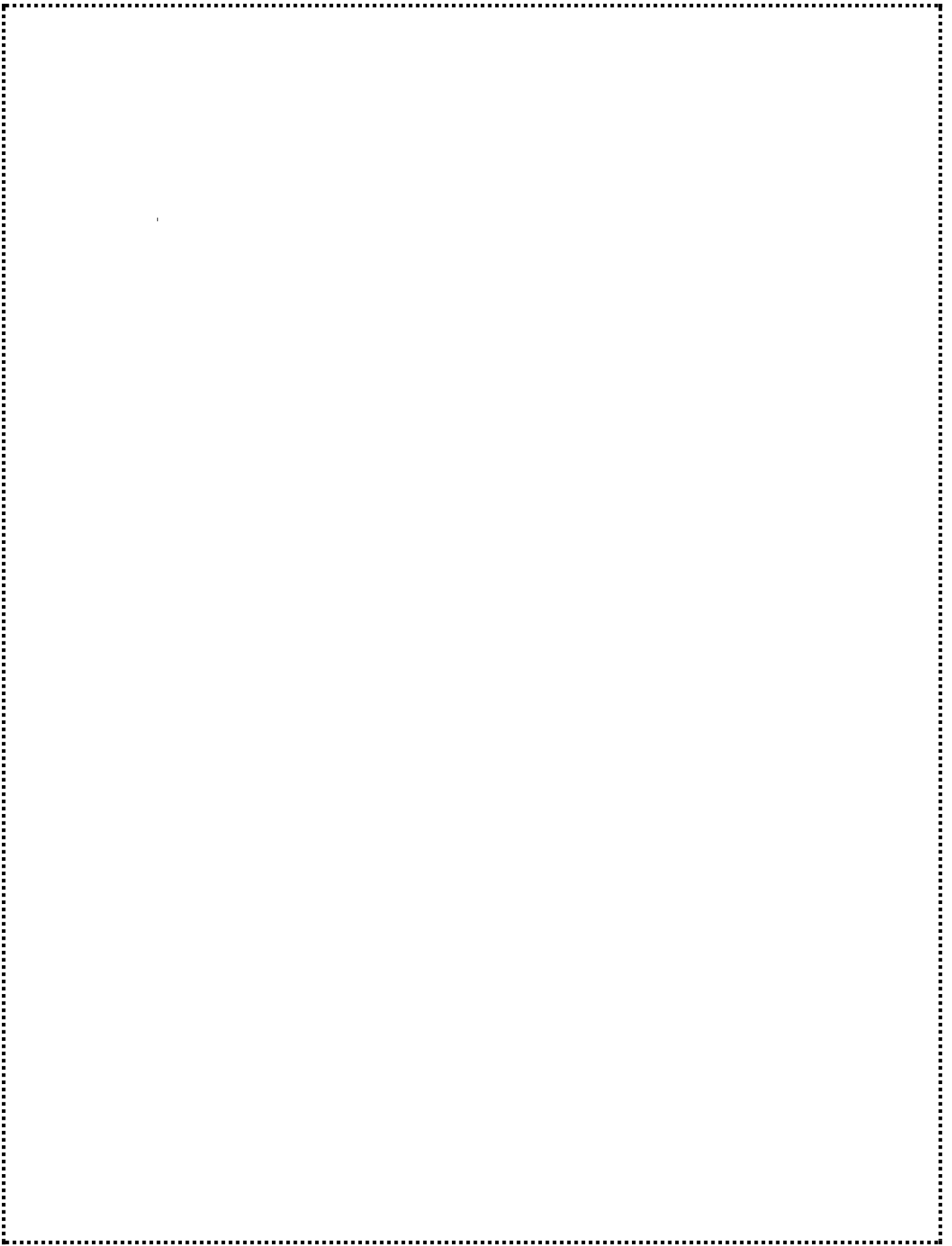


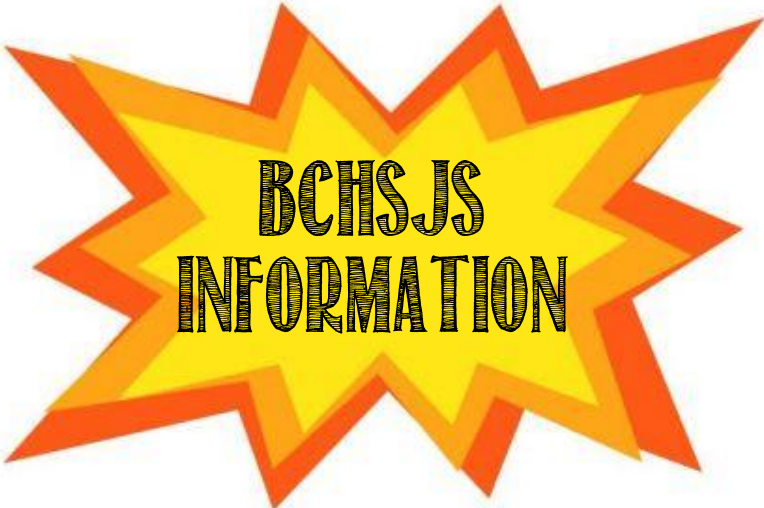
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There is a
SUPERHERO
inside all of us -
We just need the
COURAGE
to put on the cape



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BCHSJS INFORMATION

WHAT IS BCHSJS?

It's about being with friends, learning new things, figuring out who you are and making a difference in a Jewish environment.

It's not just the classes, it's also the retreats and the special trips! It's the place to be on Sunday mornings!

WHY COME TO BCHSJS?

Engage in
Passionate Learning
Discuss what really matters to YOU with open-minded teachers. Hang out with your old friends and make new ones! Discover a safe place to find out who you really are.
Change the World!

*"Thanks to the amazing staff and students at BCHSJS, I have made memories I will never forget."
Brianna Leopold*

*"BCHSJS offers the opportunity to take classes not offered in public and private school that are both interesting and fun. I enjoy seeing what new courses are being offered each semester and seeing courses people love - appearing over and over again."
Rebecca Brandon*

WHO WILL YOU FIND AT BCHSJS?

8th-12th Grade Teens:

Amazing friends who will change your life!
Charismatic, Energetic, and Knowledgeable Teachers.
All Kinds of Jews!
Reform, Orthodox, Renewal, Conservative, Unaffiliated, Atheist, Questioning, Cultural, Rebellious, Humanist Jews, and "just Jewish" Jews... & the real you!

*"BCHSJS has been a terrific experience. There is a wide variety of engaging subjects and classes to pick from which are taught by involved, capable teachers. And there is a strong sense of community here. I'm very glad I chose to continue my Jewish education at BCHSJS."
Sam Pitchkhadze*

