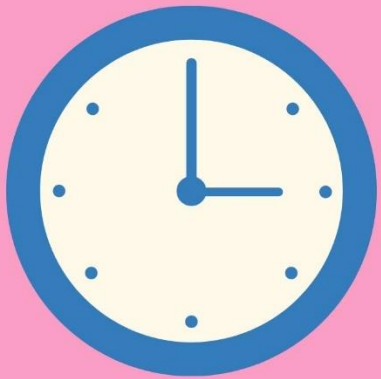


BCHSJS COURSE CATALOG

FALL 2021



BCHSJS
Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies

475 Grove
Street,
Ridgewood

Sundays:

10:30-11:15- Course 1

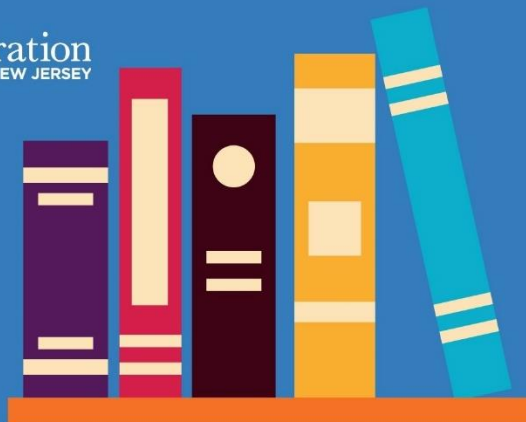
11:15-11:55- Course 2

11:55-12:15- Bagel Break

12:15-1pm- Community Time



Jewish Federation
OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY



Period 1 – Class Choices

10:30-11:15

Connections Through Time

New Student Core

Ms. Avital Moss

What are we doing here on a Sunday morning anyway? This will be a highly interactive course for students to learn about BCHSJS, themselves, and their new classmates. There be a ton of fun activities, and opportunities to explore the history, beliefs, and customs of Judaism. Look forward to some awesome projects, activities, videos, and discussions!

Oy! The Places We'll Go! An exploration of Jewish children's literature

Grades 8-10

Mr. Barnett Goldman

What's your favorite Jewish book? Why? What can we learn, even if we've long since left picture books behind, from Jewish children's literature? We will look at many examples of children's literature including controversial books, fun books, and old folktales that can be used to teach children of all ages. We will even attempt to show off our writing skills by creating our own text. The class will bring out your inner child with books from your past, books that will make you laugh, and of course, give you some deeper meaning behind the books that we read.

The DC Comic Jewniverse

Grades 8-10

Ms. Yardena Bannett

Join us as we take a deep dive into the DC Comic Jewniverse. Did you know Superman is Jewish? Well, maybe he's not officially, but we will explore the values and moral conundrums that he, Batman, Wonder Woman, and Aquaman find themselves in. This course is based in comic books, steeped in Jewish text, and for you even if you didn't know you liked the DC world of comics.

The History of Zionism

Rabbi David Fine

Grades 10-12

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

"If you, will it, it is no dream" said Theodore Herzl, the Father of Modern Zionism. But is that where Zionism began? Where did the longing for Zion begin, how did it evolve, and who brought it along the way.

Mind your Business

Grades 10-12

Rabbi Gary Hoffman

Did you know that modern business requires a lot of thinking about morals and ethics? This course is designed to examine common everyday situations that involve concrete and legal obligations of businesses, from a Jewish perspective. Do the Ethics of Business match up with Ethics of Our Fathers (Pirkei Avot)?

Climate Shlimate- a Jewish perspective

Grades 10-12

Rabbi Miriam Lichtenfeld

Climate change is on everyone's mind, but most Jews don't know what our religion says on this topic. We will explore sources from Biblical to modern time about the Jewish imperative to fight climate change. Additionally, we will stage a trial using sources expressing different viewpoints to help us explore how we should approach this important issue.

Period 2 – Class Choices

11:15-11:45

The Ethicist

Grades 8-10

Rabbi Gary Hoffman

See if you personally agree with the New York Times weekly columnist on situational ethics. Does Judaism agree? Are there any additional perspectives and can we use ancient wisdom to inform modern ethical situations? How about the ethics conundrums presented on the Orthodox Union's website? Do they match our modern or secular values? This class is for students who are interested in lively and rowdy class discussions and who like to listen to and learn from their peers.

What Gives? Tzedakah. That's what.

Grades 8-10

Rabbi Miriam Lichtenfeld

In this class, we will explore the imperative to give Tzedakah in our tradition. From ancient to modern times, we have been commanded to give, but to whom, why and how much should we give? Through the study and modern and ancient texts, we will explore these questions and more in this exciting class!

Jew Got Questions 2

Grades 10-12

Mrs. Yardená Bannett

Can you separate conjoined twins? Are you allowed to perform an autopsy? Who has the right to claim a winning raffle ticket found in the trash? In this class we will explore a fascinating array of Jewish questions, debate about the answers and discover a wealth of new information along the way. Yes, this is Jew Got Questions 2, but Jew Got Questions 1 is not a prerequisite.

#Trending Anti-Semitism

Grades 10-12

Ms. Avital Moss

There is prolific antisemitism throughout social media today. From Tiktok to Instagram and beyond, hateful and inaccurate information is being shared at speeds never seen in human history. Join this class to analyze the origins of specific antisemitic tropes and what can you as a social media consumer do to advocate for your point of view in a way that will be heard, and possibly get you the likes you deserve.

Better Together: An intergenerational volunteer course

All Grades

Mr. Barnett Goldman

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. Some of our classes will take place during school time during our class from 11:15- 11:55 and through the BCHSJS community period from 12:15-1 at the Daughters of Miriam in Clifton. **This is a great class for 9th grade students and those looking for community service hours.**

**Daughters of Miriam requires all visitors to their facility to be fully vaccinated. You will need to provide proof of vaccination to take this course. This course can only have 12 participants.*

Jewish Infused Improv

All Grades

Black Box Theater

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. Study with the best in the business: BLACK BOX THEATER.

The Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies is the recipient of an allocation from the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey.



We collaborate on several projects with NCSY who also provides us with a teacher.



The North Jersey Board of Rabbis provides us with teachers for a class.

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We collaborate on several trips and events with USY.

