

FAQ's:

1. Who can participate in Family Camp this year?

Family Camp 2024 is designed for our Young(ish) Families cohort - meaning, Temple Isaiah members who have at least one child 0-8 years old. This is an amazing way for folks who find themselves closer to the beginning of their Isaiah journey to begin to form lifelong bonds with one another.

2. I used to attend Family Camp (aka The Weekend) and LOVED it - can I come even though my kids are older?

Maybe! We are prioritizing registration for folks with kids 0-8 years old, but we are absolutely open to a separate track for tweens and teens, too - and that includes Rishonim, as well. So let Jacob Neuman know in advance if your family / children are interested (jacob@templeisaiah.com) and stay tuned for updates on registration and space.

3. Can grandparents attend?

Yes! If you have grandparents who wish to attend family camp with you (and they're okaywith programming focused primarily on younger children) they are more than welcome to join us, as well. Please note they will need to register themselves and pay ahead of time in order to secure their accommodations.

4. Who from Temple Isaiah staff will be part of Family Camp?

With the exception of Rabbi Dara (who will be on Sabbatical in January) our full clergy team will be present and involved throughout the weekend. Our amazing K12 and preschool educators Carla Kopf and Avital Etehad and our Program Coordinator Jacob Neuman are planning and participating in the full weekend. We are planning for several of our religious school & preschool teachers to serve as counselors.

5. What are the sleeping arrangements?

Families have the option of staying together in a cottage OR arranging to sleep bunk-style, most likely with other families. When you register, you'll be able to indicate your preferences.

6. What's the food like? Will it be Kosher?

Camp Alonim has a Kosher kitchen. The food is delicious - and it's a step "up" from the traditional camp fare (which is also quite yummy!).





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7. What sorts of activities will we do?

In addition to Shabbat T'filah (prayer) and Torah learning, there will be family activities like a camp-wide Scavenger Hunt and chugim (rotations) of camp favorites: ropes course, art, sports, etc. Adults will have their own phenomenal Saturday night dance party. Please note that because we'll be at camp in January (not July), we will not be using the swimming pool; no need to bring swimsuits.

8. Wait - we're going at the end of January? Doesn't that mean it will be cold?

First of all, this is Southern California, not Minnesota! Yes, it might be cold - and yes, it might rain! But we're going to have a blast no matter what. And the Torah teaches that hot chocolate & s'mores taste best when the weather is chilly and we're snuggled up with loved ones.

9. Wait - is there childcare?

Yes! On Saturday night while the adults have their party, kids 2 & up will have group childcare (PJs, popcorn & movie night!); that cost is included in your fees for the weekend. If you are bringing a child 0-2 years old and wish to book an individual babysitter to stay in your room with them on Saturday night, that requires a separate fee. Please be in touch with Carla as soon as possible to book: carla@templeisaiah.com

10. My child has soccer on Saturday / religious school on Sunday - can we still participate? If we only come for part of the time, can we get a discount?

The great thing about Camp Alonim is that it's a 45-minute drive (without traffic) from West LA; schlepping back and forth isn't a huge deal. Religious school attendance on Sunday is not mandatory for those attending Family Camp, though we understand if folks want to get back so their kids can be in class with their friends and teachers.

And unfortunately, no - we cannot offer a discount for folks who wish to come to Family Camp only part of the time, as we need to hire staff and make arrangements for all participants for the full weekend.





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11. Sounds great, can't wait - what are the costs?

Costs for this weekend are all-inclusive and designated by the type of sleep space you choose. The only fee not included is a Saturday night babysitter for kids 0-2 years old - to book one, reach out to Carla as soon as possible: <u>carla@templeisaiah.com</u>

	Adult Charge	Child Charge
Bunk	525	300
Cottage	650	350
Additional Cot Cost	50	50

This includes:

- All Meals (Friday Shabbat dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner, Sunday brunch) and snacks
- All activities (including lower ropes course, Israeli dance, art room, sports, music, drum circle, challah making, etc.)
- Group Childcare (kids 2+)
- Saturday night dance party for adults

12. What do I need to pack?

Rest assured we will send out a packing list close to departure.

13. Will there be swag?

This is Temple Isaiah. Of COURSE there will be swag! If you have a preference for the type of swag we order (sweatshirt, hat, beanie, belt bag) let us know!

