

# TALIT



# NATION

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# HANDBOOK

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# TALIT Nation Calendar 2011-12



## TALIT Nation @ the Bureau

September 11, 2011	TALIT Nation Opening Day	2:00 - 4:00pm @ Tarbut V'Torah, Irvine
October 23, 2011	Social Action Sunday	2:00 - 5:00pm @ O.C. Food Bank, Garden Grove
<b>October 28 - 30, 2011</b>	Weekend Retreat (9th - 12th grades)	3 local bus stops (12:30 – 1:30pm) taking teens to AJU's Brandeis Bardin Campus, Simi Valley
January 8, 2012	Social Action Sunday	2:00 - 5:00pm @ Temple Beth Tikvah, Fullerton
<b>February 3 - 5, 2012</b>	Weekend Retreat (9th - 12th grades)	3 local bus stops (12:30 – 1:30pm) taking teens to AJU's Brandeis Bardin Campus, Simi Valley
April 15, 2012	Social Action Sunday	8:30 - noon @ Fountain Valley Sports Park
<b>April 20 - 22, 2012</b>	Weekend Retreat (8th - 12th grades)	3 local bus stops (12:30 – 1:30pm) taking teens to AJU's Brandeis Bardin Campus, Simi Valley
May 6, 2012	Siyyum (awards & graduation)	4:00 - 5:30pm @ Temple Bat Yahm, Newport Beach

## Jewbilation @ TALIT Nation

September 17, 2011	Beach Party	8:00 - 10:00pm @ Corona del Mar beach
December 3, 2011	Chanukah Mania	8:00 - TBD pm @ JCCOC, Irvine
March 17, 2012	Purim Masquerade	8:00 –TBD pm @Temple Beth Sholom, Santa Ana
May 6, 2012	Post Siyyum Grad Night	6:00 - 9:00pm @ Temple Bat Yahm, Newport Beach

## TIES @ TALIT Nation

June 1 - 3, 2012	TIES weekend retreat	
June 24-July 23, 2012	TIES Trip to Israel!	

## Young Philanthropy @ TALIT Nation

November 6, 2011	Young Philanthropy #1	1:00 - 5:00pm @ JCCOC, Irvine
November 20, 2011	Young Philanthropy #2	1:00 - 5:00pm @ JCCOC, Irvine
December 11, 2011	Young Philanthropy #3	1:00 - 5:00pm @ JCCOC, Irvine

## ACL @ TALIT Nation (Advanced Camp Leadership)

January 22, 2012	Workshop #1	1:30 - 4:30pm @ JCCOC, Irvine
January 29, 2012	Workshop #2	1:30 - 4:30pm @ JCCOC, Irvine
February 12, 2012	Workshop #3	1:30 - 4:30pm @ JCCOC, Irvine
February 26, 2012	Workshop #4 & Staff Meeting	1:30 - 5:30pm @ JCCOC, Irvine
March 2 - 4, 2012	Community Shabbaton	

## 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	1:30 - 4:30pm @ JCCOC, Irvine
March 25, 2012	Workshop #2	1:30 - 4:30pm @ JCCOC, Irvine
April 20-22, 2012	Lead Israel session w/ 8th grade campers	3 local bus stops (12:30 – 1:30pm) taking teens to AJU's Brandeis Bardin Campus, Simi Valley
May 20, 2012	Israel Expo	Tarbut V'Torah Lower Campus, Irvine

# TALIT Nation

## @ the Bureau Policies



### THESE GUIDELINES APPLY TO ALL TALIT NATION PROGRAMS

#### Code of Conduct

Disciplinary Policy for all TALIT Nation @ the Bureau programs. In order to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, the staff of the Bureau will enforce the following policies:

- Any student who is deemed to be a danger to him/herself, to others or to the program will not be permitted to participate in TALIT Nation Programs.
- Possession of any illegal or unlawful item will result in immediate dismissal from the program. These items include but are not limited to: alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, drug paraphernalia and weapons.
- On weekend camp retreats, students will be dismissed from the program for entering a cabin of the opposite gender at any time.
- Students may also be dismissed for leaving their cabins after “lights out” or for indecent exposure.
- The Bureau reserves the right to inspect any property brought to a TALIT Nation program, including but not limited to purses, luggage, duffle bags, shopping bags and clothing (whether it is being worn at the time or not) at any time, with or without prior notice.
- If a disciplinary action has been taken against a student in school, camp or the community, the student’s parent/guardian is required to schedule a consultation with the Director of TALIT Nation @ the Bureau in order for the student to enroll or to continue (if it occurs mid-year) in a TALIT Nation program.
- If a student has been diagnosed with a medical or psychological problem that could result in his/her being a danger to him/herself, others or the Program, the director must approve his/her participation and may require certain conditions (i.e. doctor’s note, on-going therapy, etc.)
- If the Bureau learns of an undisclosed disciplinary action or problem diagnosis, the student may be immediately dismissed from all TALIT Nation programs.

