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MACHON HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL YEAR AT-A-GLANCE 2010-2011/5771

All dates are subject to change and do not include holiday programming, Chapter, Divisional and Regional USY Events.

Consult mailings and email updates for updated and more detailed information.

September

13 USY Opening Program
19/20 In Session
26 In Session
27 In Session-
Sukkah Party with USY

October

3/4 In Session
10 In Session
11 No Session-Columbus Day
17/18 In Session
24/25 In Session
31 In Session

November

1 In Session
7 In Session
8 Kristallnacht Program at
Old Westbury Hebrew Cong.
14/15 In Session
21/22 In Session
28 No Session –Thanksgiving
29 In Session

December

5 Chanukah Party at Margaret
Tietz Nursing Center
6 In Session
12/13 In Session
19 In Session
20 Special Program at
Old Westbury Hebrew Cong.
26/27 No Session—Winter Break

January

3 In Session
9/10 In Session
16/17 No Session—MLK Weekend
23/24 In Session
30/31 In Session—Spring Semester
Classes Begin

February

6/7 In Session
13/14 In Session
20/21/27 No Session—
February Vacation
28 Special Program at
Old Westbury Hebrew Cong.

March

6/7 In Session
13/14 In Session
20 No Session—Purim Carnival
21 In Session
27/28 In Session

April

3/4 In Session
10 In Session
11 In Session
17/18/24/25
No Session— Passover

May

1/2 In Session
8 In Session
9 Special Program at
Old Westbury Hebrew Cong.
15/16 In Session
22 In Session
23 Final Session

MACHON HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Machon is the next wave of Jewish communal learning and living for Jewish teenagers. We know that making Jewish connections and maintaining strong Jewish ties are important goals, especially after a child has celebrated his or her Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We also know about the incredibly busy lives our students lead. How do we reconcile the two? How do we make Jewish connections and Jewish learning part of the equation?

The Machon High School Community provides students from Grades 8-12 with these connections and meaningful Jewish experiences. We do this through outstanding programming and high level learning. We offer a lively and engaging setting for Jewish teenagers to feel comfortable and explore what Judaism and Jewishness means to them. In addition, we are offering a number of different choices – choices in program, choices in learning, choices in experiences, choices in scheduling. Through a dynamic faculty and staff, we offer a broad spectrum of classes that young people relate to, ensuring that there is ample time for socializing. In this respect, we are meeting the needs of our teens and helping them carve out time for Jewish experiences in their demanding lives.

The teens of Temple Beth Sholom and Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation will join together to form a wonderful community of learners. We know that this will only serve to strengthen our teens' Jewish education and growth.

PLEASE JOIN US...IT IS GOING TO BE AN EXCITING ADVENTURE!

**“GIMME 10” SCHEDULE
2010-2011/5770-5771**

**USY (GRADES 8-12)
KADIMA (GRADES 6-7)
MACHAR (GRADES 4 AND 5)**

Fall Semester
September 26
October 3, 17, 31
November 7, 21
December 12, 19
January 9, 23

Spring Semester
January 30
February 6, 13
March 13, 27
April 3, 10
May 1, 15, 22

Projects will be out of the TBS building (transport is included in registration fee). We will meet from 10:30AM – 1PM.

We are still finalizing the projects and will announce them when they are confirmed.

USY will meet on Thursdays from 7:30 – 9:00PM

Kadima will meet on Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:30PM
(program includes dinner)

Machar will meet on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:30
(program includes dinner)

Calendars will be sent out over the summer!

For more information, contact Michael Witman,
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Are you interested in making a difference in the life of others? Do you like doing community service work? Do you need to fulfill a community service requirement for school? Let us help you have a meaningful Jewish experience while helping make the world a better place. Through our brand new **GIMME 10** program, students participate in a **10 Sunday Social Action project**, creating connections both with an agency as well as with other teens participating in the project. We will run this program twice during the year - in the Fall and in the Spring.

The Gimme 10 program will be fully staffed and the program cost includes transportation to the project site (from Temple Beth Shalom) and all programming costs.

Gimme 10 is a “win-win” for our students and an amazing way to make a difference in the lives of others.

SOcial ACTION: GIMME TEN

We strongly encourage participation in United Synagogue Youth (USY) programs. These programs are held on a local level as well as on a divisional (Nassau County), Regional (Metropolitan NY) and International level. In the summer, there are travel and teen tour opportunities in North America, Israel and Europe.

We think that you will find these events to be great social opportunities to meet other Jewish teens from all over New York, in addition to being fun! We also think that you will enjoy the local events that we will be sponsoring as well.

All USY programs will be part of the Machon Calendar and registered students will receive attendance credit for attending those events.

We hope to see you getting involved this year with USY!

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

MACHON HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

11:00AM **PEREK ALEF (First Period)**
Core Class
(Choose from one of two classes – See right)

11:50AM Bagels and Brachot

12:10PM **PEREK BET (Second Period)**
Elective Classes

Choices will be announced at
beginning of each semester

Sunday Morning Core Classes (Students will choose from one)

Jewish History: The Big Picture

A year long look at post-biblical Jewish history with a focus on issues of assimilation, resistance and adaptation throughout history. Discuss major events in Jewish history and help decipher the various lessons that we can learn from events in the rich history of the Jewish people.