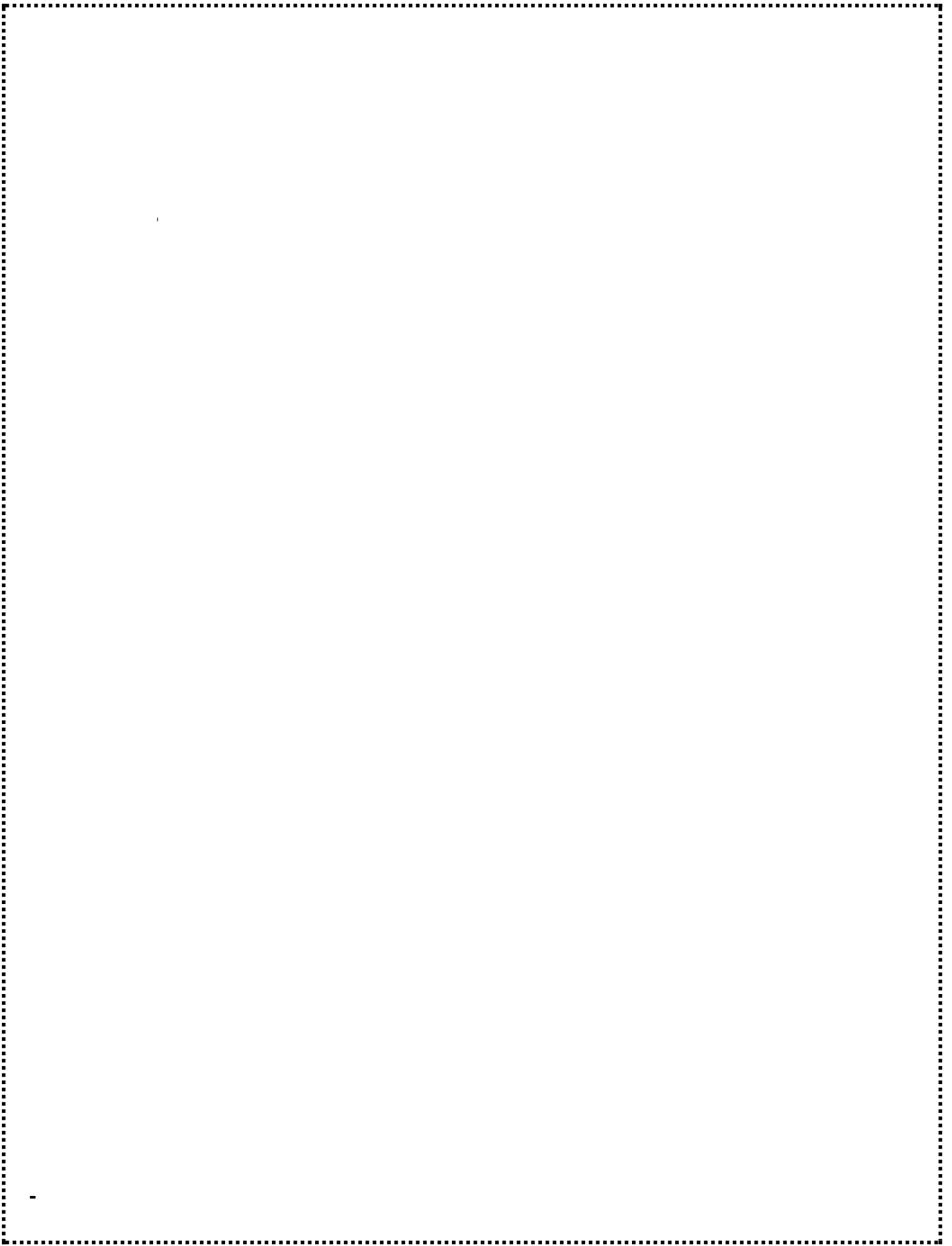
*"Through BCHSJS we have been able to gain an unparalleled educational and social experience. Not only have we made friends for life, but we have also learned valuable lessons."
David & Walter Stack*

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WHEN AND WHERE IS BCHSJS?

Sunday Mornings from
9:30am – 12:45pm at
The Moriah School
53 South Woodland Street
Englewood, New Jersey 07631



PERIOD 1 - CLASS CHOICES

Connections through Time: 8th Grade Core Requirement

Mr. Barnett Goldman

This will be a highly interactive course for students to learn about BCHSJS, themselves, and their new classmates. Not only will there be a ton of fun activities, there will also be opportunities to explore the history, beliefs, and customs of Judaism. Look forward to some awesome projects, activities, videos, and discussions!

Busting Bible Boredom

Grades 9-12

Ms. Yardena Barnett

Think reading the weekly Torah portion (Parshah) is just some rite of passage for your Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Think Again! Every week we will examine the Parshah and discover lessons which are both meaningful and relevant to our lives today.

The Ethicist

Grades 9-12

Dr. Daniel Rynhold

You rent a house with some other students who give you permission to host a party. After the party you discover that a housemate has borrowed a bike and left it in a downstairs hallway. The bike has been vandalized, presumably by a party guest. Given that no one will confess to the crime, are you responsible for the repairs? Every weekend, the New York Times Magazine article *The Ethicist* takes a moral dilemma like this and offers an answer. Taking some of the very same dilemmas as our starting point, we will explore what a Jewish perspective can add to the discussion. *Former students may enroll in this class again as there are all new issues.*

Israel and International Criminal Law

Grades 9-12

Ms. Avital Moss

When one reads news articles today, it's commonplace to see content such as "Israel is an occupying force" and "determination that Hebron is a Palestinian heritage site". This should beg the question of "who is this all knowing all seeing body that determines the rights and wrongs for the world?" We will explore the history of how international law was established, it's evolution today, and how this all affects Israel today.

Jewish Infused Improv: Advanced

Grades 9-12

Dr. Mark Silk

You already know that improve can improve communication, cultivate leadership skills, and develop Jewish values. In this advanced class, we will build on the skills developed in last year's beginners' course. *For students who took Jewish Infused Improv: Beginners or for those with improve/acting experience.*

More Jewish Short Stories

Grades 9-12

Ms. Deborah Stack

Read some of the most shocking, hilarious, and frightening stories of all time! Each week we will read a short story by the most iconic Jewish writers in history, from Isaac Babel to Isaac Loeb Peretz. As a class we will read and discuss each story, reflecting on each spine-chilling or laughter-inducing tale. Students who took *Great Jewish Short Stories* may enroll as there are new stories.

