

rsns TEEN connections



Our trip to Philly

**If you're an RSNS teen,
you're in luck!**

On the following pages are detailed flyers for each of our fantastic RSNS teen programs! Here's a quick run-down:

Kulanu is our brand-new monthly Tuesday night program for teens in grades 8-10, 11-12, with a separate class for parents with Rabbi Lee! It's \$150* per teen (parents are free), 6:30-8pm, pizza included.

Keshet Hadash is the free RSNS co-ed teen youth group! We do fun weekend events once a month. RSVP and pay-as-you-go for any outside events.

Girls' Rosh Hodesh or **Boys' Bros' Hodesh** is \$200* for the year's worth of dinners and programming!

Adopt-a-Survivor is free and for 8th graders only (see separate mailing for details)

Work as a **madrich/madricha** (aide) in our school!

*If you register a teen for both Kulanu and Girls/Boys group, the total cost is \$300 - a \$50 savings!

Questions?

Ask **Cantor Eric** about Kulanu, Keshet Hadash, and Bro's Hodesh. Ask **Rabbi Jodie** about Girls' Rosh Hodesh, Adopt-a-Survivor and madrichim.

We've got a great lineup of teen programming at RSNS. All we are missing is YOU!

remember YOUR connections are what make RSNS teen programming strong!



A Farming Day



Kulanu ~ All of Us

Our brand-new Tuesday night teen program for students in grades 8-10 and 11-12, with a separate, simultaneous class taught by Rabbi Lee for parents! Kulanu will take place one Tuesday a month from 6:30-8pm, pizza included.

Grades 8-10 With Cantor Eric and Solomon, participants will explore a wide range of engaging topics in fun, interactive ways!

Grades 11-12 High school juniors and seniors will learn from a series of guest experts about what it takes to make it as a young adult and look ahead to campus life! Topics include: Israel, Jewish Identity, Sex, Drugs, Time Management, Personal finance, Politics and Making a Difference in The World.

Parents In the tradition of B'Yahad and Kadima, parents will continue their own journey as learners in this new monthly course taught by **Rabbi Lee** All About Reconstructionism! The topics will include God, Ritual Practice, Philosophy, Jewish Peoplehood and Reconstructionist history and ideology.

September 13th

8th-10th Pokemon Go is...Jewish?

11th-12th A Real Conversation About Drugs and Teens: Return, Renewal, and Facing Reality. Solomon will share Yom Kippur-inspired teachings from Beit Teshuvah - a Jewishly-run addiction recovery center in LA.

October 18th

8th-10th The Truth About Christopher Columbus (and the Jews)

11th-12th Youth Organizing: Getting Empowered, Taking Action. Solomon will give our older teens the tools and knowledge they need to get inspired and work for real change in our community and our world.

November 15th

8th-10th How did Jew Get Here? (Telling The Story of Our Family Journeys)

11th-12th An Evening With Amanda Perez Leder - Senior Education and Training Advisor, Planned Parenthood Federation of America. With over fourteen years of experience, Amanda has developed and managed numerous award-winning sexuality education programs, and led hundreds of presentations and trainings on sexual and reproductive health topics.



Amanda is an expert on educating and motivating teens to respectfully and effectively communicate about and address health and sexuality.

December 13th

8th-10th Jews In Space

11th-12th Gelt Trip - Making Good Choices with Your Money. A special guest expert will lead our older teens in an important session about how they can make good (and smart!) choices with their money - at home and on campus.

January 17th

8th-10th What does it mean to "Have a Dream?" Are our dreams and their interpretations important in Jewish tradition?

11th-12th Q&A with Returning College Students! Eat dinner with some RSNS teen alumni, and ask all your burning questions about their life on campus!

February 14th

8th-10th Jews and love

11th-12th Maximize Your Life! Our own Randy Shain, Founder of One on One Mentors, will lead a session with our older teens on the importance of discovering their real interests and passions, and how to make the most of them as they look towards college and beyond!

March 14th

8th-10th Math & Jews and Pi(e)

11th-12th Leading on Campus: An amazing program run by the Jewish Community Relations Council just for for high school juniors and

seniors to help prepare them for the challenges they will face on college campuses surrounding issues of Israel, Jewish identity, anti-semitism, etc. We are honored that their director of Israel and International Affairs will be here to run this special two-part program!

April 18th

8th-10th Can a Jew Check Their Privilege? As we return from Passover, Solomon Hoffman will explore and engage with our younger teens about what it means to be Jewish, American, and White/Asian/Other

11th-12th Leading on Campus, Part 2

May 9th

8th-10th A Real Conversation About Drugs and Teens. Solomon will create a safe space for our younger teens to share their experiences and questions, as they explore valuable wisdom from Beit Teshuvah - a Jewishly-run addiction recovery center in LA.

11th-12th Leaving the Nest. Whether you're a junior visiting schools, and seriously considering life away from home for the first time, or a senior about take that very big step, this is a chance to process this experience with our own Sheri Lindner - a gifted teacher, writer, and clinical psychologist who has worked at the University of Illinois, and in the Hewlett-Woodmere and Manhasset Public Schools.

