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Introducing
The ToTal Hebrew School Program
For Kids

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Mom, You were right! ToTal's a winner!

It's the good teacher's wish - and job - to help a child learn to live and love their days - to prepare them for a life that will be fulfilling.

This can happen if a child learns two vitally important lessons.

- To become a person whose feelings and deeds are sensitive to the lives of other people - a "mentsch".
- To face life's situations in a balanced, healthy positive way - a winning attitude.

Often, these lessons need to be "extra-curricular" as many public and private schools today do not have the means to teach such lessons.

At ToTal, one of our principle jobs is to instill these values in children - in ways that are imaginative, enjoyable, challenging and proven.



Here's what ToTal is and how it works.

ToTal is a network of Jewish schools around North America, which have developed an extra-curricular, educational program made up of different components - modules of learning.

These modules, based on the ethics and experiences of Jewish history and tradition, take on many different forms of learning. Some involve the child utilizing his or her mind, solely. Others require physical activity and the powers of observation. Still others stimulate the creative potential of a child through painting, music and acting.

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ToTal is based on the Learn and Do principle

Which is to say when a Jewish virtue or value is taught, the lesson includes actual involvement. If a class is about kindness, then the lesson will provide children with the opportunity to display kindness in a real-life setting.

Tradition is vitally important

We believe Jewish youngsters should be connected to their heritage. The Jewish holidays - Passover, Chanukah, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Purim, Succot - all are brought to life at ToTal, with their background and meaning - and observance.

Technology plays its part too.

Computer games that educate as well as entertain are in ToTal's curriculum. And the internet is used as a valuable tool - for communication and for finding out how to find out about things. In fact, a wonderful computer learning tool for ToTal is called Kwizwiz, a website that will do wonders for your child's Judaic IQ.



ToTally practical

Children will learn to read Hebrew at a ToTal school. This will guarantee that their Bar/Bat Mitzvah will be properly celebrated. Learning to read Hebrew of course, will also mean they'll be able to participate in synagogue services whenever and wherever the occasion arises throughout their lives.

Speaking of Bar/Bat Mitzvah

At ToTal, children will go beyond the traditional celebratory aspect of the occasion and learn that it is a special time to embrace Jewish values. For example, as part of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience, children will learn to give back to the community - visiting a senior citizen's home or helping to distribute food to the needy at holiday time.



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ToTally out-of-the-box too!

Pizza-fests, in which the participants bring up topics they might normally be too shy to discuss at home or in school - can help clarify, guide and resolve a child's concerns.

Nature hikes often inspire a sense of responsibility to nature. Occasionally, ToTal will arrange for children to attend special weekends where they'll learn the significance of the Shabbat.

Most important, children will be able to meet like-minded youngsters from ToTal schools around the country at planned coming-together events. This type of "networking" will enable children to visit places they've never been - and broaden their outlook on life.

ToTally family-oriented

One way to reinforce what children are learning is by having parents and other siblings attend special activities, often around holiday time. For example, you'll learn how to bake challah with your children, decorate a sukkah, and join in a Purim masquerade.

ToTally friendly

New friends will be made among peers; and among mentors and teachers. Because ToTal will have Jewish youngsters from every part of the Jewish spectrum, all will learn about how the similarities and the differences among people can be wonderful.

ToTally supervised

It is a safe, secure environment where adults, trained and experienced in childhood development and psychology, rule the roost without letting on that they do. That way, children feel secure and liberated at the same time.

Learn more about the ToTal Network.

The best way is to contact your local ToTal Network Center in your community. To find one in your area, call our national headquarters at:

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To find a ToTal Hebrew School in your area, please visit our website at:

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