



West End Synagogue

Jewish Family Life and Learning (JFLL)

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Dear JFLL Parent(s),

At the end of my second year as Director of JFLL, I can honestly say this whole revolution in Jewish education gets better and better with each passing week.

We now have a genuine learning community, made up of children and adults; friends and study partners, sharing our Jewish journeys.

The Lomed folks call our program “small and mighty,” a compliment I gladly accept on behalf of everyone who makes it so, Rabbi Marc, Hazzan Ayelet, Exec Director, Lila Pahl, Morah Mimi, Morah Rachel and our lay leadership, especially, JFLL Chair Marion Mackles.

What a great year we had ...

- The synagogue wide focus on *Middot* (Jewish Values) provided a wealth of curricular material and each month the kids added to their bank of knowledge and behavior in keeping with Jewish tradition.
- Our Hevruta Hebrew study continued to produce encouraging results, students rapidly acquiring decoding skills and basic vocabulary; and it was a pleasure to watch a room abuzz with self-motivated learners.
- Sukkot provided a natural kick off for our 1000 Turkey Drive, which culminated in a walk to the West Side Campaign Against Hunger, successful in raising awareness among our families and funds for the needy.
- Our Simchat Torah celebration provided a ready made “Back to School” night, when we shared our year’s learning goals with parents, then celebrated the Torah in community. (To be repeated this coming fall.)
- Our calendar of Shabbat Services and programming provided a regular, predictable schedule of family worship and learning.
- We introduced two new Shabbat family programs. JFLL families now are encouraged to attend all or part of Shirat HaLev, WES soulful, musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service on the third Friday. And the last Shabbat of each month brought us Sof HaChodesh, with its interesting alternatives to traditional worship.
- At our Community Chanukah celebration, singer Michelle Citrin entertained kids from one to ninety-two (literally).

- Purim was a blast with our video arcade downstairs and the hilarious Schpiel presented by our friends, The Bible Players in the Sanctuary.
- Congregants of all ages gathered for our Israel Fair and Dinner to celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut.
- Shavuot brought us the “Sinai Experience,” the sights and sounds of Revelation, followed by our unique, intergenerational study session.
- And our year ended with a lovely *Tekes Aliyah*, Moving Up Ceremony, on our final Shabbat morning of the school year, when we blessed all of the students for their accomplishments and for a smooth transition to their next year of study.

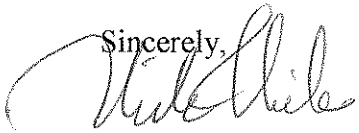
For next year, you can expect few changes, as we try to let all our innovation sink in. Our schedule will provide ongoing opportunities to gather for learning, for worship and for building community, all within the rhythm of the Jewish calendar and the busy lives of New York City families.

Now it's time to register for the 2012-13 school year. Enclosed are the forms for you to complete and return by July 26, so we can order books and supplies in time for the start of school. Please complete the Enrollment Agreement, the Tuition/Payment Plan, the Student Information form and the Parent Volunteer Form.

I will reiterate my sincere desire that you see our JFLL program as your family's gateway to a joyful Jewish life. I hope with all my heart that our program will:

- Enhance your family life by providing Jewish experiences that you will recall with your children many years in the future;
- Increase your Jewish literacy, giving you and your children opportunities to learn about this ancient and beautiful Jewish civilization of which we are all a part;
- Deepen your experience of the Power Beyond Us, a Reconstructionist understanding of God;
- Expand your practice of contemporary, progressive Judaism;
- Overcome the obstacles that may have interfered with your love of Jewish life;
- And most of all, I hope we can make the whole process engaging, exciting and FUN.

Sincerely,



Mike Wikes
Director, WES JFLL



WES Jewish Family Life and Learning

Top Ten Reasons You Won't Want to Miss WES JFLL Shabbat Programs!

1. **Slow down** the runaway train that is your busy schedule.
2. **Protect** a precious block of uninterrupted, quality family time.
3. **Anchor** yourself and your children in the soothing rhythm of Shabbat ritual and community
4. **Learn** in a hands-on, organic way -- by doing, not by observing.
5. **Celebrate** your family's Jewish identity.
6. **Remember** to BREATHE.
7. **Create** irreplaceable lifelong Jewish memories for you and your child(ren)
8. **Explore**, in a safe and non-judging context, the meaning of Jewish prayers and the Torah portions.
9. **Share** best practices with other parents facing the challenge of raising responsible, "menschy" Jewish children in New York City.
10. **Build** important and lasting connections with others in a place where "everyone knows your name."