Ryan Fitzpatrick: Brains & Brawn

Grades 9-12

Rabbi Gary Hoffman

The Torah describes Jacob as the brains and Esau as the brawn. Jacob was the geeky intellectual who studied Torah and knew Jewish law inside out. Esau was the sophisticated entrepreneur who started successful businesses and financed research & development firms. The Rabbis teach us that both brothers are necessary for us to negotiate our daily lives. It is necessary to make scientific, medical, and technological advances to develop; but it is also necessary to view these advances from a Jewish perspective. Among the topics we will discuss: Robots in Jewish law; shooting down a drone; magic and superstition; recreational and medical marijuana; performance enhancing drugs in professional sports; Queen Esther, the Mossad, and sexual ethics; torturing a terrorist; tattoos; lying and bending to the truth; life and death medical decisions; computer brain interfaces. We will examine their costs and benefits through the prism of Jewish law.

PERIOD 2 - CLASS CHOICES

Crafting a Jewish Life (Add'l Fee \$60)

Grades 8-12

Ms. Deborah Stack

Crafts (like knitting, embroidery, beading, and calligraphy) have a rich Judaic history. From illuminated texts to challah covers, prayer shawls to wall hangings, we have found ways to enrich our lives visually for centuries. In this hands-on class, we will work our way through many of the fun crafts implemented throughout Jewish history, learning to knit, sew, and more. Each week we will work on a project and learn about its history. Throughout the class, you will begin building a collection of Jewish ceremonial objects, from menorahs to challah covers and more.

Disney and Judaism

Grades 8-9

Ms. Tova Sklar

Disney is known for great movies, awesome soundtracks, and stories involving Jewish ideals and Biblical themes. (Wait...what??) Shocking, isn't it? Test your knowledge of Disney and Torah as we watch clips from some of the best-loved Disney movies and delve into Jewish texts, discovering common themes or similar story lines between the two. Perhaps Walt Disney and his staff weren't as original and innovative as they claimed to have been.

From Apprentice and Beyond: Learning from Great Jewish Leaders of Yesterday and Today

Mr. Barnett Goldman

Grades (*9) 10-12

We will look at the greatest Jewish leaders of the world from yesterday to today. We will explore what it takes to be a phenomenal leader and then work to build the same skills in ourselves through many hands on activities and training sessions. Come learn how to become the "best of the best" and become a true leader!

Moses, Monty Python, and the Mishnah

Dr. Daniel Rynhold

Grades 8-9

"He's not the Messiah; he's a very naughty boy." Thus, says Brian Cohen's mother in the classic Monty Python movie, *Life of Brian*. But the question of messianism is also, of course, an important question in Judaism. "What have the Romans ever done for us" comes out of the mouth of John Cleese in the same movie. It also happens to be questions asked in the Talmud. We will tackle these questions and others, using the humor of the Pythons and the classical texts of Judaism to entertain and engage in discussion of real Jewish questions about God, religion, and politics.

Kosher Movies

Rabbi Gary Hoffman

Grades 8-9

Can a movie be "kosher"? It can if it's a movie that has something valuable to say about the human condition! This survey class presents films as tools for self-discovery and for navigating challenges of life. What do romantic comedies really say about love? What can *Cast Away* teach us about the value of time? What lessons can we learn from *Dead Poets Society*? What can a Will Ferrell comedy teach us about life? What important perspective on the father-son dynamic can we learn from *3:10 to Yuma*? With lots of movies from the past 30 years, we will marry ancient tradition with the modern cineplex and share inspiring anecdotes about self-growth, relationships, and dealing with adversity and more.

Spiritual Genetics

Ms. Yardena Bannett

Grades 10-12

Meet our ancestors: The Patriarchs: Abraham (the rebellious child), Isaac (blinded by the angel's tears) and Jacob (vs. the evil twin). The Matriarchs: Sarah (90 and pregnant), Rebecca (dysfunctional family), Rachel and Leah (sisters and wives of the same man). We will learn more about these famous Biblical figures and how their lives can impact ours.

