

# 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 which they carry with them to college, and which lasts a lifetime.

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



*“It was so cool meeting Jewish kids from other towns that I’d never have met staying in my own area.”*

-Gordie Mann  
Class of 2011

# learning

At TALIT Nation there are no desks, no whiteboards, no lectures. Camp... the streets of Jerusalem... the halls of the capitol in Sacramento... 500 Jewish hands connected together, euphorically bringing their culture to life 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 and role-models that make Jewish learning fun and engaging. The program provides members a foundation of Jewish friends and positive Jewish memories that sustains their Jewish identity into their college years and throughout their lives.



*“The weekends  
are a time  
away from  
home to  
discover more  
about  
yourself.”*

-Jonathan Katz  
Class of 2006

# Leading

All members of the TALIT Nation fulfill a leadership role in their community. At TALIT Nation, the participants, not the adults, create and lead their own Shabbat services, the Saturday night social, or construct their own website, [www.TALITNation.com](http://www.TALITNation.com). 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 Hesed (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 future as gifted leaders and role models.



*“I plan to improve and help the lives of every/any Jewish person and family in need.”*

-Kim Sarembock

An alumna currently working in an Israeli absorption center  
Class of 2004

# living

TALIT is filled with opportunities for fantastic journeys -camp, Israel and travel/adventure trips that make Jewish living fun! The Bureau partners with exemplary organizations to ensure that teens experience the highest quality programs. The Bureau builds an enduring connection to Israel through our “TIES” 4-week summer Israel program. We bring Israel to Southern California through *Mifgash*, hosting an annual delegation of Israeli high school seniors for a two-week intensive exchange program.



Through these transformative experiences, participants discover a vibrant Jewish community that inspires them to choose a Jewish life today, tomorrow, and beyond.



*“If it weren’t for TALIT and the friends and experiences I had there, I would have been lost.”*

-Dan Berzansky  
Director of Maccabi Experience  
& Special Events at the JCCOC  
Class of 1998

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## Program Guide

### **talit nation @ the bureau**

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.

TALIT Nation @ the Bureau is comprised of:

- ◆ An opening day orientation
- ◆ A series of (3) 9th-12th grade retreats which focus on:
  - 9th Grade: Teva/Nature
  - 10th Grade: Israel
  - 11th & 12th Grade: Leadership
- ◆ 3 camp-prep Sundays designed to enable participants to create their own programs for upcoming weekend retreats
- ◆ Siyyum - graduation event



### **jewbilation @ talit nation**

Choose this option and join hundreds of your friends for 5 community-wide Jewish social events, based on the Jewish calendar, which may include:

- ◆ Purim Spiel at the Irvine Improv
- ◆ Lag B'Omer bonfire at the beach
- ◆ Overnight lock-in slumber party at a local synagogue

## **trips @ talit nation**

At its core, TALIT Nation aspires to help our teens grow into prideful Jews. This is accomplished by creating experiences outside the classroom and in the world.

These experiences include:

- ◆ TIES: a 4 week summer Israel adventure
- ◆ Panim el Panim: a 4-day social action advocacy trip to the state's capitol with training before and during the trip to prepare students to lobby members of the California General Assembly and the Governor on key issues
- ◆ Pico-Robertson Overnight Shabbat: a traditional Shabbat immersion experience

*(registration info for all trips @ TALIT Nation will be sent separately)*

## **leadership @ talit nation**

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

Opportunities include:

- ◆ TALIT Nation CIT Program - All 11th & 12th graders enrolled in TALIT Nation @ the Bureau participate in our CIT program on our weekend retreats; hands-on training to serve in Jewish leadership roles. CIT fees cover staffing an additional 3rd-8th grade Shabbaton, March 12-14, 2010
- ◆ Young Philanthropists - this 3-part program, offered in partnership with the Jewish Community Foundation, allows teens to learn about philanthropy through hands-on experience, decision making, discussions and field trips. In addition, all participants earn community service hours
- ◆ TALIT Student Government (TAC)

**Experience the  
friendship, fun & fantastic journeys  
@ TALIT Nation**