

Triple T (Tracks for Temple Teens) 7th-12th Graders

Triple T (Tracks for Temple Teens) is our program for 7th-12th graders. Teens choose tracks (electives) based on their interests and schedules, connecting with others who enjoy similar pursuits. Tracks meet twice a month, either on the evenings or weekends, and provide meaningful Jewish content as well as important social bonds.

Check out our Triple T Tracks:

Future Coaches 3.0 in partnership with 6 Points Sports Academy. Future Coaches is designed for serious athletes to learn about and experience Judaism through sports. Led by a top level coach and our Head Coaches (9-12th graders), students learn coaching skills and implement this new knowledge with at-risk youth, local junior varsity teams and Or Ami children at their 4-6th grade retreat. Earn community service hours for participation.

VolunTEENS dedicate their time to *tikkun olam*, repairing the community around them by becoming mentors with younger students, helping them with their Mitzvah projects, planning and implementing volunteer opportunities for other teens and learning from local teens dedicating their lives to social action. Earn community service hours for participation.

Madrachim Leadership Program

Junior Madrichim in Training (Jr MITs) are 7th graders ONLY who prepare to become role models in the synagogue and classrooms through gender programming, exploring what it means to be Jewish, learning classroom management, and building community among their peers. Jr MITs observe classroom teaching and create programming for K-6th graders.

Madrachim in Training (MITs) are 8th graders ONLY preparing to become Madrichim (teaching assistants) in 9th grade by helping in the classroom and meeting to learn leadership and teaching skills. Building community among 8th graders is emphasized. MITs create and run an all-school Passover program. Earn community service hours for participation.

Madrachim are 9th through 12th grade teaching assistants, who help teach and mentor younger students in *Keshet 3.0*, *Mensch-ify*, or Hebrew Language classrooms.

- **Workshop Specialists:** 9th graders create and implement Jewish workshops for K-6th graders including dance, writing, art and cooking.
- **Ambassadors:** 10th & 11th graders become experts on creating a welcoming community.
- **Advisors:** 12th graders mentor 9-11th graders and oversee program creation and implementation.

SoMPTY (*Spark of My People Temple Youth*), our youth group for 7th and 8th graders, is a taste of *NFTY*, our regional youth group program. *SoMPTYites* enjoy social events such as Glowzone laser tag, mini golf, bowling and hanging with other Jewish teens. *SoMPTYites* must be enrolled in another track.

LoMPTY (*Light of My People Temple Youth*), our high school youth group for 9th to 12th graders, provides leadership development and social encounters with Jewish teens from all over Southern California. *LoMPTY* activities range from social action and community service events to *NFTY* (North American Federation Temple Youth) weekend retreats.

Confirmation is the culmination of a teen's involvement in the *Tracks for Temple Teens* program. In addition to participating in a *Triple T Track*, 11th and 12th graders go out for dinner once a month with Rabbi Paul or Rabbi Julia for discussions on contemporary topics.

Teens enrolled in Triple T automatically become SoMPTY or LoMPTY members. They also participate in an All Triple T Shabbat, Final Triple T Banquet, and Triple T Retreat (additional cost). They also have the opportunity to travel together to experience Jewish California, and to participate in the L'taken social justice seminar in Washington D.C.

