

RSNS TEEN PROGRAMMING GRADES 8-12
REGISTRATION/EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO 2018-2019

PRINT CLEARLY

Name of Student (last) _____ (first) _____

Student's Cell # _____

Student's e-mail address _____

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

Parents' e-mail addresses _____

TEEN PROGRAMS: All programs are **free** & for **grades 8-12** unless otherwise indicated. Check all for which you are registering.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Keshet Hadash Youth Group (pay per event) | <input type="checkbox"/> Better Together – grades 10-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Madrichim (work as a school aide) | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Life on Campus (April 30th) – grade 12 only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt a Survivor - 8 th grade only | <input type="checkbox"/> Israel for Teen Families - \$40 per family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Mentorship with Solomon (one-on-one) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bros' Hodesh (Boys' Group) - \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Shabbat | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls' Rosh Hodesh - \$200 |

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: ____/____/____

rsns TEEN connections



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:**



Keshar Hadash 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.

Israel for Teen Families 8TH - 12TH graders Cantor Eric and Solomon guide teens and their parents through Israel's complicated reality using the lenses of culture, history, and politics. Dinner included. \$40 per family covers food for all three sessions. 6:30-8pm, 10/16, 12/11, 2/12.

Better Together 10TH - 12TH graders Teens engage with adult seniors at North Shore Towers for dinner and social action programming one Sunday a month, 5-7pm. Thanks to a grant, this program is free!

Jewish Life on Campus 12TH graders A special 3 hour program about Jewish life, BDS, Anti-Semitism, etc. on college campuses. 6:30-9:30pm, Tuesday, 4/30, dinner included. FREE!

Girls' Rosh Hodesh or **Boys' Bros' Hodesh** One Tuesday a month, 6:30-8pm. \$200 for the year's worth of dinners and programming!

Adopt-a-Survivor 8TH graders One Wednesday a month, 5:30-7pm. Free!

Spiritual Mentorship with Solomon 8-12TH graders Meet one-on-one over coffee/frozen yogurt with Solomon Hoffman, to explore how to find holiness and faith in both difficult and joyous moments.

Teen Shabbat 8TH - 12TH graders Celebrate shabbat at a teen's home with eating, singing, reflecting and hanging out together! FREE! 6-8pm, 11/30, 1/25, 3/8, 5/10.

Madrichim Work as an aide in our school!

Questions?

Ask Cantor Eric or Rabbi Jodie.

**RSNS Madrichim Program 2018-2019
Covenant & Fact Sheet**

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

- **ATTEND A MANDATORY ORIENTATION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 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.
- 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.

Available days to work 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.

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)**

First meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 4, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Additional meetings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays: November 20; January 15; March 19 and May 21.

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RSNS Madrichim Program 2018-2019

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: _____



Kesher Hadash, 8 - 12th graders 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!

**2018-2019
Kesher Hadash
Calendar**

9/29 - 9/30 Sukka Sleepover

10/28 Mitzvah Day

12/8 Chanukkah Fry-Fest

1/21 MLK Day of Service

2/22 - 2/25 DC Trip!

3/31 Pre-Passover Pizza Making!

5/5 Israel Fest

6/1 Trapeze with **iflytrapeze!**

Israel for Teen Families, 8 - 12th graders Parents learn along side their teens, so they can be prepared to encounter responses to Israel in today’s society! Teens and their parents will unpack Israel’s complicated reality through the lenses of culture, history, and an exploration of the current political situation. We will also discuss various responses to Israel including AIPAC, BDS, etc. Cantor Eric and Solomon will lead these essential conversations with our teen families utilizing resources from Rabbi Jodie’s Israel Education Fellowship (Qushiyot). 6:30-8pm (dinner included), 10/16, 12/11, 2/12. \$40 per family covers dinner for all three sessions!

