



Parent Information Series

#5 – Judaic Themes

Dear J Camps Family,

Welcome to J Camps!

We are overjoyed to have your family as part of our camp family this year. It will be a great summer of fun, growth and memory making!

The opportunity for Judaic involvement is one of the wonderful and unique aspects of J Camps.

This year we will focus on our Jewish heroes and values. Adam and Eve, Noah and Naama, Abraham and Sarah are just a few Jewish heroes who will help us learn about our Jewish values. Jewish values are universal values that outline how to be a good human being in the world. Camp activities will reinforce the weekly theme in fun, interactive and memorable ways. Some of the values that we will discuss this year are Chaverut/friendship; Shalom/peace; Ba'al tashchit/do not destroy (caring for the environment); Bikkur Cholim/caring for the sick; Kibud Zekaynim/honoring elders; Tz'ar Ba'alei Chayim/ caring for animals; Lomed M'kol Adam/learning from everyone; and Hachnasat Orchim/ welcoming guests.

Each week, you will receive an email with a brief review of the theme and activities you and your kids can do at home to reinforce the weekly theme. I hope these provide opportunities for meaningful family time.

Weekly lessons are not the only way that your child will experience Judaics! Each morning will begin with a Boker Tov (good morning) experience. Campers will also participate in Havdalah on Monday mornings and Shabbat on Fridays. Havdalah is a ceremony that marks the end of Shabbat and welcomes the new week. Through blessings and rituals involving the senses, we will say goodbye to the weekend and Shalom (hello) to the new week!

We look forward to seeing your family soon!

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