

TALIT



NATION

@ the BUREAU

2011/2012 Program Catalog

TALIT Nation @ the Bureau

TALIT Nation cultivates Jewish pride, participation and leadership in Southern California teens. TALIT touches participants' Jewish roots and souls by deepening their commitment to and expression of joyful Jewish community.

Teens who participate in the programs of TALIT Nation develop a strong Jewish identity they carry with them to college, and which lasts a lifetime.

TALIT makes Judaism relevant and fun! Led by our energetic and experienced staff members who serve as role models, participants have experiences that transform their ideas about what it means to be Jewish.

At TALIT Nation there are no desks, no whiteboards, no lectures. Staying in a cabin at camp with friends, old and new...the streets of Jerusalem...500 Jewish hands connected together while Israeli dancing and singing in unison...these are the classrooms of TALIT Nation.



Surrounded by the largest pluralistic Jewish teen community in Southern California, TALIT participants enjoy transformative experiences that make Jewish learning fun and engaging.

Through these transformative experiences, members not only earn community service hours and the opportunity to receive the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, but they discover a vibrant Jewish community that inspires them to choose a Jewish life today, tomorrow, and beyond.

The program provides members with a foundation of Jewish friends, Jewish role models and positive Jewish memories that sustains their Jewish identity into their college years and throughout their lives.

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CORE PROGRAMS @ TALIT NATION

Why is TALIT Nation @ the Bureau (TN@B) so compelling to your teen? Because TN@B provides your teen with the three types of programming that have been proven to create strong Jewish identities: Jewish camping experiences, Israel travel and youth groups.* TALIT Nation @ the Bureau is filled with opportunities for these transformative experiences — camp, Israel, youth group and social action programs - all of which make it easy to love being Jewish!

- Camp:** Three retreat weekends provide a foundation of Jewish friendships that lasts a lifetime.
- Israel:** The Bureau builds an enduring connection to Israel through our TIES 4-week summer Israel trip.
- Youth Group:** Jewbilation takes place on four Saturday nights each year, when hundreds of Jewish teens come together to dance, play and enjoy hanging out with their Jewish friends in a distinctively Jewish environment.
- Social Action:** Social Action Sundays instill in our participants a passion for *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) through hands-on community service.

TALIT Nation focuses on the programs that yield the results so many of us want for our kids: to love being Jewish today, and planting the seeds that lay the foundation for a lifetime filled with Jewish pride.

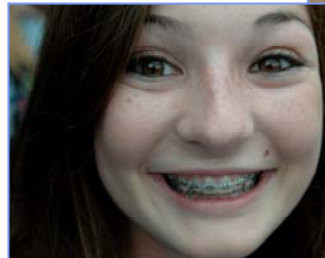
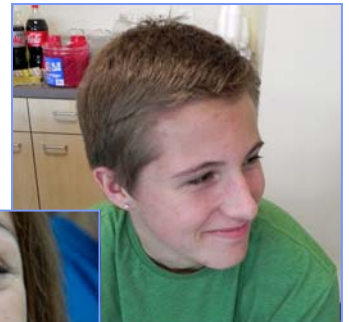
* Source: UJC report on the impact of childhood Jewish education on adult Jewish identity

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS @ TALIT NATION

All members of TALIT Nation have the opportunity to fill a leadership role in their community. At TALIT (*Teens Are Leaders In Training*) Nation, the members take an active role in creating and leading their own programming.

TALIT provides a Jewish framework for leadership built upon our sacred values. Through groundbreaking training, participants practice infusing Klal Yisrael (love of community), Kavod (respect) and Chesed (kindness) into their teen-led community.

All of these experiences improve participants' prospects for acceptance into colleges and universities, foster a passion for Jewish leadership and plant the seeds for their futures as gifted leaders and role models.



HOW TO GET STARTED: Just choose the program(s) that best suit your needs.

TALIT NATION @ THE BUREAU

All camp package sign-ups in TALIT Nation include the basic membership.

