

JEWISH *journey* PROJECT

FALL 2014 COURSE CATALOG

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welcome to the **Jewish Journey Project (JJP), a new initiative designed to revolutionize Jewish education.**

JJP provides participants—from 3rd to 8th grades—with rich opportunities to engage in extensive experiential learning outside of the classroom, making use of the vast Jewish resources of our great city of New York.

Each JJP participant plans and builds a personalized journey, choosing courses and workshops that match his or her passions and curiosities as well as preferred mode of learning. The JJP model is based on flexibility and creativity, with participants working collaboratively with excellent educators from a variety of backgrounds.

At JJP, we broaden Jewish learning and deepen Jewish living by providing experiences that involve the individual, the family, the synagogue, The JCC in Manhattan, and the larger New York Jewish community. We are excited that participants will meet, study and grow with a wide range of fellow learners.

JJP offers courses along five distinct Pathways: Torah, Spirituality & Ritual, Jewish Peoplehood, Hebrew, and Tikkun Olam. We offer courses every Monday–Thursday afternoon, on Shabbat evenings, and on Sundays. JJP also offers Intensives, day camp-style courses that will take place during school vacations, and Family Journeys. Every participant will work closely with a JJP advisor to help craft the ideal combination of courses each semester.



JJP values the vision and culture inherent to every synagogue community. In order to strengthen ties between participants and their congregations, all JJP participants will attend a regularly scheduled MeetUp at their home synagogue or at The JCC.

This catalog includes details about our amazing courses—from learning about Jewish life around the world, to making challah and other Jewish desserts, to learning about world Jewish music, to producing a staged reading featuring Jewish Heroes. These classes are geared for children in grades 3-8 with varied backgrounds and interests.

Please pass along this course catalog to any friends who may be interested in learning more about JJP, and please contact me with any questions.

I look forward to beginning this new journey with all of you.

Rabbi Lori Forman-Jacobi
Director



JJP lexicon

INDIVIDUAL PROFILE PAGE

All JJP participants have an online profile page that includes a digital passport to help track their journeys along each Pathway. Upon completion of a course, participants will receive a distinctive stamp for that Pathway. Participants will be able to track their progress over the years on this interactive website through a personalized e-portfolio which will assemble together pictures, videos, and written entries about their JJP experience.

PATHWAYS

The major themes of Jewish learning and living.

There are five Pathways to explore:



Torah



Spirituality & Ritual



Hebrew



Jewish Peoplehood



Tikkun Olam



COURSES, FAMILY JOURNEYS & INTENSIVES

Courses are enriching learning experiences that impart the core values, lessons, and skills of Jewish life through an integrated approach that fusing Jewish learning with other disciplines. Courses take place outside of the traditional classroom. Each semester, participants will travel new courses along different Pathways and receive stamps in their Passport as they build their Jewish Journey.

Family Journeys are for families who are interested in pursuing a project together such as mastering home rituals, or engaging in a guided discussion on the weekly Torah portion.

JJP participants can also choose our school vacation Intensives. These daycamp-style courses provide opportunities for participants to explore various pathways in-depth.



MEETUP

A home base for every participant. MeetUp provides time and space for JJP participants to gather together as a synagogue community or at The JCC on a regular basis. MeetUp allows synagogues to impart their vision to JJP participants and provides a forum for participants to share their Jewish Journey experiences with fellow travelers.



BEGIN YOUR *journey*

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS WINTER/SPRING 2014

HOW IT WORKS

- Afternoon and weekend courses will take place at synagogues, The JCC, museums, parks, and other locations around Manhattan.
- Your child can take courses that fit his or her schedule, including school vacation intensives and family journeys.
- Once you are a JJP participant, your child can travel any Pathway, any course, anywhere!
- You can, but do not have to, travel courses solely at your home synagogue.
- Each JJP participant will meet with an advisor twice each year to choose courses. At least one parent is encouraged to take part in these meetings. Advisors will also stay in touch through phone calls or e-mail correspondence throughout the year.
- You pay tuition to your home synagogue or to The JCC in Manhattan.
- Requirements, including those for Bar and Bat Mitzvah, will be set by each participating synagogue.

Mondays

At The JCC in Manhattan



Bring Our Holiday Stories to Life!
Nicole Raphael
Mondays at The JCC,
4-5:15pm
3rd-4th Grade

Learn the meaning behind our favorite celebrations and most important Jewish holidays. We will study the sacred stories of Rosh Hashanah - Akeidah/Hannah; Yom Kippur - Jonah; Tu B'shevat - Honi the Circle Maker; Chanukah - Judith; and Shavuot - Ruth. Class will culminate in an interactive reading - created, written, and performed by the students.