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Kesher Hadash

Kesher Hadash is the RSNS Youth Group for teens in grades 8-12. Kesher Hadash means “New Connections” and all our teens are invited to join us for one weekend event each month - trips, outings, social action, and creative experiences - tons of fun ways to connect to your Judaism, and with friends old and new! The Kesher Hadash events are “pay as you go” - pick the ones that look good to you, and come whenever you can!

2016-2017 Kesher Hadash Calendar

SUNDAYS

9/18 Late-night Zip and Climb at Adventure Park Long Island!

10/22-23 (Sat night-Sun morning)
Sukkathon: Sleep Under the Stars in Our Sukkah, while raising money for Habitat for Humanity!

11/6 RSNS Mitzvah Day: Step Up and Fix the World!

12/4 The Frozen Chosen: Pre-Chanukkah Fun with Dry Ice!

1/8 Taking Action: Hand in Hand for Civil Rights

2/5 Jewish Earth Day Fun!

3/3-5 (Fri night-Sunday): JRF National Teen Kallah in NYC!

4/2 Volunteer at Masbia - a Jewish-run, restaurant-style soup kitchen!

5/26-29 (Fri-Mon): RSNS Teen Trip to Baltimore!!

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kesher hadash kickoff event ! a late night zip & climb!

when? Sunday, September 18th, 6:30-10pm **Dinner included**

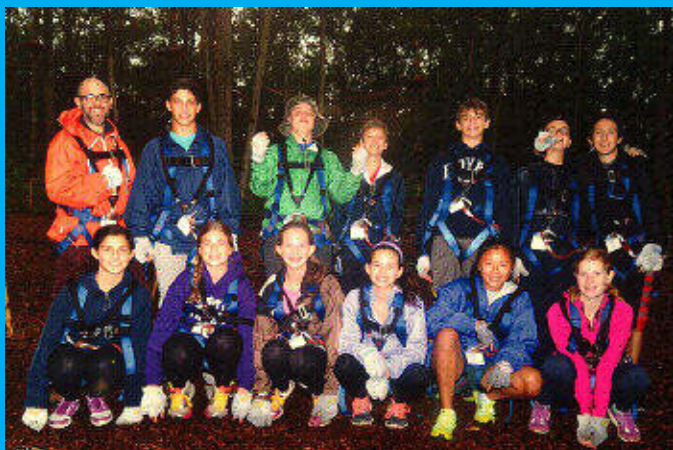
what? An evening at an amazing new “aerial forest ropes park” with over 100 platforms installed in the trees and connected by bridges and zip lines! Groups of these bridges or “elements” link together to form separate trails through the trees. There are eight trails, with challenge levels suitable for every age and skill level—from beginner to expert. Each person selects the trail(s) they want and climbs at their own pace.

where? The Adventure Park at Long Island!
75 Colonial Springs Rd, Wyandanch, NY 11798 (about 1/2 hour away, just east of rt. 110)



who? ALL RSNS Teens! Whether you're a brand-new 8th grader and aren't sure about whether to join Kesher Hadash, a high school student who's only come to one or two things, or a 12th grader who's been to a million events, this kickoff event is for YOU!

how much? Kickoff special!! If you pay by Friday, September 9th, it's only \$10 for everything - food and admissions! If you sign up after that, the full price is \$36. Your check is your reservation, so please drop it off by Friday for the special kickoff discount. Please make your check out to “RSNS” and put “Teen kickoff” in the subject line.



online waiver All participants must also complete an online waiver prior to the event. Click here to fill it out: <http://tinyurl.com/oy9k3ls>

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RSNS girls TEEN connections

with
rabbi jodie

rosh hodesh. it's a girls' thing.

Grades 8-12, Tuesdays @ RSNS, 6:30-8:00pm, dinner included

This wonderful program, based on the Jewish tradition of women's New Moon celebrations, builds self-esteem, Jewish identity, leadership skills and friendship networks of adolescent girls. The monthly meetings provide a supportive environment where girls can explore the social and cultural issues they encounter as they become adults - and derive their own authentic Jewish values in response to the challenges they face. The small groups are designed to provide an empowering setting

in which girls can support each other in growing and learning while having lots of fun, with a participatory mix of discussing issues, traditions, and role models; making crafts and writing stories, rejoicing with song and dance, socializing, and munching. Consistent participation is necessary for group bonding.



tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

Girls Rosh Hodesh, 2016-2017

September 27	Heshvan
October 25	Kislev
November 29	Tevet
December 20	Shevat
January 31	AdarI
February 28	AdarII
April 25	Iyar
May 23	Sivan
June 13	Final Dinner



\$200 each

covers all project materials and food. Sign up now and return the Teen Programs Registration Form with your check to RSNS.

questions?

email rabjodie@optonline.net



rsns boys **TEEN** connections

with
cantor eric



bro's hodesh.