**Immediate dismissal means that a parent/guardian will be called to pick up their child immediately, regardless of the time of day or the location of the program.**

## **Behavioral Standards**

The goals for Bureau programs include promoting Jewish friendships and values as well as sharing significant Jewish learning experiences. Therefore, the Bureau insists that all members of our community treat one another with *kavod* (respect) and *hesed* (kindness). Participation in TALIT is contingent upon the appropriate and cooperative behavior of each student. We believe that every student has the right to learn. Therefore any behavior that interferes with the teaching and learning of others is unacceptable. This includes blatant disrespect or rudeness towards others, the use of profanity and threatening behavior. Disruptive or inappropriate behavior will lead to immediate dismissal from the program. **Every participant in Bureau programs is held to the CODE OF CONDUCT printed in their TALIT Nation application.**

## **Dress**

In accordance with Jewish values we ask that TALITniks dress modestly so that all may feel comfortable participating. Students should not wear clothing that reveals midriffs, has plunging necklines or allows undergarments to be visible. T-shirts bearing inappropriate language, messages, and/or graphics are not allowed. Please make sure skirts and shorts lengths are appropriate in length.

## **Electronic Devices**

MP3 players, i-pods, and cell phones are very disruptive. Please leave them at home or put them away in a pocket, purse, or backpack. It is your responsibility to protect your own personal belongings. The Bureau of Jewish Education is not responsible for any lost, stolen or broken electronic devices.

## **Food – TALIT Nation provides a kosher environment to all of its participants**

Please do not bring any food with you. We provide a snack during our Sunday sessions and the food is very plentiful at camp. To ensure our kosher environment for participants and the facilities of the camp we rent; as well as allergies. We ask that you abide by this request.

## **Medical, psychological, and behavioral issues**

We must be informed of any medical, psychological or behavioral issues of program participants. We work as partners with teens and parents and if we do not have complete information, we can neither ensure your physical and emotional safety, nor that of the rest of our participants. If there are any prior medical, psychological, or behavioral issues that we have not been informed of, you may be asked to leave the TALIT Nation program and may not be able to return for the rest of the year. A minimum of two medical professionals are on every Bureau retreat.

# TALIT Nation

## Camp Information @ the Bureau



### RSVP E-mail

You will receive an RSVP e-mail approximately 1 month before the weekend. You must reply to the email promptly to ensure a space on the bus and in a cabin. (Knowing who is able to attend is crucial for the planning of meals, all our activities, bunking arrangements, and program group assignments. If there is another camper with whom you have a significant problem sharing a cabin, please alert the office.)

### Communications Prior to the Weekends

Call the Bureau of Jewish Education at 949-435-3450. The Bureau office is open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday and until 3:30 pm on Fridays.

### Cancellations

We understand that emergencies come up, and in case of an emergency, you can let us know of a cancellation up until noon on Friday. Please take the time to let us know if you/your Talitnik will not be coming to camp.

### Dismissal from School

If you encounter difficulty in obtaining an excused early dismissal, please see the following excerpt below from California State Law Education Code. If you need a letter verifying your attendance on the TALIT weekend, please call our office and we will provide one for you.

*California education code #48205 provides for students to leave school for justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to: ....Attendance at religious retreats. A child should be allowed to complete all assignments and tests if missed during the excused absence that can be reasonably provided; and upon satisfactory completion, shall be given full credit therefore.*

### Busing

One of the important goals for students at the start of our weekend experience is their participation in ushering in Shabbat in an unhurried fashion. Sufficient time is needed for unpacking, creating a Shabbat environment, meeting with counselors, cabin mates, dressing for Shabbat, etc. The Friday afternoon bus schedule is designed to make this possible. Timely arrival at camp also guarantees that Shabbat services and dinner may be scheduled at reasonable hours. In order to ensure that we will avoid busy Friday afternoon traffic, the buses will leave promptly at the following times:

<u>Locations</u>	<u>Loading</u>	<u>Departure</u>
Temple Beth Sholom, Santa Ana	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Samueli Jewish Campus, Irvine	12:45 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
Alpert JCC, Long Beach	1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.

The Bus waits for no one!

**All buses will return between 12:00-12:30 p.m. on Sunday**

### Arriving Late or Leaving Early

Campers may only arrive late or leave early during a weekend in the cases of a major family occasion/simcha or if another community would suffer from their absence.