Teen Shabbat (8th - 12th graders) Four times this year, our teens will welcome Shabbat together in someone’s home, with an evening of eating, singing, reflecting and hanging out together! Teens are invited to contribute by playing an instrument, sharing poetry, or a social action idea. FREE, thanks to a grant from the Jewish Education Project! 6-8pm, 11/30, 1/25, 3/8, 5/10

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Better Together (10th - 12th grade)

Our 10th and 12th graders will meet monthly with RSNS adult seniors. Teens and seniors will engage in a different social justice topic each month. They will utilize an interactive curriculum created by renowned educator and former executive of Avoda Arts, Deb Krivoy. Seniors and teens will also collaborate on a culminating final project to be presented at our annual congregational meeting in June. Except for the first and last session, the program will meet at North Shore Towers in Little Neck. Dinner is included. Program is FREE for 10th/12th graders.

All participants submit an essay at the conclusion of the program, to be entered in a contest with a guaranteed RSNS first prize of \$5,000-\$8,000!

Dates Wednesday, 9/12, 6:00-7:00pm: student orientation at RSNS. Sunday afternoons, 5-7pm at North Shore Towers: 10/21, 11/18, 12/19, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/19. **Final presentation** Sunday, 6/2, 5:15pm: at RSNS' Congregational meeting

Spiritual Mentorship (all teens) An opportunity to explore personal experiences and challenges through the lens of Jewish texts and teachings. During individual meetings, we will explore how to find holiness and faith in both difficult and joyous moments. This is not therapy or counseling. Instead of focusing on solving problems, we'll look to Jewish sources as a perspective on the challenges and transitions of the teenage years. Solomon will meet with you once or twice a month over coffee/frozen yogurt. Educator Solomon Hoffman will mentor and Rabbi Jodie will supervise the program.

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, 2018-2019

October 2	Tishri
October 30	Heshvan
November 27	Kislev
December 18	Tevet
January 29	Shevat
February 26	AdarI
March 26	AdarII
April 16	Iyar
May 28	Sivan
June 11	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?

rabbijodie@rsns.org

rsns boys **TEEN** connections

with
cantor eric

bro's hodesh.

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

Bro's Hodesh, 2018-2019

October 2
October 30
November 27
December 18
January 29
February 26
March 26
April 16
May 28
June 9 Bro-BQ!!

\$200

covers all project materials and food.
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questions?

cantoreric@rsns.org

L'Taken

SOCIAL JUSTICE SEMINAR



FIND OUT MORE

WHO: RSNS Teens!!

WHEN: February 22-25th

CONTACT: Cantor Eric

Join us in Washington, D.C. for a fun and meaningful weekend with teens from coast-to-coast and learn about the Jewish imperative for justice and the Reform Movement's advocacy positions on critical public policy issues.

Students spend the weekend learning about major social justice issues and the Jewish values that inform the Reform Movement's advocacy, culminating on Monday when everyone heads to Capitol Hill to lobby their representatives in Congress on an issue of their choice.

What PARENTS are saying:

L'Taken was perhaps the best investment we've made to date: how do I write about a program that may have single-handedly both locked in our daughter's career path and turned the final key in guaranteeing her active involvement as a Jewish adult?

- *Debbie Roos, mother of Bailey Roos, Temple Beth-El, San Antonio, TX*

This program provided meaningful opportunities for hands-on learning, igniting curiosity, building life-long friendships, being part of something bigger and discovering one's own voice. Each of our children came back energized, excited and proud, having grown in immeasurable ways over those few days at L'Taken.

- *Susan Steinbrink, Leslie Weiss, Michelle Landau and Sharon Kollender; parents of David, Sarah, Annie and Ellie; Beth Or Congregation, Maple Glen, PA*

What PROFESSIONALS are saying:

While short-term programs often effect changes in knowledge or attitudes, it is rare for a program to change behaviors. The L'Taken seminar accomplishes both.

- *Jewish Education Service of North America*

What TEENS are saying:

The weekend was life changing... The things that I learned and the people I have met made me feel a stronger connection to my Judaism and my community.

- *Lizzie Leeds, Temple Judea, Coral Gables, FL*



The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism is the Washington office of the Union for Reform Judaism, whose nearly 900 congregations across North America encompass 1.5 million Reform Jews, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, whose membership includes more than 2,000 Reform rabbis. Visit rac.org for more.