Created by guys, for guys. Grades 8-12.
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm, dinner included.



Being a guy is not always so simple. We like sports, and we like the arts. We like to hang out, and we like to do...well...stuff. In this boys-only group, we'll take an opportunity to explore what being a man - and more specifically, a JEWISH man - means, and what we can learn about ourselves and each other. Through activities, games, popular culture, food, discussions, and group experience, we'll take an opportunity to just be guys. Consistent participation is important for group bonding.

Bro's Hodesh is being offered this Fall in partnership with Moving Traditions; RSNS has been chosen to be part of a national pilot program involving cutting-edge programming for Jewish boys.



tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Bro's Hodesh, 2016-2017

September 27
October 25
November 29
December 20
January 31
February 28
March 28
April 25
May 23
June 11 Bro-BQ!!

\$200

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Sign up now and
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Form with your check to RSNS.

questions?

email eric at rsnscantor@gmail.com

RSNS Madrichim Program 2016-2017 Covenant & Fact Sheet

What are *madrichim*? *Madrich* (singular) is the Hebrew for “guide.” *Madrichim* will:

- **ATTEND A MANDATORY ORIENTATION ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 at 7:00 P.M.**
- be compensated for their work or can earn community service hours
- help teachers get supplies and organize students and lessons, tutor students, help in the office
- be expected to arrive and leave on time, and keep absences to situations of illness and the like
- enhance their experience in Synagogue School through their own continued learning (in training sessions)
- continue to learn about Judaism, leadership, Jewish education, professional conduct and teaching techniques as part of their training
- be evaluated on their general progress and job performance
- commit to work ONE OR MORE days a week, depending on the Synagogue School’s needs and the *madrich*’s abilities, consistently on the same schedule every week.
Available days are Tuesdays, 4:00-6:30 p.m., Thursdays, 4:00-6:30 p.m.,
Fridays, 5:45-7:30 p.m. (Fridays are once a month), Saturdays, 8:45-11:15 a.m.
- attend training sessions throughout the year
- be assigned to a classroom & teacher, the office, as a Hebrew tutor, or to work one-on-one with students

We strongly encourage everyone to participate in Keshet Hadash and Bros Hodesh or Girls Rosh Hodesh. We are confident that you would greatly benefit from those programs. However, this is not required for your participation in the *Madrichim* program.

You can apply for a *madrich/a* position in the Synagogue School by **completing the tear-off at the bottom of this page**. Return to RSNS as soon as possible. Rabbi Jodie will contact you with your placement information.

***Madrichim* Meetings (in addition to class time)**

Thursday, Sept. 1, 7:00-8:00 p.m.,

Tuesday, November 22, January 24, March 21 and May 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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RSNS Madrichim Program 2016-2017

RSNS strives to build a *Kehilla Kedosha*, a holy community. You can be an integral part of making this happen by becoming a member of our *madrichim* program. By signing this *brit* (covenant), all *madrichim* and their parents agree to abide by the above covenant.

***madrich/a* name:** _____

E-mail address: _____ **cell phone #** _____

***madrich/a* signature:** _____

Parent’s name: _____

Parent’s signature: _____

**RSNS TEEN PROGRAMMING GRADES 8-12
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO / REGISTRATION 2016-2017**

PRINT CLEARLY

Name of Student (last) _____ (first) _____

Student's Cell # _____

Student's e-mail address _____

Student's usernames (Instagram, Snapchat, musical.ly, WhatsApp, etc.) _____

Parent's e-mail address _____

Home phone # _____

TEEN PROGRAMS: check all programs for which you are registering.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bros' Hodesh - grades 8-12 - fee \$200** | <input type="checkbox"/> Keshet Hadash Youth Group (pay per event) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Rosh Hodesh - grades 8-12 - fee \$200** | <input type="checkbox"/> Madrichim - no fee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kulanu – Tuesday evening, grades 8-12 - fee \$150** | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt a Survivor - 8 th grade only - no fee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent section of Kulanu program with Rabbi Lee - no additional fee | |

**Register for Kulanu AND Bros Hodesh or Girls Rosh Hodesh – combined fee \$300/student

Total Payment \$ _____

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL EMERGENCY INFORMATION

1. Parent or Guardian _____

Work or daytime phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

2. Parent or Guardian _____

Work or daytime phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

In case of an emergency, if we are unable to reach a parent, who should be notified?

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Relation to child _____

Special needs: food allergies, medication *(Please put child's name and dosage on any medication to be kept in the office)*

_____ I acknowledge that no staff member will provide transportation to or from the RSNS in the event my child's customary transportation is unavailable, unless a special circumstance arises and I am notified first.

_____ I acknowledge that in the event of a medical emergency, a member of the RSNS staff may be required to drive my child to the nearest designated treatment facility (hospital or doctor) if that is the most reasonably prudent response at the time.

_____ I allow RSNS to use photos / videos containing images of my child.

_____ NO, I do NOT allow RSNS to use photos / videos containing images of my child.

Parent Signature: _____ date: ____/____/____