**Special arrangements need to be made with Eric Nicaastro, Director of Youth & Experiential Education, prior to the weekend.**

During the weekend: Each weekend, parents can call 949-435-3450 x 328 to confirm that the busses have arrived/departed to/from camp. An outgoing message will be left on voicemail Fridays after 4:00 pm upon arrival at camp and Sundays after 10:30 a.m. upon departure.

***In case of an emergency only, during any TALIT Nation program, you may reach the staff at (310) 623-7482. This number for emergencies only, do not plan to use this phone for outgoing calls during the weekend.***

### Weather and Dress

**Shabbat:** Shabbat is a special time at camp; in order to make Shabbat different from the rest of the week, we ask that everyone dress in nice clothes for Friday night services. While we don't expect you to wear your High Holiday best, we do encourage everyone to try and WEAR WHITE. Please remember that **t-shirts and shorts are not appropriate for Erev Shabbat.** While Shabbat itself continues through Havdalah on Saturday night, dress is more relaxed during the rest of the weekend. We also encourage you to bring your own kippah and talit for Shabbat services. Because we will be in the foothills, evenings can get cold. Please be sure to bring a jacket. Shorts and/or jeans will be suitable for daytime.

### **Remember to bring the following items:**

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| - Nice clothes for Shabbat (WHITE) | - Underwear      | - Toiletries   |
| - Sleeping clothes                 | - Jacket/Sweater | - Sturdy shoes |
| - Musical instruments              | - Kippah/Talit   | - Pillow       |
| - Long sleeved shirts              | - Flashlight     | - Towel        |
|                                    | - Sleeping Bag   |                |

### **Shabbat Observance**

Since TALIT Nation programs serve Jews of all denominations and we would like to make the greatest number of people feel comfortable, the Bureau Board has established an observance policy with the following guidelines: we have Friday night and Shabbat morning services and Havdalah on Saturday evening. We offer two service options; traditional and liberal. We do not light fires, put out fires, cook, take pictures, write or watch videos during Shabbat.

### Accommodations

All cabins have beds/bunk beds and hold up to 14 campers. Each cabin is equipped with heaters, bathrooms, and showers. Each cabin is staffed with a senior counselor. Bunking requests will be met according to space limitations. We do our best to give each student at least one bunk request.

### Electronic Devices on TALIT Nation Weekend Retreats

No electronics (with the exception of digital cameras) are allowed at camp or on the bus. Our weekends begin when you board the bus, and cell phones and other electronics are disruptive to the environment we are trying to create. **Cell phones with cameras are considered cell phones.** If anyone is found with a prohibited item, it will be taken away. Cameras may not be used during Shabbat.

### Food

All of the food at Brandeis-Bardin Institute is kosher. For Kashrut and health reasons and for keeping unwanted animals out of the cabins, **please do not bring any food to camp!** Outside food will be taken away upon arrival at camp. The camp food is very good and extremely plentiful. **If you have food allergies which need to be taken into consideration while planning camp meals, please contact Eric Nicastro, at least two weeks before the weekend so that he will have ample time to make sure your needs will be met.**

### Medication

Medicine must be properly labeled in the original container and we must have prior notification. If your child needs any medication during the weekend, we must have all the necessary details beforehand. You should have included this on the TALIT Nation application form, but if you left anything off, please let us know before the weekend. Campers are responsible for their own medications. For any special arrangements please call our office prior to the weekend.

### DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

#### *Directions to The Brandeis-Bardin Campus at American Jewish University*

1101 Peppertree Lane

Simi Valley, CA 93063

Emergency Cell Phone Number: 310-623-7482

#### Directions:

- Take the 405 freeway OR the 5 freeway North to the 118 freeway West
- Take the 118 freeway West (toward Simi Valley) to TAPO CANYON RD
- Exit Tapo Canyon Road and turn LEFT.
- Continue on Tapo Canyon Road past Cochran Street, Los Angeles Avenue, Royal Avenue, and Guardian Street to the front gates of Brandeis-Bardin Institute.
- Follow the signs for BJEOC and Camp Alonim.

# TALIT Nation

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### PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

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. Through our ground-breaking leadership training, participants will become the next generation of Jewish leaders, role models and philanthropists.

