

Would you like to Jewishly inspire the life of our Beth Tikvah youth?

If so, then we are looking for you! The Gesher Lekesher program (8th – 12th grade students) runs Chugim for the students on Sunday. The chugim are seven week courses revolved around student interest. We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in sharing their talents with these students for a seven week period.

Please review the topic possibilities for the 2009-2010 school year. The time commitment is consistent with the religious school calendar, approximately seven Sunday mornings from 10:45- 12:30. Formal teaching experience is not required. We are looking for passionate individuals wanting to work with our congregation's youth.

If you are interested please contact Rokki Parrinello or Mandy Thalhammer by phone (847)885-4545 or by email educator@beth-tikvah.org.

Calendar of Sessions:

September 27- November 8

November 15- January 24

January 31 – March 14

April 4- May 16

Topics:

ART	INTERPRET WHAT JUDAISM MEANS TO YOU THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEDIUM-WATERCOLOR, COLLAGE, OIL PAINT, CHALK
BIBLE CHARACTERS THEN AND NOW	APPLYING BIBLE CHARACTERS' DECISIONS TO A MODERN TEENAGER'S LIFE
COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS	FIND OUT HOW WE DIFFER AND IN WHAT WAYS WE ARE SIMILAR TO OTHER RELIGIONS. EACH RELIGION'S UNIQUE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD IS STUDIED
CURRENT EVENTS	EXAMINE LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CURRENT EVENTS THROUGH A JEWISH LENS
GAMES	TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE...A NEW WEEKLY TRIVIA GAME TO KEEP YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF JUDAISM STRONG
HOW DO I DECIDE?	MAKING TOUGH PERSONAL CHOICES WITH JEWISH VALUES AS YOUR GUIDE...HOT TOPICS FOR TODAY'S TEENS
ISRAELI DANCING	CONNECT TO YOUR HERITAGE THROUGH ISRAELI DANCE
IT AIN'T EASY BEING GREEN	DISCUSSION AND ROLE PLAY RELATED TO ANTI-SEMITISM IN TODAY'S WORLD
JEWELRY MAKING	CREATE WEARABLE JEWISH ARTWORK
JEWISH FOODS	THE STORIES OF THE FOOD WE EAT CAN TELL US ABOUT OUR HISTORY. JEWISH FOOD CAN TELL US ABOUT THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE IN AMERICA AS WELL AS GIVE AN INSIGHT TO THE LIVES OF THE JEWS BEFORE THEY CAME TO THIS COUNTRY

JEWISH HUMOR	FROM YIDDISH VAUDEVILLE AND MOLLY PICON, TO THE MARX BROTHERS, MEL BROOKS, WOODY ALLEN, BILLY CRYSTAL, ADAM SANDLER AND SO ON...JEWISH ENTERTAINERS KNOW HOW TO LAUGH AND HOW TO GET OTHERS TO LAUGH WITH THEM. EXPLORE BOTH THE HUMOR SURVIVAL TOOL AND THE HUMOR THRIVING TOOL. LOOK AT HOW HUMOR HELPED THE JEWISH PEOPLE SURVIVE HARDSHIP AND HOW IT HAS HELPED THE JEWS ENJOY THE GOOD TIMES IN LIFE
JEWISH LITERATURE	READ AND DISCUSS JEWISH LITERATURE WITH A SUPPORTIVE PEER GROUP
JEWISH MUSIC	WHAT MAKES MUSIC JEWISH? WHO ARE THE JEWS MAKING MUSIC TODAY? EXPLORE THE ORIGINS OF JEWISH MUSIC, THE REVIVAL OF TRADITIONAL KLEZMER MUSIC AND WHAT CURRENT JEWISH MUSIC HAS IN STORE
KRAV MAGA/ MARTIAL ARTS	STUDY THE ROOTS OF KRAV MAGA AS IT RELATES TO THE ISRAELI ARMY, COMPARE KRAV MAGA TO OTHER MARTIAL ARTS
KNITTING/ CROCHETING	EVER WONDER HOW BUBBE CAN WHIP OUT A SCARF IN NOT TIME? LEARN HOW TO KNIT OR CROCHET TO IMPRESS YOUR BUBBE!
MADRICHIM TRAINING	LEARN LEADERSHIP AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT SKILLS
ME, MYSELF AND I	WHAT DOES BEING A JEW MEAN TO YOU? THIS IS A REFLECTIVE COURSE IN WHICH YOU WILL DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO TYPE PROJECT FOCUSED ON YOUR OWN JUDAISM
MEDICAL ETHICS	CLONING, ABORTION, THE DEATH PENALTY...WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU AS A JEW?
PHOTOGRAPHY THROUGH A JEWISH LENS	USE PHOTOGRAPHY AS A MEANS TO SEE THE WORLD IN A JEWISH WAY
SHABBAT ART	CREATE WORKS OF ART TO BE USED AT OUR GRADE LEVEL SHABBAT DINNERS
SOCIAL ACTION	WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE TO CREATE PROJECTS RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS IN NEED, ADVERTISE PROJECTS AND PERFORM ACTS OF G'MLUT CHASADIM
SONG LEADING AND MUSIC	DEVELOP A REPERTOIRE OF SONGS APPROPRIATE FOR ALL GROUPS AND AGES. BECOME A CONFIDENT SONG LEADER TO ACCOMPANY DURING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SERVICES
TORAH TALK	ENGAGE IN AN ONGOING CONVERSATION ABOUT THE PARSHA OF THE WEEK
WE ARE FAMILY	LEARN ABOUT YOUR IMMEDIATE JEWISH FAMILY TREE. DO A LITTLE GENEALOGY RESEARCH
WHAT COLOR IS YOUR KIPPAH	AN INTRODUCTION TO DIVERSITY IN THE JEWISH WORLD...SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF JEWISH STREAMS- ORTHODOX, CONSERVATIVE, REFORM, RECONSTRUCTIONIST, HASIDIC AND THEN SOME
YEARBOOK	CREATE MONTHLY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BULLETINS, WRITE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ARTICLES FOR THE TIKVAHITE, PHOTOGRAPH CLASSROOMS, STUDENTS, PARENTS, STAFF AND EVENTS, WORK ON CREATING A BETH TIKVAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL YEARBOOK FOR 2009-2010
YOGA AND MEDITATION	NEED TIME TO DISTRESS AND UNWIND? YOGA AND MEDITATION WILL HELP YOU CENTER YOURSELF AND FOCUS YOUR MIND