Our JFLL Shabbat schedule

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| 1st | First Shabbat of the month: Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat and Pot Luck Dinner. |
| 2nd | Second Shabbat: Saturday Morning Family Service and Learning Program. Our family-friendly Shabbat Service, in which we learn the meaning and traditions behind our prayer service and weekly Torah portion. |
| 3rd | Third Shabbat: Friday Evening. All parents and students are encouraged all or part of <i>Shirat HaLev</i> , the beautiful, stirring musical Service developed by Hazzan Ayelet. |
| Last | Last Shabbat: <i>Sof HaChodesh</i> (End of the Month) Shabbat Experience, Saturday Morning. Enjoy a special Shabbat activity that offers a creative alternative to a traditional Service. (If a month has five Shabbatot, Sof HaChodesh is the 5 th , with no JFLL programming on the 4 th Shabbat.) |



**Jewish Family Life and Learning
Enrollment Agreement**

Please fill out **Enrollment Agreement (this page), Tuition Page, Parent Volunteer Form and Student Information Form, and, if new to our school, the Student Information Form.** Please return all to the office by Friday, July 27, 2012 with check for full payment or installment payment option completed.

Enrollment Agreement

The undersigned agrees to abide by the rules and policies of the West End Synagogue JFLL Program.

The undersigned hereby gives permission for pictures/identification of the student(s) to be used in advertisements, website, news coverage or publicity. You may opt out of this policy by sending your request in writing to the Director of the JFLL Program.

Education is recognized as a cooperative undertaking, a joint responsibility of home, school, and synagogue community. The undersigned agrees to make a genuine effort to engage the family in all aspects of our JFLL Program. *Attendance guideline: 75% of all weekday and Shabbat programming.*

Our JFLL Program meets twice weekly, one day of classroom instruction for children (Tuesdays, Grade 4 – 7; Wednesday, Grade K – 3) and one Shabbat family program, alternating Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

West End Synagogue reserves the right to terminate the enrollment of a student for academic or disciplinary reasons.

Tuition per student

Members, \$1050

Nonmembers, \$1250 (K - 3 only)

Book/Activity Fee, per student: \$200

STUDENT 1 First Name: _____ STUDENT 1 Last Name: _____

STUDENT 2 First Name: _____ STUDENT 2 Last Name: _____

PARENT 1 First Name: _____ PARENT 1 Last Name: _____

PARENT 2 First Name: _____ PARENT 2 Last Name: _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____



TUITION & PAYMENT PLANS

Please fill out the following worksheet (shaded boxes) including the name and grade of each child enrolling in the JFLL Program. Then, choose a payment option below. Please return to WES by Friday, July 22, 2011.

Parent 1:		MEMBERS			NON-MEMBERS	TOTAL
Parent 2:		TUE Gr. 4-7	WED Gr. K-3	WED Gr. K-3 ONLY		
1	Child 1:	Tuition:	\$1050	\$1050	\$1250	\$
	Grade:					
2	Child 2:	Tuition:	\$1050	\$1050	\$1250	\$
	Grade:					
3	Book/Activity Fee, Required	\$200 per student				\$
4	Scholarship Donation, Optional	I would like to make a one time JFLL Scholarship donation to assist families in need with tuition				\$
5	Total Due:	Sum of all boxes				\$

Please check the following payment options:

- Full Payment Option**
 - Check enclosed, total on line 5
 - Credit card, use form below *
- Installments Payment Option:**
 - Checks, Half Tuition now, Half Tuition in One Post Dated Check, Dec 1 (line 5 ÷ 2)
 - Checks, Three (3) Post-dated checks, Aug 1, Oct 1, Dec 1; (line 5 ÷ 3)
 - Checks, Six (6) Post-dated checks, Aug 1, Sep 1, Oct 1, Nov 1, Dec 1, Jan 1; (line 5 ÷ 6)
 - Credit Card*, Three Installments, Aug 1, Oct 1, Dec 1; (line 5 ÷ 3) †
 - Credit Card*, Six Installments, Aug 1, Sep 1, Oct 1, Nov 1, Dec 1, Jan 1; (line 5 ÷ 6) †

*** CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

Credit Card Amount, if Full Payment (line 5): \$ _____

¹ Credit Card Amount, if Installment Payment: \$ _____
I authorize West End Synagogue to charge this amount to my credit card according to the schedule checked above.

