

The 8 BIGGEST FEARS of Religious School Families:

1) “I hated Hebrew School. Why would I put my kid through that?”

This isn't your bubbe's Hebrew School. We don't make kids sit in rows while everyone sits around stumbling through prayers nobody understands. The Woodstock Jewish Congregation's Family School uses art, dance, and drama to make Jewish life come alive. We're experiential, interactive . . . and fun.

2) “We don't have time for another commitment!”

We won't make you come all the time. School meets one day a week, and fourth through sixth graders get to choose between Sunday or Tuesday. In addition, families periodically get together to learn as a community. Trust us – you'll look forward to it.

3) “I won't know anything . . . Won't I feel like an idiot?”

Some of our most committed families came to WJC knowing very little about their heritage. Because we're a Family School, we're committed to teaching all members of the family. Including you!

4) “Nobody's filling my kid's head with some crazy religion.”

Our school is committed to supporting each individual's spiritual journey – adults and children alike. Nobody is forced to believe anything that doesn't make sense to him or her.

5) “I'm not sure I believe everything in Judaism . . . Isn't it hypocritical to send my child to religious education?”

That's why we're a Family School. Nobody's left on the sidelines. We encourage our students to think, to challenge, and to ask the tough questions. In the process, we have great discussions in our classrooms, our sanctuary, and our homes. Why not join the conversation?



6) “Won't they teach her that Jews are better than everyone? Those aren't our values.”

Those aren't our values either. We teach our students the Torah's principle that all people are created *b'tzelem E-lohim*: “in the image of G-d.” We learn from the wisdom of all types of Jews, and from non-Jews too.

7) “My husband/wife/partner isn't Jewish.”

Everyone is welcome, and everyone is celebrated. Our families come in all types, orientations, abilities, and colors.

8) “BORING.”

Not the way we do it. You can see it on the faces of our kids. Why not come and see? Set up a time to talk to our Director of Congregational Learning, Rabbi Mike Rothbaum. Call 845-679-2218, or email rabbimike@wjcsul.org.



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