

TEEN KEHILLAH 2018-19

Today's teenagers are busier than we can imagine and more intellectually driven. With that in mind, we must provide opportunities for them to be able to participate in a more meaningful and accessible way in their Judaism. With a new flexible schedule and more intense learning opportunities we hope to keep our students engaged and challenged while helping them continue with their Jewish learning. As Director of Congregational Learning, Jodi Kaufman is involved in the Religious School, Adult Education program and our informal education program (Youth Groups) and therefore can oversee the students' involvement in those areas. The new Teen Kehillah program for 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th grades will have a variety of learning opportunities and formats. We will be making our adult education classes a part of our Teen Kehillah curriculum to supplement a new Sunday session mini -course model. Our mini courses will run 3 times during the year.

תורה TORAH-STUDY

עבודה AVODAH-WORSHIP

גמילות חסדים GEMILUT CHASADIM-ACTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

קהילה KEHILLAH- COMMUNITY

1 JEC per hour of any mini-course scheduled throughout the year or for any adult education course attended.

Up to 5 JECs for successful completion of an independent study project. Pre-approval for any project must be given by Jodi Kaufman, Director of Congregational Learning.

2 JECs for each worship service attended. Hand your personal worship card found in the card box on the bookshelf next to the sanctuary to either Rabbi Cohen or Cantor Reinwald following services to receive credit.

1 JEC for each hour of community service work. Turn in Community Service form at the completion of each project. Community service credits can be accumulated for *madrichim*, mitzvah meals, or other projects for High School credit. (Maximum 20 hours of community service can be accumulated for this program)

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

This year our 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th grade students are required to earn 36 Jewish Education Credits (JECs). Credits must be earned in each of the four areas for a total of 36 Jewish Education Credits (JECs) by June 7, 2019. Everyone who completes all 36 hours will be given priority consideration for Sisterhood and Brotherhood college scholarships.

תורה TORAH (STUDY)

1 JEC Per Hour

MINI-COURSES: Mini-courses are scheduled year-round to allow for flexibility and to accommodate students' other activities. Credits will only be given for the time you are in class. Students acquire credits by attending the mini-courses on scheduled Sundays for a total of 8 credits per mini-course. If a student attends all three mini-courses, they will receive a total of 24 credits. Credits can also be earned by participating in adult education courses, Sisterhood and Brotherhood programming and Torah study on Shabbat mornings. Please see the list attached for all available courses.

MINI COURSE DATES: Below are the mini course dates:
All times, unless noted, are 12:00-2:00 pm

Israel through the eyes and ears of her culture: Music, Words and Visual Artists

October 14

October 28

November 18

December 2

December 16 - special program with Rabbi Cohen 9:30-11:45

Jews: Civil Rights and Civic Responsibility

January 13

January 27

February 10

March 10 - special program Interfaith Youth Faith Forum and Festival special time,
2:30-7:30 pm location to be announced

Jewish Text through Popular Music: How has popular music represented Jewish text, thought, and ideas?

April 14

April 28

May 5

INDEPENDENT STUDY PROJECTS: Credits to be determined by Jodi Kaufman, Director of Congregational Learning. 5 credits can be earned through independent study. Students and families may contract with Jodi Kaufman to design and work on any number of Jewish research projects. Proposals must be submitted to Jodi Kaufman for advanced approval. Some project ideas include: learning and recording pieces of Jewish music, writing research papers, book reports, and art projects with accompanying essays.

ADULT EDUCATION: Credits can be earned by attending Adult Education Courses. 1 JEC will be earned for each hour of class attended. Please see the list of possible classes.

עבודת אבודה (WORSHIP SERVICES)

2 JECs Per Service

Students will earn credits by attending Shabbat or holiday (excluding Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) worship services at TBS. Students can earn up to 4 credits by attending services at another synagogue. Students must turn in their worship card at the end of services to either Rabbi Cohen or Cantor Reinwald. The card box can be found on the bookshelf outside the sanctuary.

גמילות חסדים GEMILUT CHASADIM (COMMUNITY SERVICE)

1 JEC Per Hour of Community Service

Students may accumulate one credit per hour of volunteer service when they submit a "Community Service/Volunteer Recording Form" at the completion of this work. Students can earn a maximum of 20 JECs through community service. This can include madrichim, Mitzvah Meals or other projects used for high school credit.

קהילה KEHILLAH (COMMUNITY)

1 JEC Per Event/6 JECs per retreat

NFTY and BSTY/OCTY: Students can earn JECs for attending NFTY Kallot - weekend retreats. For each retreat a student attends they will receive a total of 6 JECs, 2 in each area. Students can also earn JECs for attending BSTY/OCTY events. For each event attended, students will receive 1 JEC.

NFTY Kallot schedule:

Fall Kallah - September 21-23, 2018
Social Justice Kallah - November 16-18, 2018
Winter Kallah - January 18-21, 2019
Convention - February 14-18, 2019
Leadership Kallah - March 15-17, 2019
Nashir - March 29-31, 2019
Spring Kallah - April 26-28, 2019

BSTY schedule:

September 30, 2018
November 18, 2018
January 6, 2019
March 3, 2019
May 19, 2019

OCTY schedule:

October 21, 2018
December 9, 2018

February 2, 2019
April 7, 2019
June 9, 2019