The Week in Review

Mr. Bruce Prince

Grades 10-12

The major newsworthy events of the week will be examined in light of their effects upon Israel and Jews everywhere. How do the happenings in the Middle East affect you? What happened at the White House this week? Who's who in the Jewish world? These and many more questions will be answered each week as we take an in-depth look at the world around us. *Former students may enroll in this class again.*

PERIOD 2- CLASS CHOICES

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“We Were Like Dreamers”: Zionism, Then, Now, and Into the Future

Dr. Mark Silk

Grades (*9) 10-12

What exactly is Zionism and how does it relate to your life now and in the future? Using a blended learning format, this course, developed by the Menachem Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem, will focus on Zionist dreams, colliding dreams, and the future.

When You Wish Upon a Psalm

Ms. Avital Moss

Grades 8-9

Murder plots of innocents, absentee parents, love stories, all in musical form are only the beginning of the parallels between your favorite Disney films and the poetry of King David. David's life was threatened by his father-in-law, his own son wanted to kill him, and overall he had a pretty rough life, and yet he was still able to see the beauty in the world. Explore the meaningful life lessons in his work, as well as Mr. Disney's.

PERIOD 3 - CLASS CHOICES

Jewish Infused Improv: Beginners

Dr. Mark Silk

Grades 8-12

Who knew that improv could improve communication, cultivate leadership skills and develop Jewish values? From warm-ups to full scenes, each class will develop students' improvisation skills while reinforcing Jewish values.

Jewish Thought Through the Ages

Dr. Daniel Rynhold

Grades 10-12

(May be taken for Middle College Credit for additional fee of \$400 by 11th & 12th graders)

Jews have been thinking about the big questions concerning God, the universe, and everything for thousands of years. We will see how different philosophers at different times have come up with some VERY different and unusual answers.

Jewish Volunteer Corp

Mr. Barnett Goldman

Grades 9-12

In the Jewish tradition, there is a mitzvah to honor the elderly. In this service-learning class, we will learn together as well as be actively involved in volunteering with a group of seniors. Approximately half of our class sessions will take place (during school hours - transportation provided) at The Daughters of Miriam in Clifton. We will build relationships with a group of seniors, learn their Jewish histories, and document them in engaging videos and a year-long project. This class is for those who want to make a difference for the young at heart and to build a bridge to the generations that came before us.

Rabbis in Residence

Rabbi Dr. David Fine and Other Rabbis

Grades 10-12

Study with various area rabbis on their approach to Judaism, what challenges they grapple with, and how they respond to our concerns.

Rap and Religion

Ms. Deborah Stack

Grades 8-9

How might songs like Kanye West's I Am A God or Eminem's Rap God influence our understanding of faith? How do modern day rappers react to religious values? Do Jewish rappers, like Drake, represent (or disregard) their own Judaic roots in their music and behavior? These questions and many others will be explored as we examine different lyrics and elements of hip-hop culture each week. We will also turn the idea of rapping about religion on its head by studying an ancient Jewish "rap" - the Song of Songs. We will look at this Biblical text and examine the overt themes of sexuality within, comparing these with current rap music and its underlying themes of faith and religion.

PERIOD 3- CLASS CHOICES

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Tasty Traditions (Add'l Fee \$35)

Ms. Yardena Bannett

Grades 8-9

Question: What does every Jewish holiday and gathering have in common? Answer: FOOD!!!! Come explore our rich heritage as we learn about the deeper meaning behind Shabbat and the holidays and, of course, make/eat some awesome Jew Food!!!

You Be the Judge III

Mr. Bruce Prince

Grades 8-9

"You Be the Judge" is an exercise in values clarification. Through the presentation of different cases depicting moral dilemmas, we will explore underlying issues that confront and challenge us in our everyday lives. The class will be run in a courtroom fashion and students will be required to debate and participate. *You may enroll in this class if you took You Be the Judge I and/or II last year as this year we are using book III.*

The Week in Review

Rabbi Gary Hoffman

Grades 8-9

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Wonder Women in the Movies and in the Bible

Ms. Avital Moss

Grades 10-12

Gal Gadot joined an impressive list of Jewish women who have influenced and inspired the world. From Biblical figures to this summer's box office hit, you will learn about these remarkable women. Through text, discussion, and research you will explore who they were, and how they affected, and continue to affect the world.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Whether it's collecting food for the needy or helping out in the Northern NJ region, BCHSJS provides various ways to fulfill community service obligations to your secular school.