TALIT Nation membership includes:

- TALIT Nation Membership Card
- TALIT Nation T-Shirt
- 1 Video Year Book
- \$150 off TIES @ TALIT Nation
- Discount on all Leadership Programs
- Auto Enrollment in Social Action Sundays @ TALIT Nation
- Opening Day Orientation
- Siyyum/Graduation event

BASIC MEMBERSHIP

\$150.00

CAMP PROGRAMS

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Our flagship program includes a series of three 9th-12th grade weekend retreats at the American Jewish University Brandeis-Bardin Campus in the rolling hills of Simi Valley. With hundreds of teens coming together from Long Beach to Riverside to South Orange County, TALIT Nation weekends are filled with opportunities for participants to have fun with friends and learn more about themselves, their community and their Judaism. Each retreat includes a Shabbat celebration, Israeli dancing, a song session, a weekend educational theme, a Saturday night social... all the elements that make a weekend at camp a wonderful experience. Each cabin is staffed by a trained adult, ensuring safety and fun for every member.

CORE CAMPING PROGRAM

<u>Option</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
Complete Package*	3 Retreats + Membership + Jewbilation Package <i>All Inclusive - Best Value</i>	\$925.00

NEW THIS YEAR: *10th-12th graders have the opportunity to sign-up for one, two, or three retreat packages. This will give upperclassmen the flexibility to be part of the Nation in a way that fits their busy schedules.*

Limited II	2 Retreats + Basic Membership	\$695.00
Limited I	1 Retreat + Basic Membership	\$425.00

*9th Graders must purchase Complete Package per Synagogue requirements



ACL@TALIT NATION

Through our groundbreaking leadership training, participants will become the next generation of Jewish leaders and role models. This premier counselor-in-training program is open to 10th-12th grades and is run in partnership with the five largest Jewish summer overnight camps in Southern California: Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps, Camp Ramah, Camp Alonim, JCA Shalom, and Camp Mountain Chai. This program includes a separate application process. Upon successful completion of the program, participants earn 45 community service hours.

ACL (*Advanced Camp Leadership*) is comprised of two elements:

- Serving as counselors on our 3rd-8th grade Shabbaton.
- Participating in a series of four leadership development workshops, facilitated by the Bureau's full-time education staff and our region's top camp professionals. This hands-on training provides the opportunity to build counseling/leadership skills and provide a gateway to serve in Jewish summer camp roles.

CAMPING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

<u>Option</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
Advanced Camp Leadership	Basic Membership Price	\$236.00
Advanced Camp Leadership	Non-Membership Price	\$386.00

YOUTH GROUP PROGRAMS

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JEWBILATION @ TALIT NATION

Jewbilation is Southern California's only community-wide youth group program, bringing together hundreds of Jewish teens in one awesome place to spend an evening having lots of fun. In other words, come play with the Nation. Past programs have included overnights, dances and comedy clubs. Each Saturday night social event is open to all Jewish 9th-12th grade Southern California teens.

<u>Option</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
Package	4 Jewbilation Events	\$100.00
Individual Event	Price at the door based on the Event	Minimum \$ 30.00

CORE YOUTH GROUP PROGRAM



TAC@TALIT NATION

Become involved behind the scenes and become part of the ground-floor team of TALIT Nation. Partner with the Bureau professional staff to create and implement the Jewbilation @ TALIT Nation program and three Saturday night socials on camp weekends (you will be included on all levels, from program creation to budget creation...you will be making direct decisions). TAC (*TALIT Advisory Council*) meets four times each year with the calendar to be set up by its constituents, and you can earn up to 20 hours of community service.

YOUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

<u>Option</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
Advisory Council Leadership	Basic Membership Only	Included

ISRAEL PROGRAMS

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TIES @ TALIT NATION

Where do you see yourself next summer? Hiking through the Negev and up Masada? Swimming in the Dead Sea? Exploring the ancient and modern wonders of your Jewish homeland? Making friendships that will last a lifetime?

TIES (Teen Israel Experience Summer) is where your Jewish roots come alive while you swim, snorkel, hike and climb your way through Israel with other Southern California Jewish teens. TIES is a dorm-based program housed on Alexander Muss High School's gorgeous campus near Tel Aviv. We travel with accredited educators as they provide a chronological tour of the history of Israel, bringing her cities to life in a unique way.

The TIES program includes: a pre-trip weekend retreat for all participants, a farewell picnic and a post-trip Shabbat dinner.

CORE ISRAEL PROGRAM

<u>Option</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
Members Summer 2012	Receive a \$150 program grant 4-week Israel Experience	TBD



I-ACT

I-ACT (Israel Advocacy Committee for Teens) gives you the opportunity to fulfill the Jewish ethical charge to 'speak truth to power' on behalf of the State of Israel.

