



COURSE CATALOG

SUNDAYS:
PERIOD 1: 10:30-11:20
BAGEL BREAK: 11:20-
11:40
COMMUNITY TIME: 11:40-
12:20
PERIOD2: 12:20-1PM

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Jewish Federation
OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY



475 Grove Street, Ridgewood

Period 1 - 10:30-11:20 Class Choices

The Life Hack

Grades 8-10

Teacher: Rabbi Gary Hoffman

Course style: discussion & podcast listening

Everyone needs a little help being a human. From sleep to saving money; from success to loss; from school to work and more, we explore brief podcasts of experts to get the best advice out there. We help you get it together.

History of the Holocaust

Grades 8-10

Teacher: Rabbi Dr. David Fine

Course style: lecture

In this course we will look at how the Holocaust came about, how Jews and non-Jews responded at the time, and how the memory of the Holocaust influences cultures in the United States, Israel and Germany.

What Would You Do

Grades 8-10

Teacher: Yardena Bannett

Course style: discussion and debate

Would you take action if a woman publicly fat-shamed her daughter? What if a handicapped parking spot was illegally taken, leaving a man in a wheelchair to fend for himself? Based on this popular tv show, we will explore and debate various social dilemmas while studying different Jewish texts and perspectives.

International Criminal Law and Israel

Grades 10th-12th

Teacher: Avital Moss

Course style: lecture

When one hears media coverage today, it's commonplace to hear content indicating that Israel is violating international law in the settlements, is guilty of being an apartheid state, and otherwise violating egregious tenants of international standards of human rights. 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, its evolution and how this affects Israel today.

The Great Debate

Grades 10th-12th

Teacher: Barnett Goldman

Course style: Debate

Students will have an opportunity to have their voices heard about the topics they care about. In our class, students will debate hot topics that shape their lives and those around them, as well as discuss some historical figures and decisions that helped pave the way of who we are. This will be an active class where students will have a loud voice, and will get to use it.

Simcha Studies

Grades 10th-12th

Teacher: Enya Menasse

Course style: Chevruta (partner) text study

What's the purpose of a bris anyway? What makes a wedding a Jewish wedding? How do we deal with death in the Jewish community? Do I really need to bring a babka to a shiva? In this class we will go through the Jewish lifecycle, learn about our traditions, where they come from, and how to participate in Jewish lifecycle events.

Period 2 - 12:20-1:20 Class Choices

Putting the “Social” into Social Action

Grades 8-10

Teacher: Barnett Goldman

Course Style: lecture/ discussion/ volunteering

Young adults are constantly leading the charge in changing the world. This interactive class will teach you what it takes to create great programs, raise money for organizations, and start your very own organization, movement, or program. Opportunity to get credit for 4 hours of volunteering.

TikTok and Torah

Grades 8th-10th

Teacher: Avital Moss

Course style: Primary sources

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. We will be discussing the ethics of social media as well as utilizing course material to collaboratively create social media content.

Beyond the Matzah Ball: Jewish Cuisine

All Grades

Teacher: Enya Menasse

Course style: interactive/ lecture

Travel the Jewish world on a plate. We can learn a lot about the cultural development of the Jewish community through food. Come explore with us. (A note: we cannot accommodate all dietary restrictions in this class. You can still join the learning and help us cook, but please understand that we cannot make every recipe gluten and/ or free of eggs).

Fantasy and Reality

Grades 10-12

Teacher: Yardena Bannett

Course style: Discussion

The Dark Side and the Dark Lord. A Ring of Power which corrupts all men. Fantastical Creatures and Magic. Beneath these fantasies lie many powerful Jewish concepts to discuss and explore. In this class we will enjoy a variety of fantasy classics like Star Wars, Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter... Come find out what King Saul and Darth Vader have in common!

Megilat Esther: The Graphic Novel

Grades 10-12

Teacher: Rabbi Gary Hoffman

Course style: Text Study/ visual art

We will examine this Purim drama chapter by chapter, highlighting hidden plot twists and little-known historical facts. Concurrently, students will use software to create their own creative (and accurate) graphic novel of this traditional text.