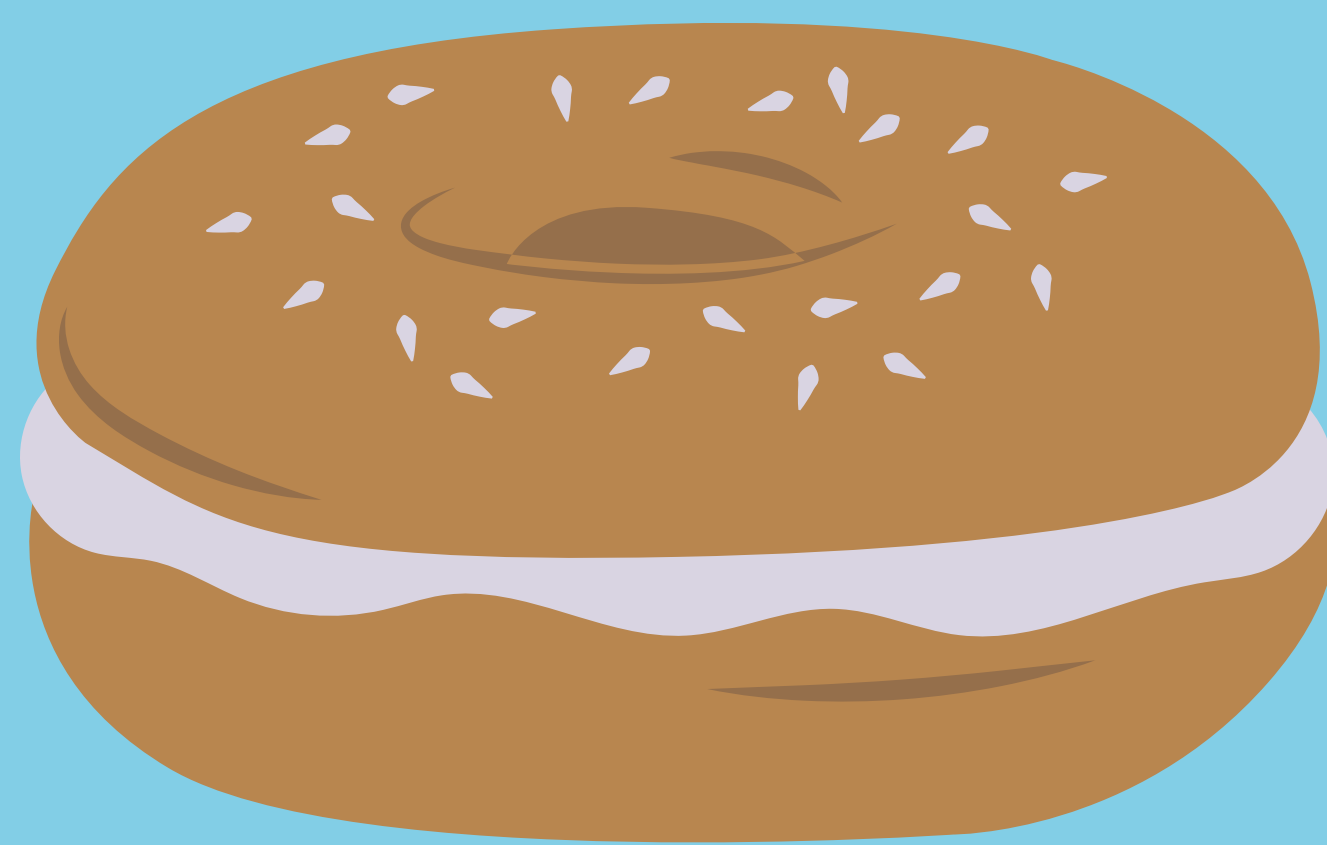


BCHSJS COURSE CATALOG

Spring 2025

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Sundays:

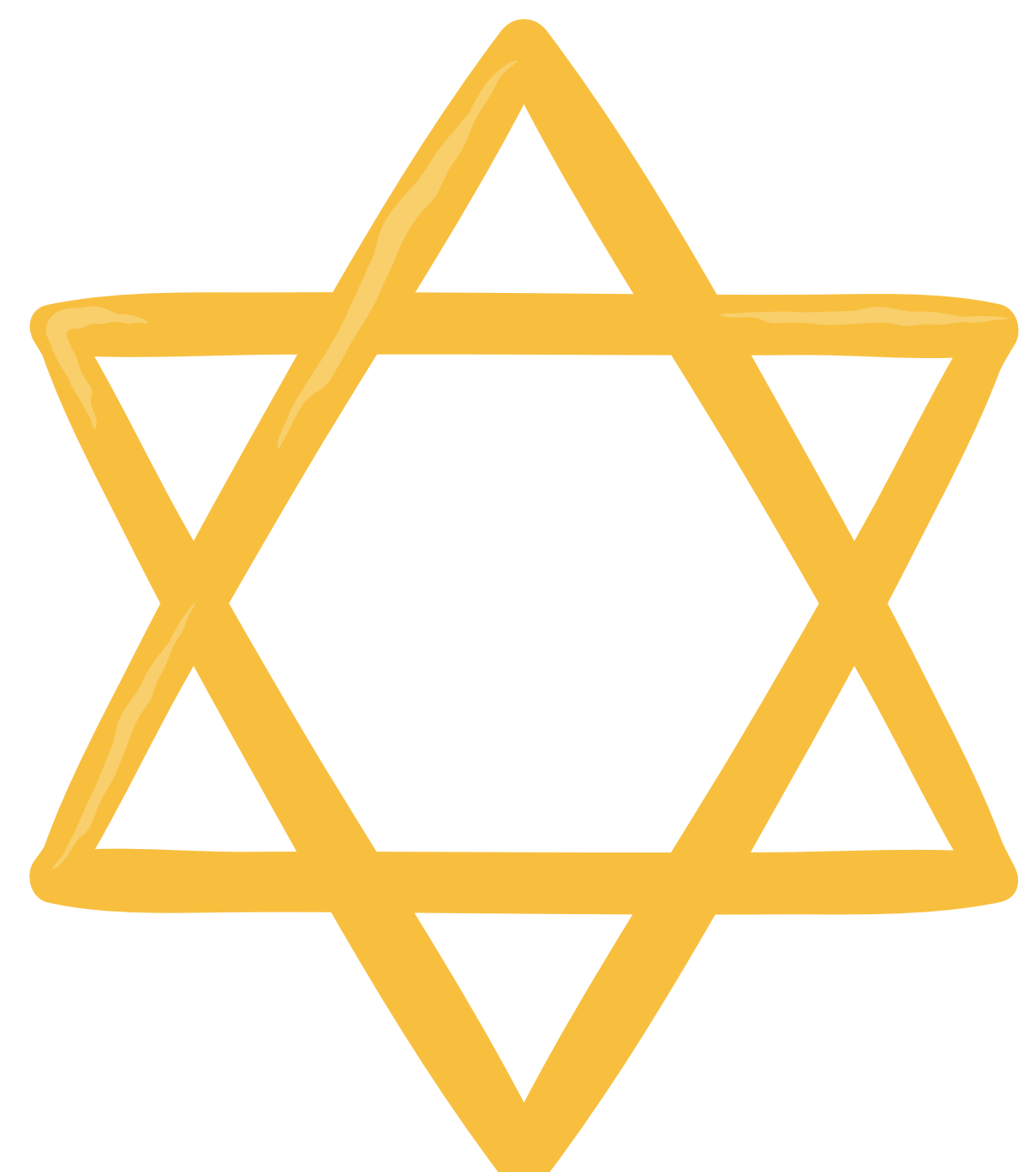
10:30-11:20- Period 1

11:20-11:40- Break

11:40-12:20- Community Time

12:20-1pm- Period 2

475 Grove Street,
Ridgewood



Period 1 Classes

10:30-11:20 AM

Schmooze & Kvetch: The Art of Yiddish Slang (All Grades)

Deborah Stack

Explore the rich, expressive world of Yiddish in this engaging, discussion-based class—part language lesson, part coffee klatch! Together, we'll uncover the meaning and cultural significance of popular Jewish slang, from chutzpah to kvetch. Join us for lively conversations, personal stories, and plenty of laughs as we bring these vibrant terms to life.

Responsas: Is Ethical or Not (All Grades)

Rabbi David Fine

Facilitated interactive group discussions about Jewish law. The students will read through contemporary teshuvot (rabbinic responses on Jewish law) and discuss their thoughts and opinions on them. In this course, students will take information from the teshuvot as starting points for in-depth analysis of questions at the forefront of both American and Jewish law and ethics. 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.

Putting the “Social” into Social Action Lecture/ Discussion/ Volunteering (All Grades)

Barnett Goldman

Young adults are constantly leading the charge to change 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. We will attempt to create and run at least one social action event for BCHSJS.

What Would You Do? (All Grades)

Rabbi Gary Hoffman

What should you do when faced with a dilemma that compels you to act? Intervene, mind your own business, get involved, or walk by? Do we take the chance and follow our instincts, or do we feel apprehensive about getting involved because of what we see in the news on a daily basis? There are innocent bystanders who are injured every day. Intervening is risky business. Each person needs to do his or her own calculations before stepping up and stepping in for at least two reasons: first, you need to think about your own safety and the safety of those around you. And second, you need to be able to successfully pull off the intervention. We will examine numerous and varying scenarios to gauge how people would react when confronted with situations that tested their basic instincts. Let's find out how you would handle some of these situations.

Period 2 Classes

12:20-1:00 PM

Jewish Art (All Grades)

Deborah Wolf

Delve deeper into the rich and complex world of Jewish art in this thought-provoking continuation course. We'll explore the works of Jewish artists and engage in meaningful conversations about the intersection of art, identity, and history. Together, we'll reflect on what it means to create Jewish art in a world shaped by resilience, memory, and ongoing challenges.

Senior Seminar (Seniors Only)

Barnett Goldman

The roller coaster ride of high school is coming to a close and you have so many questions - what will college be like? What is Jewish life like on campus? Why does everyone keep asking me about my future? In this class, we will help you prepare for graduation and get you ready for the next steps in your school career. There will be a lot of fun activities, lively discussions, and opportunities to organize and prepare for graduation.

Jewish Infused Improv (All Grades)

Black Box Theater

Format: Interactive 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.

Parshat HaShavua (All Grades)

Rabbi Gary Hoffman

The teachings of the Torah provide eternal guidance for how to live our lives as individuals and as a nation. The weekly parsha will be our springboard to delve into fundamental lessons in living taught by traditional rabbis as well as contemporary Israeli Zionist thinkers. We will explore the social and moral issues and dilemmas relevant to our daily lives, relating them to contemporary issues and allowing the students to integrate the lessons into daily life.

“Donuts and Discussion: Being a Jew in the Modern World” (All Grades)

Shalom Brause

Come for a donut and stay for a fun and fascinating discussion about anything and everything, from what kosher is all about to the Jewish perspective on animal rights. Can we believe in aliens? Why are there Jews who only wear black clothes and hats? How do we bring the ancient laws of the Torah to the modern state of Israel? Looking forward to hearing your thoughts!

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