Ten participants will have the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to attend the AIPAC High School Summit in the Fall. Participants in this premier Israel advocacy teen program will have opportunities to advocate in front of their Senator or Congressperson. The ten participants chosen to represent the Bureau at this exclusive AIPAC High School Summit will be required to submit a separate application along with an additional fee. (This summit is highly subsidized by AIPAC and local Orange County supporters.)

In the Spring, the participants of the High School Summit will facilitate an Israel Advocacy 'boot-camp' for the rest of I-ACT, directly teaching them lobbying strategies and techniques. I-ACT participants will then assume several Israel advocacy roles in our local community, including advocacy visits to local congress members offices, and bringing Israel education to our community through program development and implementation at the Fall 2012 TALIT Nation retreat and at the Orange County Israel Expo.

This program puts participants at the intersection of their passion for Israel and advocating for her future. The program allows participants to earn at least a minimum of 20 community service hours.

ISRAEL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

<u>Option</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
Members	Israel Advocacy Leadership Program	\$150.00
Non-Members	Israel Advocacy Leadership Program	\$300.00
AIPAC High School Summit (in Washington D.C.)	Dependent Upon Program Acceptance (10 Student Maximum-Separate Application)	\$600.00

SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAMS

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SOCIAL ACTION SUNDAYS

Inspired by the Jewish value of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world), each TALIT Nation participant gets opportunities to get his or her hands "dirty" in the pursuit of improving our community. Each Sunday, whether spent participating in a march to end genocide, packing bags for the hungry or repairing the environment, TALIT Nation doesn't just talk-the-talk, but it walks-the-walk. Upon successful completion of the program, 9th-12th graders earn 12 community service hours. Enrollment in the Social Action Sundays program is automatically included with your TALIT Nation membership.

CORE SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM

Option

Basic Membership

Description

3 Social Action Sundays

Price

Included



YOUNG PHILANTHROPY

Young Philanthropy provides a deeper experience for those participants who want more direct service opportunities to make the world a better place and become a social action leader in our community. Young Philanthropy accomplishes this through direct service, advocacy and philanthropy training. Upon successful completion of the program, participants earn 18 community service hours.

Young Philanthropy includes two core elements:

- Three Sunday sessions during which Young Philanthropy participants engage in advanced social action workshops, visiting local service agencies and making choices about philanthropic giving. Young Philanthropy, offered in partnership with the Orange County Jewish Community Foundation, allows teens to learn about the value of giving through discussions, exercises in decision making and field trips.
- Young Philanthropy participants will have the opportunity to become a member of TALIT Nation and be a part of our Social Action Sunday sessions spent doing hands-on social action and advocacy work.

SOCIAL ACTION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Option

Leadership

Description

3 Sundays

Price

\$36.00

3rd - 8th GRADE PROGRAMS

There are plenty of opportunities to experience why TALIT Nation is the most popular choice for Jewish teens. All pre-TALIT events have separate registration. Information is available upon request.

Community Shabbaton (Grades 3-5 & 6-8) - March 2-4, 2012

Enjoy Jewish camping with hundreds of youth from throughout Southern California. High-quality, age-appropriate programming and experienced staff ensure that the Jewish camping experience is memorable and safe. Make friends, have fun and take your first step toward becoming part of TALIT Nation!

Jr. Jewbilation (Grades 6-8) - December 10, 2011 & February 11, 2012

Saturday night social events inspired by our popular Jewbilation @ TALIT Nation program. These events give you and your friends a chance to play and socialize in a Jewish setting close to home.

Mitzvah Mania (6th Grade) - February 26, 2012

A community-wide annual event for pre-b'nai mitzvah students and their parents to discover unique sources for mitzvah project ideas.

Taste of TALIT Nation 8th Grade Weekend - April 20-22, 2012

Your first opportunity to go on a TALIT Nation weekend. Join the 9th-12th grades for the culminating retreat of the year while simultaneously engaging in the 8th Grade Jewish Values program.



Student Name: _____ Date of Birth _____ M F

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____ Student Email: _____

School (Sept./2011) _____ Grade (Sept./2011): _____ Synagogue: _____

Parent I Name: _____ Parent II Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Business/Occupation: _____ Business/Occupation _____

Emergency contact (other than parents) Name: _____ Phone: _____

Student lives with: Both Parents Parent I Parent II Other _____

Student's bus stop: Samueli Jewish Campus, Irvine Temple Beth Sholom, Santa Ana Alpert JCC, Long Beach

I would like to bunk in the same cabin with the following: _____

Physical and Mental Health Disclosure (Confidentiality assured): Please describe and list any and all medical requirements, mental health concerns, physical handicaps, psychological issues, allergies, medications—including name of medication, dosage and time of administration, or special needs for your child. This information is essential to the health care of your child when in our guardianship. Please include an additional sheet if necessary.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS NO MEDICAL NEEDS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CIRCLE "NONE".

