Emanu-El's youth education programs:

School of Jewish Studies or SJS

Kadima

Kesher for Post Bnei Mitzvah in Grades 8-10

Confirmation for Post Bnei Mitzvah in Grades 11-12

Shaloha Island Temple Youth Group or SITY

The JEC Educational Vision

At the **JEC** we support and challenge our students in order for them to

- * **Connect** with their Jewish community
- * **Integrate** the spiritual, moral and cultural values of Judaism into their lives
- * **Value** the language, history, text, rituals and homeland of the Jewish people

With these three cornerstones, the JEC is providing a new standard of excellence through immersive learning experiences for all ages.

SJS

School of Jewish Studies is our Sunday morning learning experience for Kindergarten - 8th grade at the **JEC**. Beginning at 10:00 AM and ending at 12:30 PM, learners will have an opportunity to “do Jewish” through an array of interactive learning opportunities.

Each of our classes will have age appropriate learning outcomes:

Bonim - Grades K-2:

- Building Community facilitating each student making connections with their classmates
- Introduction to Hebrew letters/vowels
- Becoming familiar with ritual items/symbols for Shabbat and other holidays
- Beginning to form a concept of God
- Preparation for performances at the Temple Sisterhood Craft Fair and our JEC showcase

Gesher - Grades 3-5:

- Building Community facilitating each student making connections with their classmates
- Review of Hebrew letters/vowels and working on decoding skills
- Bible stories to know
- Life Cycle events including Brit Milah, Simchat Bat, Namings, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Weddings, Burials and Conversions
- Israel: Our Jewish Home
- Preparation for performances at the Temple Sisterhood Craft Fair and our JEC showcase

Avodah - Grades 6-8:

- Building Community facilitating each student making connections with their classmates
- Living Middot (Jewish Values)
- From Shoah to Statehood: The Holocaust and the Modern State of Israel
- Preparation for class-led Shabbat Service, the Temple Sisterhood Craft Fair and our JEC showcase

Kadima

Kadima is the **JEC's** Wednesday Hebrew and Bnei Mitzvah preparation program for learners in grades 5-8. Sessions are on Wednesdays from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM. **Please note we will be providing healthy snacks for our Kadima students but not dinner.** In order for students to be ready for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah they must be able to lead our Shabbat services as well as chant verses from the Torah and Haftarah. During Kadima sessions learners will work individually and in small groups with our staff to gain these skills.

Arrival, Snack, Pick-Up and Visitor Policies

Arrival:

SJS begins promptly at 10:00 AM. Bonim will meet in the green room in the courtyard while Gesher and Avodah will meet in the Weinberg Learning Center. Please bring your child to the social hall from where our staff members will take them to the classroom.

Snack:

Each family will be expected to provide a protein/carb, fruit/vegetable and a beverage on three assigned Sundays during the school year beginning in October. It should be enough for all students to enjoy. We will be creating a parent chat group to enable you to switch dates if needed.

Dismissal:

During the registration process parents must provide a list of authorized adults to pick-up their child.

Students will NOT be permitted to be picked up by anyone not on the pre-approved list. **No Exceptions!** This is for the safety and security of all our learners at Temple Emanu-El.

Please contact Stephanie at 595-7521 by the previous Friday at 5:00 PM to add someone to your list.

All students must be picked up from their class. Staff will not permit students to leave the Temple on their own. This is essential for the safety and security of our learners.

If you are running late please leave a message at 595-7521.

Early Pick-up:

Staff will not excuse any student from a classroom unchaperoned. A student must bring a note signed by a parent to be dismissed early.

Whoever is picking up the student MUST be on the pre-approved pick-up list and MUST meet the student at his or her class.

Visitors:

Visitors are not permitted in the classroom unless they have made arrangements prior to that day. This is also essential for the safety and security of our learners and staff.

Administrative Support Staff

We are happy to have Rachel Garcia as our new JEC Coordinator. During every session of SJS Rachel will be available to help with registration, questions, concerns as well as security. She also handles communication with parents regarding events, snacks and other topics.

Tuition

Tuition for **SJS** is based on membership of an Oahu Jewish Congregation and number of children participating in our program. There is a \$50 reduction for SJS tuition for families with multiple children.

