



Course Catalog Spring 2023

Sundays:

Period 1: 10:30-11:20

Bagel Break: 11:20-11:40

Community Time: 11:40-12:20

Period 2: 12:20-1:00

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Jewish Federation
OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY



475 Grove Street, Ridgewood

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

Teacher	Period 1	Class style:	grades
Barnett Goldman	Broadway Bound	lecture	8-10
Rabbi Fine	History of the Holocaust	lecture	8-10
Yardena Bannett	MythBusters	Chevruta	10-12
Avital Moss	Bad news for the Jews	lecture	10-12
Gary Hoffman	Torah Comics	study & visual art	8-10
Enya Mennasse	Prayer Poses	Yoga and Conversation	All

Prayer Poses

Grades ALL

Teacher: Enya Menasse

Course style: Yoga and Conversation

Wake up your body and your soul with some yoga, meditation and deeper understanding of prayer on the whole. This class will be a great way to start off your morning in a relaxing and calm way.

Torah Comics

Grades 8-10

Teacher: Rabbi Gary Hoffman

Course style: Study and Visual Arts

The Talmud tells us that when God was instructing Moshe regarding the detailed architectural plans for the Mishkan (the tabernacle) written textual instructions were not enough. Moshe failed to understand. He needed a visual image- a pictorial sketch- to appreciate the full grandeur of the Miskhan. The Rambam (Maimonides) tells us that prophecy was communicated through visual “parables”. Again, spiritual messages were communicated via imagery and art. Sometimes pictures can open entire worlds. Images are a means of connecting to a side of a story through more than mere words: pictures bring the words to life.

In this class we use StoryBoard software to create a graphic novel of the weekly Torah reading. Come to class with a device.

History of the Holocaust - Continued

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. While this is a continuation of last semester, new students are welcome.

Broadway Bound

Grades 8-10

Teacher: Barnett Goldman

Course Style: Lecture and music

Have you ever wondered how Broadway got its start? Who are the people behind the music and scenes? In this class, we will discuss how Jewish composers, actors, writers, producers, and directors all made an impact on Broadway and how they helped build this amazing theatrical empire.

Mythbusters

Grades 10-12

Teacher: Yardena Bannett

Course style: Chavruta (pair) Study

So You've got horns.....and other fun Jewish myths. In this chavruta style class, we will explore common Jewish misconceptions and stereotypes working through Jewish text to debunk mistaken beliefs. Some of our topics include- the chosen people, is Judaism racist? And Kosher food. Does it need to be blessed by a Rabbi?

Bad News for the Jews

Grades 10th-12th

Teacher: Avital Moss

Course style: lecture

Did you hear that praying in school made it all the way to the Supreme Court?!?! What are the implications for the Jews? Figuring out the news can be a challenge. Is it good or bad news for the Jews? Who even knows. Let's figure it out together using a variety of sources including your own social media feeds.

Period 2 - 12:20-1:00 Class Choices

Teacher	Period 2	Class style:	grades
Barnett Goldman	Mount Rushmore	lecture	10-12
Yardena Bannet	What Would You Do 2?	Debate	8-10
Avital Moss	Wonder Women	lecture	8-10
Gary Hoffman	Why Do Jewish?	Text Study	10-12
Enya Mennasse	Matzah Ball	Cooking & Lecture	All

Beyond the Matzah Ball: Jewish Cuisine

All Grades

This is for students who got closed out of the last Matzah Ball

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).

Wonder Women in the Bible

Grades 8th-10th

Teacher: Avital Moss

Course style:

Text and discussion-based

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.

What Would You Do- Round 2

Grades 8-10

Teacher: Yardena Bannett

Course style: discussion and debate

Can you gain weight in order to commit insurance fraud? Can you take money from an illegal source and give it to charity? Each week, we will explore a new, interesting question and debate various social dilemmas while studying different Jewish texts and perspectives. While this is a continuation of last semester, new students are welcome.

Why Do Jewish

Grades 10-12

Teacher: Rabbi Gary Hoffman

Course style: Text: Why do Jewish: A Manifesto for 21st Century Jewish Peoplehood

Today, in the 21st century, living Jewishly ought to mean more than just being born a Jew. "Doing Jewish means taking some specific actions, living by some specific values, celebrating some specific moments, and recognizing you are part of some specific family." Learn what you like and don't like about Jewish culture, religion and practices and then decide for yourself which aspects and values you want to embrace.

Jews "shouldn't have to feel like they're a bad Jew because they're not doing it the 'pure way' or the authentic way. They're changing it up. They're doing what works for them. And I want them to feel really good about that."

This is a perfect course for Seniors headed out of their parent's home soon.

Jewish Mount Rushmore

Grades 10th-12th

Teacher: Barnett Goldman

Course style: Debate

Mount Rushmore is a spectacular place that holds the faces of four great leaders of the past...but what if you could change it? Who would you put up there? What would you put on there? In this class, each week we will decide who and/or what belongs on the Jewish Mount Rushmore, or shall we say Mount Hermon. This class will be full of debate, opinions, and fun conversation about who and what is the best we have to offer.