JEWISH VOLUNTEER CORP

Participate in this year-long service learning class, and have the opportunity to be actively involved in volunteering with a group of seniors. Approximately one-third of the class sessions will take place (during class hours - transportation provided) at the Daughters of Miriam facility. Build relationships with a group of seniors, learn their Jewish histories, and document them in engaging videos. This class is for those who want to make a difference for the young at heart and build a bridge to the generations that came before us.

MITZVAH DAY --NOVEMBER 5, 2017

BCHSJS will partner with the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey. In addition to Tackle Kids Cancer Teen Supplies drive, students will also have the opportunity to choose an after-school project.

SUPER SUNDAY -- JANUARY 28, 2018

BCHSJS students can volunteer to participate in Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey's Super Sunday! Students receive training before making calls or help with filing and sorting. As a beneficiary agency of Federation, it is important that we show our support on this day!



WINTER TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS --FEBRUARY 18-21, 2018

This February, BCHSJS will collaborate with NCSY in working with Habitat for Humanity to help out a community that is still continuing to recover. Volunteer your time over Presidents Week and be inspired!

BCHSJS SCHOOL-WIDE TRIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

In lieu of regularly scheduled classes at Moriah, we will be embarking on a school-wide Scavenger Hunt to the Lower East Side! Look for details and the permission slip in upcoming weeks!



DRIVES AND COLLECTIONS

Tackle Kids Cancer Teen Supplies Drive for Mitzvah Day September 17 thru November 5, 2017

Students can participate in a collection of supplies for teens battling cancer. Supplies will be collected until Mitzvah Day, November 5, 2017.



Chanukah Toy Drive October 22 thru December 3, 2017

Join BCHSJS students in collecting unwrapped, new toys. Toys will be distributed to children through the Bergen County Chanukah Toy Drive.

Clothing Drive for Israel January 7 thru February 4, 2018

BCHSJS will collect new and gently used clothing for *Yad Leah*, an organization that sends clothing to communities throughout Israel for families in need. Students will then take a trip to visit Yad Leah's Volunteer Center in Passaic on February 4, 2018 after-school to participate in a pack for Israel experience where they will help sort and pack the clothing to be sent to Israel.



Passover Food Collection for Jewish Family & Children's Services of Northern New Jersey February 11 thru March 18, 2018

Students are asked to bring in Kosher for Passover food to help Jewish Family & Children's Services of Northern New Jersey stock their pantry which provides year round food, personal hygiene, and household cleaning products to the entire community.

Weekly Tzedakah Collection

Each week tzedakah is collected for a special BCHSJS yearly project. Allocation decisions are made by the students.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

FALL SHABBATON

Friday afternoon, November 3 to
Saturday night, November 4, 2017

Fun and friends from Friday afternoon
to Saturday night.
Learn the true meaning of Shabbat while
spending time with your BCHSJS friends.

SPRING SHABBATON

Friday afternoon, March 9 to
Sunday afternoon, March 11, 2018

An incredible weekend away, jam packed
with fun, friends, and programming!
This is the event of the year –
DON'T MISS IT!!!!!!

AFTER-SCHOOL TRIPS

8th Grade Bowling September 10, 2017

All 8th graders are invited to
go bowling with BCHSJS!
A great opportunity to meet
new people.

BCHSJS Goes to Broadway

Sunday, December 10, 2017
A New York City experience-
BCHSJS goes to see
School of Rock!
Pledge allegiance
to the band!

Urban Air Trampoline Park Saturday night, January 13, 2018

Jump around with your BCHSJS friends at
this indoor trampoline
and adventure park.
So much high-flying fun!

Cipher Seeker Room Escape Challenge Saturday night, October 21, 2017

Join your friends for this
interactive
adventure experience.
You must work together as
a team to solve clues,
puzzles and challenges
to escape the room.
Can you escape before
time runs out?

High Exposure Rock Climbing

Sunday, February 11, 2018
Build strength and courage
with your BCHSJS friends at this
indoor rock climbing facility.
This will surely be a good
climb!

Bogota Golf & Sports Center

Sunday, March 4, 2018
So much indoor fun to
experience! Play 18 holes of
miniature golf and Bankshot
basketball – it's basketball with
a twist! Don't miss out!

Six Flags/Great Adventure Monday, April 2, 2018

Join us for our Annual Six Flags trip!
Enjoy thrilling rides, entertaining shows, and
make lasting memories with your BCHSJS
friends!