You have the choice of paying in full, half now and half at the start of second semester (January 13, 2019) or quarterly (September 9; November 11; January 13; and March 10). If you choose to pay in installments, you will receive a notification of when payment is due.

The following tuition rates for SJS apply to members of Temple Emanu-El, Congregation Sof Ma'Arav, Aloha Jewish Chapel, Oahu Jewish Ohana and Chabad of Hawaii.

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| 1st child | \$700 |
| 2nd child or more | \$650 |

Tuition for **Kadima** is only based on membership of one of the following Oahu Jewish Congregations: Temple Emanu-El, Congregation Sof Ma'Arav, Aloha Jewish Chapel, Oahu Jewish Ohana and Chabad of Hawaii.

Tuition for Kadima is \$300. There is no multiple child discount.

Kesher/Confirmation tuition is \$100.

Jewish Experience Center Calendar of Sessions 5779 (2018-2019)

September 2018

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| 9 - Sunday | "A Birthday Party for the World: A Rosh Hashanah Experience" 10:00 AM - Noon |
| 16 - Sunday | "Repairing Relationships: A Yom Kippur Program" 10:00 AM - Noon |
| 23 - Sunday | "Coming Home for Sukkot" 4:00 PM - Activities; 5:15 PM - Family Service 6:00 PM - BBQ Dinner |
| 30 - Sunday. | Simchat Torah Celebration 10:00 AM - Noon |

October 2018

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| 3 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 7 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 10 - Wednesday. | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 14 - Sunday | Fall Break - No School of Jewish Studies Session | |
| 17 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 21 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 24 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 28 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 31 - Wednesday | No Kadima Session | |

November 2018

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| 4 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies - Sisterhood Craft Fair 10:00 AM - Rehearsal 11:15 AM - Class Performances at Craft Fair Noon - Lunch Food and Baked Goods for Sale | |
| 7 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 11 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 14 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 18 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies (All Grades) and NFTY Jewish Summer Camp Skype Presentation | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 21 - Wednesday | No Kadima Session | |
| 25 - Sunday | Thanksgiving Break- No School of Jewish Studies | |
| 28 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |

December 2018

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| 2 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 5 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 9 - Sunday | Temple Emanu-El Hanukkah Celebration: 4:00 PM JEC Activities followed by dinner at 5:00 PM and service at 6:00 PM | |
| 12 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 16 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 19 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |

Winter Break: December 20, 2018 - January 8, 2019 (No SJS or Kadima sessions)

January 2019

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| 9 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 13 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 16 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 20 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies Tu B'Shevat Program | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 23 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 27 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 30 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |

February 2019

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| 3 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies Super Sunday | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 6 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 10 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 13 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 17 - Sunday | Presidents' Day-No School of Jewish Studies Session | |
| 20 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 24 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 27 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |

March 2019

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| 3 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 6 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 10 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies Purim Program | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 13 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |

Spring Break: March 17 - 27 (No SJS or Kadima sessions)

April 2019

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| 3 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 7 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 10 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 12 - Friday | JEC Shabbat Service & Dinner Confirmation Graduation | 6:30 PM |
| 14 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 17 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 21 - Sunday | School of Jewish Studies | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 24 - Wednesday | Kadima | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 28 - Sunday | JEC Showcase | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |

May 2019

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| 1 - Sunday | Kadima | |
| 5 - Sunday | Final SJS session with teacher appreciation And Shavuot/Israel Program | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM |
| 8 - Wednesday | Final Kadima Session | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM |

Post Bnei Mitzvah Keshet (Grades 8-10) - Confirmation (Grades 11-12)

*All sessions on Sundays 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

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| October | 21 - Keshet | 28 - Confirmation |
| November | 11 - Keshet | 18 - Confirmation |
| December | 2 - Keshet | 9 - Confirmation |
| January | 13 - Keshet | 27 - Confirmation |
| February | 10 - Keshet | 24 - Confirmation |
| March | 3 - Keshet | 31 - Confirmation |
| April | 14 - Keshet | 7 - Confirmation |
| April 12 - | Confirmation Graduation | |
| May | 5 - Keshet and Confirmation Combined | |