### TALIT Nation @ the Bureau is comprised of:

- ◆ An Opening Day Orientation
  - September 11 @ Tarbut V'Torah Upper School Campus
  - 5 Federation Way, Irvine, CA 92603
  - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
  
- ◆ A series of three 9th-12th grade weekend retreats @ American Jewish University's Brandeis Bardin Campsite, which focus on:
  - Social Action
  - Mitzvot
  - Israel &
  - Leadership

#### Retreat Dates:

- October 28 - 30, 2011
- February 3 - 5, 2012
- April 20 – April 22, 2012

## ◆ Three Social Action Sundays.

Inspired by the Jewish value of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world), each TALIT Nation participant gets three opportunities to get their 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 learning about the environment, TALIT Nation doesn’t just talk-the-talk but walks-the-walk.

- October 23: Teamwork @ the O.C. Food Bank  
Community Action Partnership Food Bank  
11870 Monarch, Garden Grove, CA 92841  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
  
  - January 8: Jewish World Watch Face to Face Experience  
Temple Beth Tikvah  
1600 Acacia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
  
  - April 15: Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide  
Fountain Valley Sports Park – Great Lawn  
16400 Brookhurst St.  
Fountain valley, CA 92708  
[www.WalktoEndGenocide.org](http://www.WalktoEndGenocide.org)  
8:30 a.m. - noon
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- ◆ Siyyum – award & graduation event
    - May 6 @ Temple Bat Yahm  
1011 Camelback St, Newport Beach, CA 92660  
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

### Presidential Volunteer Service Award at Siyyum

This award is a Presidential honor that recognizes the valuable contributions of volunteers nationwide. The Bureau is a certifying agency of this award. By earning a minimum of 100 community service hours from May 2011 to April 2012 you can receive this award at our next Siyyum!

## ◆ Advanced Camp Leadership (ACL)

Through our groundbreaking leadership training, participants will become the next generation of Jewish leaders and role models. ACL is open to all 10th - 12th graders 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. Upon successful completion of the program, participants earn 45 community service hours.

ACL is comprised of two elements:

- ◆ Participating in a series of four leadership development workshops that help provide hands-on training to serve in Jewish leadership roles.
- ◆ Serving as counselors on our 3rd - 8th grade Community Shabbaton, March 2 - 4, 2012

1:30 – 4:30 p.m. @ Bureau of Jewish Education

1 Federation Way, #205, Irvine, CA 92603

January 22, January 29, February 12 & February 26, 2012

## ◆ Jewbilation @ TALIT Nation

Jewbilation brings 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. Each Saturday night social event is open to all Jewish 9th - 12th Grade Southern California teens.

September 17: Beach Party @ Corona del Mar beach, 8– 10:00pm

December 3: Chanukah Mania @ JCCOC, Irvine, 8:00 pm

March 17: Purim Masquerade @ Temple Beth Shalom, S.A., 8:00pm

May 6: Post Siyyum Grad Night @ Temple Bat Yahm, 6:00pm

## ◆ TALIT Advisory Council (TAC)

Become involved behind the scenes. Join TAC and be on the ground floor of TALIT Nation. Partner with the professional staff to create and implement programs. TAC meets four times each year and provides opportunities to lead TALIT Nation and earn an additional 12 community service hours by helping to lead your own programs.

## ◆ Young Philanthropy (YP)

(Offered in partnership with the Jewish Community Foundation Orange County)

Young Philanthropy provides a deeper experience for those participants who want to become a social action leader in our community. YP accomplishes this through direct service, advocacy and philanthropy training. Upon successful completion of the program, participants earn 12 community service hours. YP consists of:

- ◆ Three Sunday sessions during which YP teens engage in advanced social action workshops,
- ◆ Visiting local service agencies, and
- ◆ Making choices about philanthropic giving.

1:30 – 4:30 p.m. @ Bureau of Jewish Education

1 Federation Way, #205, Irvine, CA 92603

November 6, November 20, & December 11, 2011

## ◆ Teen Israel Experience Summer (TIES)

### June 24 – July 23, 2012

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.

### Join us at one of our Family Information Sessions

Tuesday, November 29: 6:30pm @ Temple Beth El, Aliso Viejo

Tuesday, December 6: 7:30pm @ Temple Beth David, Westminster

Tuesday, December 13: 6:30pm @ Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot, Irvine

Sunday, January 29: 1:30pm @ Temple Beth Sholom, Santa Ana

## ◆ Israel Advocacy Committee (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 Spring 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.

November 6-8, 2011: AIPAC High School Summit, Washington, D.C.

March 18, 2012: Workshop #1 @ JCCOC, 1:30 – 4:30 pm

March 25, 2012: Workshop #2 @ JCCOC, 1:30 – 4:30 pm

April 20-22, 2012: Lead Israel session w/ 8<sup>th</sup> grade campers on weekend retreat @ AJU’s Brandeis Bardin campus, Simi Valley

May 20, 2012: Israel Expo @ Tarbut V’Torah’s Lower School Campus