MC Visa Amex

Name on Card _____

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Security Code _____ Signature: _____

Families requiring need-based financial assistance should contact our Executive Director, Lila Pahl, 212-579-0777 x220, lpahl@westendsynagogue.org) to discuss your needs in confidence.



West End Synagogue Jewish Family Life & Learning (JFLL)

NEW STUDENT INFORMATION

Below is the information we have on file for your family. Please use the right hand column (2010-2011) to fill in any information that is missing or has been updated. If the information is the same, please simply check the box to the right

Student first and last name: _____ Hebrew name: _____

Item	
Student's primary address	
Home phone	
Student's email	
Student's cell phone	
Gender	
Date of Birth	
Age as of coming September	
Secular school	
Secular School grade coming Sept.	
Parent 1 Name (Last, First)	
Parent 1 Work phone	
Parent 1 Cell Phone	
Parent 1 Email	
Parent 2 Name (Last, First)	
Parent 2 Work phone	
Parent 2 Cell Phone	
Parent 2 Email	
Emergency Contact name & relationship	
Emergency Contact phone	
May this student walk home alone?	
Name	
Relationship	
Phone number	
Doctor's Name	
Doctor's number	
Doctor's Address Hospital Insurance Carrier Policy holder Group #	
Food Allergies	

**JFLL Parent Volunteers
2012-13 School Year**

Please enter your name in one of the slots and return with your Registration Forms.

JFLL Weekday Class Parents: Maintain class email and phone lists; contact other parents as requested by teacher. Occasionally on site in class for special projects, when requested by teacher.	
Aleph Class Parent	
Bet Class Parent	
Gimmel Class Parent	
Dalet Class Parent	

JFLL Shabbat Class Parents: Make reminder calls to all parents during week before a JFLL Session; coordinate potluck dinners; Assist Director before programs with set up; help clean up after programs.	
JFLL Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat	
JFLL Shabbat Morning	
JFLL Shirat HaLev Friday Evening	
JFLL Sof HaChodesh Shabbat Experience	

JFLL Holiday Parents: Coordinate special holiday programs; Assist the Director as needed.	
Chanukah Celebration	
Purim Celebration	
Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration	
Shavuot Celebration	

Parents On Call	
Help the day of ... I don't want to be in charge, but I'll help as needed.	



West End Synagogue, Jewish Family Life and Learning, Calendar 2012-13, Second Semester

January 2013

Tue	1	No JFLL Classes, Winter Break
Wed	2	No JFLL Classes, Winter Break
Fri	4	First Friday @ 6 w/Potluck Dinner 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tue	8	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	9	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat	12	Shabbat Family Service/Learning 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tue	15	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	16	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Fri	18	Shirat HaLev, All Parents and All Students, Sanctuary; 6:30 – 8 PM
Tue	22	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	23	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat	26	Sof HaChodesh Shabbat Experience 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tue	29	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	30	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM

February 2013

Fri	1	First Friday @ 6 w/Potluck Dinner 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tue	5	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	6	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat	9	Shabbat Family Service/Learning 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tue	12	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	13	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Fri	15	Shirat HaLev, All Parents and All Students, Sanctuary; 6:30 – 8 PM
Tue	19	NO JFLL CLASSES, MIDWINTER RECESS
Wed	20	NO JFLL CLASSES, MIDWINTER RECESS
SAT	23	JFLL COMMUNITY PURIM CELEBRATION. AND MEGILLAH READING. 4 PM
Tue	26	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	27	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM

March 2013

Fri	1	First Friday @ 6 w/Potluck Dinner 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tue	5	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	6	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat	9	Shabbat Family Service/Learning 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tue	12	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	13	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Fri	15	Shirat HaLev, All Parents and All Students, Sanctuary; 6:30 – 8 PM
Tue	19	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	20	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat	23	No JFLL Programming
Tue	26	NO JFLL CLASSES, SPRING RECESS
Wed	27	NO JFLL CLASSES, SPRING RECESS
Sat	30	No JFLL Programming

April 2013

Tue	2	NO JFLL CLASSES, SPRING RECESS
Wed	3	NO JFLL CLASSES, SPRING RECESS
Fri	5	First Friday @ 6 w/Potluck Dinner 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tue	9	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	10	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat	12	Shabbat Family Service/Learning 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tue	16	SPECIAL. All Sessions Meet Intergenerational Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration. 5:00 – 7:30 PM
Wed	17	NO JFLL CLASSES, ALL MEET TUE
Fri	19	Shirat HaLev, All Parents and All Students, Sanctuary; 6:30 – 8 PM
Tue	23	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	24	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat	27	Sof HaChodesh Shabbat Experience 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tue	30	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM

