

Congregation Albert Family Survey of Temple Youth Issues (Adapted from URJ survey)

Name (optional) _____

Please check status: current parent member____, past parent member____, Non-parent member____, college student____

Please indicate the age of your children/teenager(s), grade level, and school below:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Part 1. Expectations for the Youth Program

To assist us in developing programs that address the needs of our families and youth, please rate these following program ideas as: not important = 1, somewhat unimportant = 2, no opinion = 3, somewhat important = 4, extremely important = 5

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| 1. To involve youth in leadership and help them feel empowered and like a valued part of the congregation. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. To provide a community for young people where they can develop meaningful relationships with other youth and adult leaders, as Jewish role models. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. To help young people develop a deeper appreciation of the meaning of Judaism for their lives and what is unique about the Jewish faith. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. To help young people develop a personal relationship with God. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. To help young people develop a better understanding of the Torah and what it means to us today. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

6. To provide opportunities for young people to meet other Jewish youth in other Jewish communities through conclaves and retreats	1	2	3	4	5
7. To connect young people to the Reform. Movement	1	2	3	4	5
8. To teach young people how to make moral decisions based on Jewish values.	1	2	3	4	5
9. To assist young people in forming a responsible Jewish approach in sexual matters.	1	2	3	4	5
10. To assist young people in developing a healthy self-concept.	1	2	3	4	5
11. To provide youth with support and guidance as they face personal stresses, spiritual, and vocational challenges.	1	2	3	4	5
12. To involve young people in reaching out to serve people in need in the community.	1	2	3	4	5
13. To foster the spiritual growth of young people through worship and prayer experiences.	1	2	3	4	5
14. To understand the place of the Jewish ritual observances in their lives.	1	2	3	4	5
15. To foster healthy and productive inter-generational relations at Congregation Albert	1	2	3	4	5
16. To foster healing and reconciliation in young people's lives and relationships	1	2	3	4	5
17. To help youth develop a better understanding of their parents and to learn how to communicate better with them.	1	2	3	4	5
17. To help our congregational youth understand their relationship with Israel, global Jewry, and the Middle East.	1	2	3	4	5
18. _____	1	2	3	4	5

Part 2. Program Interest

If the congregation sponsored programs in the following areas, which would you/ your family consider attending? (Check as many as you like or add your own.)

- Understanding adolescent physical and emotional growth
- Understanding adolescent faith issues
- Family decision making
- Balancing family, school, congregational, and community commitments
- Handling questions of adolescent sexuality
- Families, separation, divorce, remarried (blended), and interfaith families
- Death, life cycle, and holiday issues
- Approaches to family prayer, Torah study, and ritual at home and in the congregation
- Topics of interest relating to Israel
- Coping with the values of pop culture, media, and peer pressure
- Improving parent-teen communications and relationships
- Helping youth make moral decisions
- Helping youth make school/career choices (ie the URJ precollege program)
- Adolescents, alcohol and drugs
- Mid-life issues for parents with youth
- World events and global security issues
- Recycling religion: a refresher course for adults
- Cultural programs relating to the arts
- Parent/ youth family nights (movies, games, etc.)
- Family social activities

- National and regional Jewish conclaves and retreats
- Family picnic or potluck dinners
- Neighborhood Shabbat for families with youth
- Evening of reflection (parents and youth)
- Overnight retreats: (parents only), (youth only)
- Congregation-sponsored family-oriented service projects
- Individual family service projects (local soup kitchen, homeless shelter, Hanukkah gift sharing with a family in need or other service projects)
- Family participation in local festivals and programs (Jewish and otherwise)
- Joint family programs/social action projects with other congregations and interfaith community groups
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Part 3. Program Scheduling

Please help us provide optimal scheduling of events by checking days, times, and frequencies below when your family/children would be able to be included the easiest.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday evening | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday evening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday evening | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: __AM, __PM, __evening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday evening | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: __AM, __PM, __evening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday evening | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

How often would you be interested in Congregation Albert offering programs for parents (P), parent-teens (PT), teens (T) or families (F) ? (Check/ circle/ fill-in all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Every other week: | P | PT | T | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month: | P | PT | T | F |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly for 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 weeks | P | PT | T | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight or weekend programs | P | PT | T | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Occasionally" (_____) | P | PT | T | F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify_____) | P | PT | T | F |

Part 4. Final Questions

If you could ask for one thing from Temple Albert to improve the quality of life for your family and the congregational youth, what would it be?

Please assess the strengths and weakness of the current programs and classes offered at Temple Albert, as they pertain to your family.

Are there any other suggestions, comments, or constructive criticisms that you would like to add to help Temple Albert provide youth and family programming to our congregational family?

For families who have already had children "graduate" from Congregation Albert, could you please impart any insights or suggestions from your families past experiences.

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