JUST: Judaism, Action and Social Change:

This course is based on a single premise – that our world is imperfect and we are obligated to improve its condition. How we do that, however, is a bigger question. How do we address the social and environmental challenges we face and where does being Jewish fit into the equation?

MACHON HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM STUDY OPTIONS

MACHON Classes are interesting, engaging and fun! Classes are taught by dynamic teachers in a setting that is open to participation and discussion. Explore issues relating to why we are Jewish and its relevance in our modern daily lives. We offer choices in study so that students can take classes which interest them. But the best choice of all is that students can choose the day or days which they want to attend classes.

Choose from a 2 hour track which meets Sunday mornings or Monday evenings, or a 4 hour track which meets on both Sunday and Monday.

On either day you will experience wonderful camaraderie, great debate and much spirited activity.

Study Options At A Glance

If you choose the 2 Hour Track, you will attend classes:

Sundays 11AM – 1PM **OR**
Mondays 6:30 – 8:30PM
(You must select the day you will be attending)

If you choose the **4 Hour Track**, you will attend classes:

Sundays 11AM – 1PM **AND**
Mondays 6:30 – 8:30PM

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MONDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

6:30-7:00PM “Supper Club” and “Schmooze”
(Dinner Provided for those who sign up in advance for an additional fee)

7:00-7:45PMPM PEREK ALEF
(First Period)
Core Class
Divided by Grade

7:45 – 8:30PM PEREK BET
(Second Period)
Elective Courses
Courses will be announced at the beginning of each semester.

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

The Machon High School study program offers our students incredible Jewish learning opportunities, but also a host of wonderful experiences, all of which explore the core of who we are as Jews and a Jewish community.

These programs include (but are not limited to):

- “Supper Club” – dinner each Monday night with fellow students and teachers
- Rosh Hodesh programming – Monthly, gender and grade specific programming geared toward the particular needs of male and female Jewish teenagers
- Special program throughout the year
 - o Speakers
 - o Film screenings with question and answer time with the producer

MACHON HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY MONDAY EVENING CORE CLASSES

- ☆ **8th Grade: Studies In The Weekly Parasha:** Let's take a deeper look at some of the issues that the Torah brings to light and we will explore the relevance of those issues today.
- ☆ **9th Grade: Facing History and Ourselves** This is a course which inspires teens to take responsibility for their world. This course explores the consequences of hatred, bigotry and indifference. They will see that their own daily choices can have a major impact and be a critical link to a safer future.
- ☆ **10th Grade: Conservative Judaism:** What does it mean to be a Conservative Jew. In this course we will learn who we are as a Jewish movement, what we stand for and where we are headed. Included in this course is a study on Comparative Judaism (the other Jewish denominations) as well as a unit on Comparative Religion.
- ☆ **11th Grade – Fall Semester – Israel:** An in-depth study of the State of Israel, its rich history, its culture and its people. We will discuss our own connection to Israel as well as modern day events that occur there.
Spring Semester – God and Theology: A meaningful discussion of God and our different beliefs about God, exploring issues of when bad things happen to good people, finding meaning in prayer and God in our lives.
- ☆ **12th Grade – Fall Semester – Values You Need To Succeed In College:** As seniors we are excited for college and the future, but are we really prepared? How do I develop a way to make good decisions?
Spring Semester: “These Are The Words:” In our final semester, we take a look back at all that we have learned and take another look at the concepts that are important to study as students prepare to graduate.

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DON'T BELIEVE US? JUST ASK AROUND...

Our Students

"Being involved in Hebrew High School is a great way to meet people from other school districts...the classes are OK, too." –J.T.

"My Hebrew High experience helps me stay involved, see my friends and learn about things we don't talk about in school. I have also done a lot of community service through the synagogue and that has been great." –I.S.

Our Parents

"Let's face it, like most teenagers both my sons tried to give us all the reasons why they shouldn't go to Hebrew High School. Too much on their plate already, will be boring, a waste of time...Well, since they had no choice, they both went, through High School graduation and in the end actually thanked us for the push. They did some serious learning, grew as Jews, got to know their teachers (great role models) and the clergy on a personal level, made friends and enjoyed the experience." –Father of 2 Alumni

"When my daughter walked into Hillel her first week of college for their opening dinner, the first thing I did was thank the Hebrew High School. Without it, I am not sure she would have walked in there". –Mother of 1 Alum

Our Alumni

"Being involved with Hebrew High school kept me connected to the synagogue and Jewish ideas which as I look back really helped prepare me for life in college where not everyone is Jewish." –J.L.

"Thank you. Now that I'm far away from home, it is really special to have my Jewish identity strong and maintained. It could be easy to get lost and forget about the culture and heritage that I grew up with, but thanks to all of you, I was able to keep it – strong and sincerely. So thank you". –S.R.

This all sounds great!

For more information

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We hope to see you at one of our programs!