May 2013

Wed	1	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Fri	3	First Friday @ 6 w/Potluck Dinner 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tue	7	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	8	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat	11	Shabbat Family Service/Learning 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tue	14	SPECIAL. All Sessions Meet Intergenerational SHAVUOT Celebration. 5:00 – 7:30 PM
Wed	15	NO JFLL CLASSES, ALL MEET TUE
Fri	17	Shirat HaLev, All Parents and All Students, Sanctuary; 6:30 – 8 PM
Tue	21	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	22	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat	25	No Sof HaChodesh Shabbat Experience – Memorial Day Weekend
Tue	28	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	29	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM

June 2013

Tue	4	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	5	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Fri	7	First Friday @ 6 w/Potluck Dinner 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tue	11	Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed	12	Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat	15	Shabbat Family Service/Learning End of the Year Program Tekes Aliyah / Moving Up Ceremony 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM



West End Synagogue, Jewish Family Life and Learning, Calendar 2012-13, First Semester

September 2012

Fri 7 First Friday @ 6 w/Potluck Dinner
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tue 11 First JFLL Weekday Session,
Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed 12 First JFLL Weekday Session,
Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat 15 Shabbat Family Service/Learning
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

SUN 16	Erev Rosh Hashanah, No JFLL Program
MON 17	Rosh Hashanah Day 1 JFLL Program
TUE 18	Rosh Hashanah Day 2 JFLL Program
(See Tickets for High Holy Day Times)	

Wed 19 **SPECIAL** Joint Session, All Grades
Special High Holiday Learning
4 – 6 PM
Fri 21 Shirat HaLev, All Parents and
All Students, Sanctuary; 6:30 – 8 PM

TUE 25	Kol Nidre JFLL Program
WED 26	Yom Kippur JFLL Program
(See Tickets for High Holy Day Times)	

Sat 29 Sof HaChodesh Shabbat Experience
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

October 2012

Tue 2 Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed 3 Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Fri 5 First Friday @ 6 w/Potluck Dinner
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Mon 8 **SPECIAL JFLL WEEKDAY SESSION**
ALL GRADES, ALL FAMILIES MEET,
SIMCHAT TORAH / Back to School Program,
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Tue/Wed 9/10 No JFLL Classes
Sat 13 Shabbat Family Service/Learning
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tue 16 Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed 17 Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Fri 19 Shirat HaLev, All Parents and
All Students, Sanctuary; 6:30 – 8 PM
Tue 23 Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed 24 Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat 27 Sof HaChodesh Shabbat Experience
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tue 30 All Sessions Meet (Tentative)
Walk to WSCAH for Program
Hunger is Not a Game, 4 – 6 PM
Wed 31 No JFLL Classes (all meet on Tue)

November 2012

Fri 2 First Friday @ 6 w/Potluck Dinner
Camp JRF Shabbat
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tue 6 NO CLASSES, ELECTION DAY
Wed 7 **SPECIAL JFLL WEEKDAY SESSION**
ALL GRADES MEET, Hunger is Not a Game
Regular time, 4 – 6 PM
Sat 10 Shabbat Family Service/Learning
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tue 13 Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed 14 Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Fri 16 Shirat HaLev, All Parents and
All Students, Sanctuary; 6:30 – 8 PM
Tue 20 Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed 21 Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat 24 No Sof HaChodesh Shabbat
Experience – Thanksgiving Weekend
Tue 27 Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed 28 Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM

December 2012

Sat 1 No JFLL Programming
Tue 4 Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed 5 Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Fri 7 First Friday @ 6 w/Potluck Dinner
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Sun 9 **JFLL COMMUNITY**
CHANUKAH CELEBRATION, Time: TBD
Tue 11 Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed 12 Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Sat 15 Shabbat Family Service/Learning
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tue 18 Gimmel/Dalet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Wed 19 Aleph/Bet Class, 4 – 6 PM
Fri 21 Shirat HaLev, All Parents and
All Students, Sanctuary; 6:30 – 8 PM
Tue 25 NO JFLL CLASSES, WINTER RECESS
Wed 26 NO JFLL CLASSES, WINTER RECESS
Sat 29 No Sof HaChodesh Shabbat
Experience – Winter Recess