Medical Information: _____

MEDICAL WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

All participants must have current health insurance to participate in TALIT Nation.

I hereby grant permission for my child, _____ to participate in the 201/2012 TALIT Nation at all of its locations, which may include synagogues, occasional field trips, and our woodsy camp setting. I hereby release the Bureau of Jewish Education and its members and employees from any and all liability resulting from or in any manner arising out of any injury or damage which may be sustained by said child and any loss or damage to property on account of his/her participation in said activity, or in the transportation in connection therewith. I understand that the Bureau of Jewish Education is not liable if my child chooses to leave a Bureau sponsored program early.

I further agree, that in case any action is brought against the Bureau of Jewish Education, its members or employees arising out of participation as described above, I will indemnify them and hold them harmless from any attorney's fees, costs or judgments incurred or rendered in any such action.

I, the undersigned parent(s) of _____, a minor, do hereby authorize the supervising agent(s) for the undersigned to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by, and is so rendered under the general or special supervision of any physician and/or surgeon licensed under the provisions of the Medicine Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or said hospital.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required, but is given to provide authority and power on the part of our afore-said agent(s) to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment or hospital care which the afore-mentioned physician, in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25.8 of the Civil Code of California.

It is understood that the person in charge will try to reach me by phone prior to administering any emergency treatment.

Please be advised that each participant's own insurance remains their primary insurance.

Health Insurance Company: _____ Group/Policy #: _____
I.D.#: _____

I do I do not authorize the Bureau staff to dispense Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen (i.e. Advil/Tylenol) and, under the supervision of the camp medical staff, other "Over-the-Counter" medications at my child's request.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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TALIT NATION @ THE BUREAU

September 11, 2011	TALIT Nation @ the Bureau Opening Day Welcome Back/New Family Orientation
October 23, 2011	Social Action Sunday
October 28-30, 2011	Weekend Retreat (9-12 Grades)
January 8, 2012	Social Action Sunday
February 3-5, 2012	Weekend Retreat (9-12 Grades)
April 15, 2012	Social Action Sunday – JWW Walk
April 20-22, 2012	Weekend Retreat (8-12 Grades)
May 6, 2012	Siyyum

ACL @ TALIT NATION (ADVANCED CAMP LEADERSHIP)

January 22, 2012	Workshop #1
January 29, 2012	Workshop #2
February 12, 2012	Workshop #3
February 26, 2012	Workshop #4 & Staff Meeting
March 2-4, 2012	Community Shabbaton

JEWBILATION @ TALIT NATION

September 17, 2011	Jewbilation Kick-off Event
December 3, 2011	Jewbilation Chanukah Event
March 17, 2012	Jewbilation Purim Event w/TVT
May 6, 2012	Jewbilation Siyyum Event

TAC @ TALIT NATION (TALIT ADVISORY COUNCIL)

September 11, 2011	First session (3 additional dates TBD @ first meeting)
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TIES @ TALIT NATION

June 1-3, 2012	TIES weekend retreat
June 24-July 23, 2012	TIES Trip (10 th -12 th Grades)

I-ACT @ TALIT Nation (Israel Advocacy Committee for Teens)

November 6-8, 2011	AIPAC High School Summit (Washington D.C.)
March 18, 2012	Workshop #1
March 25, 2012	Workshop #2
April 20-22, 2012	Advocacy @ TALIT Nation Spring Retreat
May 22-24, 2012	AIPAC Conference
May 20, 2012	Orange County Israel Expo

YOUNG PHILANTHROPY @ TALIT NATION

November 6, 2011	Young Philanthropy #1
November 20, 2011	Young Philanthropy #2
December 11, 2011	Young Philanthropy #3

3rd – 8th Grade Programs

December 10, 2011	Jr. Jewbilation for 6 th -8 th Grades #1
February 11, 2012	Jr. Jewbilation for 6 th -8 th Grades #2
February 26, 2012	Mitzvah Mania for 6 th Graders & Parents
March 2-4, 2012	3 rd -5 th & 6 th -8 th Grade Community Shabbaton
April 20-22, 2012	8 th Grade <i>Taste of TALIT Nation</i> Weekend



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