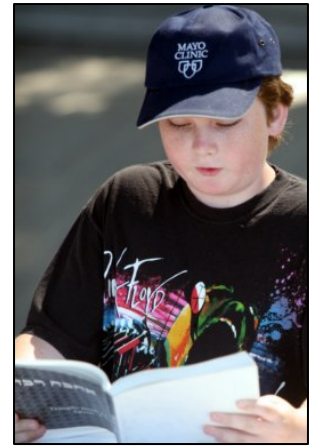


7th Grade Family Summer Retreat Recap

This past August the current 7th grade families, parents, students and siblings attend a wonderful weekend retreat at URJ Camp Newman in Santa Rosa CA. I was very fortunate to have obtained from the Ross Family Trust a \$3000 grant to cover more than half of the cost for this amazing weekend. In addition, Rabbis Paula & Rick contributed from their discretionary accounts an amount that allowed families each an affordable amount of less than \$200 for the entire weekend including room and board plus use of the water slide and swimming pool regardless as to the size of their family.



We began the weekend with a wonderful Shabbat program, enjoyed a real family learning experience, ate together, played together and prayed together until Sunday at 3pm.

On hand were Rabbis Paula and Shifra, Kathy Goldenkranz and Alice Pennes from TBE staff.

We plan to extend to the next 7th grade families this same exciting weekend experience. Please look for it at the end of August. It begins at 3pm Friday until 3pm Sunday. Plan now!

Kathy Goldenkranz
7th Grade Teacher

Below are a couple of God Job Descriptions from the weekend:

Job: God

Make sure people to a Mitzvah

- * Good Listening Skills - must be multi-lingual
- * Must be able to provide Water and Sun
- * Create and Sustain the entire Universe
- * Willing to create bad situations to test people
- * Willing to allow people to make mistakes
- * Provide Dietary Laws

Job: God

Looking for All Powerful being to be God. Needs to be kind but strict, intelligent, loving and good and multitasking.

Must be able to learn from mistakes and think outside the box.
Strong sense of humor a plus!

