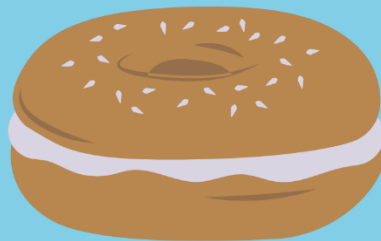


BCHSJS COURSE CATALOG

Spring 2022



475 Grove
Street,
Ridgewood

Sundays:
10:30-11:20- Course 1
11:20-11:40- Break
11:40-12:20- Bagel Break
12:20-1pm- Community Time



Jewish Federation
OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY



Period 1 – Class Choices

10:30-11:20

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 10:30-11:20 and through the bagel break and community period until 12:20 at the Jewish Home in River Vale. Students who take this class will meet the seniors 4 times. On those weeks you'll need to come to BCHSJS 5 minutes early. **This is a great class for 9th grade students and those looking for community service hours.**

**The Jewish Home 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.*

TSPN-Torah.Sports, 'Nuff Said

All Grades

Mrs. Yardena Hoffman

Format: Interactive

This semester let's learn hard and play hard in an active and engaging class that will explore the depths of our Jewish heritage alongside a weekly athletic competition. In each class we will learn an inspiring concept through the weekly parsha followed by a different sport, activity, or game.

Innagoda Davida: Torah and Technology

Grades 8-10

Rabbi Gary Hoffman

Format: Discussion using primary sources

In this course students will take items drawn from news articles as starting points for in-depth analysis of questions at the forefront of both American and Jewish law and ethics.

This course is intended to stimulate students' thought and interest and to serve as a catalyst for further analysis and discussion. Students will learn to apply important ideas to situations they personally encounter while navigating their own observance of Judaism within the realities posed by the world in which they live.

Our discussions will take into account that we live in a society comprised mostly of non-Jews governed by secular law that values a separation of church and state. However, our topics directly impact the everyday lives of contemporary Jews.

The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and the Challenges of Zionism

Grades 10-12

Dr. David J Fine

Format: Lecture

A look at the history of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, how Zionism is perceived in light of contemporary events, and how one can respond as a critically-thinking young Jew.

Comparative Religions

Grades 10-12

Rabbi Miriam Lichtenfeld

Format: Discussion, debate and field trips

A priest, a rabbi and an Imam walk into a bar.... There are so many jokes about the differences between different religions, but do you really know the beliefs of other religions? Over the course of the semester, we will explore the basic tenets of Judaism, Christianity and Islam and compare them to one another. We will visit a church and hopefully attend a service, meet with other teens to discuss their religious practices, and compare our religious traditions. If we have time, we will also explore eastern religions like Buddhism and Hinduism.

Kosher Sex

Grades 11 & 12

Ms. Avital Moss

Format: text-based and discussion

In a world inundated with sexual marketing, TV, and interactions, what is the Jewish perspective on sex? We will explore the answer to how Judaism views pleasure, boundaries, and healthy communication. This text and discussion-based class will look at biblical paradigms, Jewish philosophy on physical intimacy, as well as contemporary Jewish law to shape our perspectives.

Period 2 – Class Choices
12:20-1

Jewish Infused Improv
Black Box Theater
Format: Interactive

Grades All

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.

Tarbut: Jewish Culture
Rabbi Miriam Lichtenfeld
Format: Hands on

Grades 8-10

Do you enjoy cooking, music, and theatre? We will eat, listen, and explore Jewish culture through these different forms. Over the course of the semester, we will learn about different types of Jewish music, food, and theatre from all over the world. We will experience Jewish culture through our senses and create our own cookbooks, playlists and experience some Jewish theatre.

When you wish Upon a Psalm
Ms. Avital Moss
format: text-based

Grades 8-10

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

Jewish Mysticism 101
Mrs. Yardena Bannett
Format: Discussion

Grades 10-12

Ever wonder what Jewish philosophy has to say about Heaven, Hell, and the Afterlife? About Love, and Relationships? About Body, Soul and Free Will? This semester we will explore some of the underpinnings of the Torah as we delve deeply into the world of G-d, mysticism, and spirituality.

The Week in Review

Rabbi Gary Hoffman

Format: Text based

Grades 10-12

This course will feature provocative, accessible conversations and lively, sharp debate with friends of diverse opinions and backgrounds about things going on in the world. Our young people are hungry for constructive dialogue and difficult and honest conversation. While maintaining civility and fairness we will address issues with frankness and transparency. Students will be invited and encouraged to formulate and articulate their opinions on local and world events while exploring the Jewish perspectives on these issues.

The class will use both Jewish and non-Jewish newspapers and magazines as well as videos and podcasts as primary sources. Biblical and Rabbinic online sources from the Torah and Mishna will also be presented for discussion.

Senior Seminar

Mr. Barnett Goldman

Format: Seminar

Grade 12

You've reached that moment in time where you are about to graduate High School and move on to the next big thing. This class gets you charged up and ready to go, armed with the Jewish tools to help you make Jewish choices. This Senior Seminar we will welcome visitors from JFCS to teach interview skills, a useful tool for college and beyond, and IAC to run a mini course called "connectivism" which is aimed towards combatting anti-Israel sentiment online and on campuses. We will also spend time reminiscing and planning for Graduation.

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.

NORTH JERSEY BOARD OF RABBIS

We collaborate on several trips and events with USY.

