



Eric Nicastro

Director of Youth & Experiential Education

Eric Nicastro was born and raised in Queens, New York. As a teen Eric was involved in Jewish youth programs as a dedicated participant. Eric graduated from SUNY Empire State College with a Bachelor of Science in Community and Human Services. During college Eric started his career in Jewish youth work as a Youth Advisor and Religious School teacher. He spent nine summers at the Union for Reform Judaism's Eisner Camp as a counselor and administrative staff member. Eric worked with NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) for ten years leading teen travel programs and staffing regional events.



In Eric's professional career he ran the Religious School High School programs and youth group programs at Larchmont Temple in New York for seven years. In addition Eric has recently completed a three year stint as Assistant Director at Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps and the Director of Teen Programs at Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Eric is now beginning as the Director of Youth and Experiential Education for the Bureau of Jewish Education of Orange County.

In Eric's spare time he volunteers for Concern 2, a non-profit organization dedicated to funding pediatric and young adult cancer research worldwide. Concern 2 is the next generation of the very successful Concern Foundation for cancer research that has been a part of the Los Angeles community for over 40 years. Eric has helped plan fundraising events for the group, participated in many events, and completed the 2011 Los Angeles Marathon, raising money to fund researchers trying to find a cure for cancer.