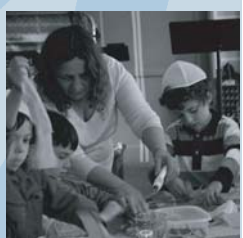




# THE BEST JEWISH SUNDAY SCHOOL IN LA...



*Teaching our children to revere the wisdom of our heritage, allowing it to shape their hearts, minds and morals, and bring to light their own questions, insights and spirits is the Ohr HaTorah Religious School's overriding purpose. Our students learn that Torah is not just a set of texts; it is an ongoing project. They learn to be part of that project and to love studying. Our vision can only become real with active participation of the parents. Therefore, our Religious School meets on Shabbat, in contrast to most traditional Sunday schools. We are not ...meets on Saturday. a "drop off" school. While the children are at Religious School learning, their parents are learning in services. Religious School education at Ohr HaTorah is, at its very core, family education.*

*...meets on Saturday.*

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Preschool - 7th Grade  
Saturday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
3rd Grade - 7th Grade  
Tuesdays, 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM



*And for all the  
children of Israel*

*there was light  
in their dwelling places.*

Exodus 10:23

*And what light*

*was that?*

*The light of Torah,  
of parents teaching their  
children Torah, the days  
of truth and peace.*

Rabbi Mordecai Finley

A LIFE OF JEWISH LEARNING  
BEGINS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD...

For our youngest congregants, we offer fun, educational programs filled with Jewish content designed to appeal both to the parent and child. On Shabbat, for children from two and a half to four years old, we have our Preschool. Every Saturday we hold a Shabbat service for families with young children featuring music, storytelling, dance and song.

... AND CONTINUES THEREAFTER.

We never lose our human needs for community, celebration, guidance and inspiration. For the special needs of teenagers, our Post B'nei Mitzvah, we offer a wide variety of stimulating programs and activities ~ everything from ski trips to debates with Rabbi Finley, Shabbat lunches, Havdalah dinners and more ~ all designed to help foster and maintain lifelong bonds with classmates and the Jewish community at large.

WE ALSO OFFER

- Year round Jewish education for Preschool through B'nei Mitzvah
- Integrated, creative curriculum
- Special holiday programs
- Junior Congregation Services
- Youth Group (Post B'nei Mitzvah Program)
- Annual Religious School Retreat (a real blast!)

BECOMING AN OHT  
BAR/BAT MITZVAH

A 13-year-old has a soul that is just beginning to see the world as an adult. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Ceremony is merely an empty form if it's not rooted in parents and teachers, and guided by Torah. Ushering our children into the age of adult responsibility and insight, our Rabbi and Rebbetzin, Moredecai and Meirav Finley, take a personal interest in each child. Our Bar/Bat Mitzvah Coordinator prepares the children to participate in the service. Students are taught to aim toward excellence and to honor our holy tradition. Each student personally studies the Torah portion and works on his or her speech with Rabbi Finley, learning to understand Torah from the heart, not just to recite it.