Learn to Read Hebrew
Merav Ezer
Mondays at The JCC,
5:15-6:15pm
3rd-4th Grade

Calling all beginners! In this course, we will learn all 26 letters of the aleph-bet and their accompanying vowels through a self-paced program. Take the guess work out of reading Hebrew to become a proficient Hebrew reader. After gaining this basic Hebrew reading knowledge, you'll have the tools to master Hebrew prayers and take an important step to being an active participant in synagogue services.



Animidrash
Jake Friedman
Mondays at The JCC, 4-5pm
5th-6th Grade

Many stories in the Torah seem to have missing parts, leaving us with questions. Jews have created stories to answer these questions. In this course you will learn these stories, these "midrashim," using "chalk board animation" - a cool, flipbook style of animating involving drawing, photography and computers.



Perform a Mitzvah!
Community Service
Meg Sullivan
Mondays at The JCC, 5-6pm
5th-6th Grade

Not your average community service experience! This self-directed service learning opportunity involves the processes of identifying needs in one's own community, designing a project that directly addresses those needs, and creatively implementing that project in collaboration with the local community. This experience teaches students the values of responsible Tikkun Olam (community service), while thinking critically about the needs of their own communities. Each session will begin with a short case study of Jews performing service throughout history and its impact on our current society.

Tuesdays

At B'nai Jeshurun



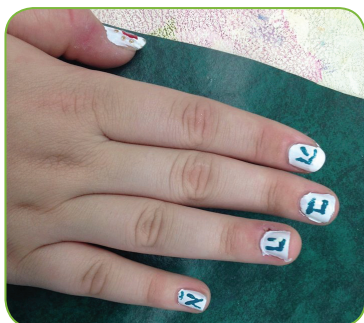
Imagine, Observe, Create!
Drawing and the Art
of Chasidic Storytelling
Tirtzah Bassel
Tuesdays at BJ, 4-5:15pm
5th-6th Grade

Chasidism, a type of Judaism popular in 19th Century Eastern Europe, is marked by spirituality, self-reflection, and a love of storytelling. This course will highlight the strange and wild tales of the Chasidic masters, and the ways in which they continue to impact Judaism today. We will draw from observation and imagination, and with drawing techniques we will bring these great stories to life.



Theodore's Time
Machine Tour
Merav Ezer
Tuesdays at BJ, 4-5pm
5th-6th Grade

Hop in a time machine and travel through Israel with the founder of modern Zionism, Theodore Herzl, as your guide! Learn about the rich history of the state of Israel and compare the past to the present. Learn about Herzl's dream to build a country for the Jewish people, and how this dream has materialized and faced many challenges along the way.



World Jewish Music:
To Learn and Play
Elad Kabillo
Tuesdays at BJ, 4-5pm
3rd-5th Grades

This class is for students who wish to explore Jewish musical history in sound. From Europe to Israel to North America, each session will highlight a new aspect of the music of Jewish prayer, history, and culture. Accompanied by a cello at each session, students will study the great Jewish musical highlights from classical to folk to Israeli music and pop songs. Students will also compose prayers, songs, and poetry. This course is taught by a professional cellist from Israel and participants who play an instrument are encouraged to bring it to class, but it is not a requisite. Open to all students. This course is offered in conjunction with Music Talks.



Torah Stories &
Stop-Motion Animation
Merav Ezer
Tuesdays at BJ 5-6:15pm
3th-5th Grade

Recreate cliff-hanging tales of drama and adventure in the Torah using Legos! Together, we will learn exciting biblical stories, build our favorite scenes, and produce an action-packed movie using stop-motion animation. The class will also direct and create the audio track for each story. Copies of these short movies will be uploaded to The JJP YouTube channel. This class is reserved for students who have not participated in Stop-Motion Animation to date.

At The JCC



Develop Your Soul:
Explore Your Family's Life
Through Photography
Jennifer Weisbord
Tuesdays at BJ, 5:15-6:15pm
5th-6th Grade

Do you love looking at old family photos? Are you always the one with the camera? Photography provides a snapshot into our past. Join us as we learn about our ancestors through photography and storytelling. Explore the basics of light and composition by studying different types of portraiture through field trips, slide shows, and more. Practice taking portraits and ask what stories the photos tell you. Read together parts of Daniel Pearl's book, *I am Jewish*, as a springboard to develop and prepare your own thoughtful interview questions. Photograph and interview family members to create a photo journal of your past and present.



Wednesdays

At B'nai Jeshurun



Sweet Treats:
Shabbat & Holiday Baking
Miya Rotstein
Wednesdays at BJ,
3:45-5:15pm
4th-5th Grade

Explore the culinary art of braiding and baking as you learn to bake some of our favorite Jewish foods. From challah to hamentaschen, matzah to rugelach - discover the roots of our favorite treats in a historical and cultural context. We will also cook traditional foods such as matzah brei, matzah ball soup, and knishes. Come hungry and discover how creating a deeper connection to these foods can nourish our bodies... and our Jewish souls.



Midrash Manicures
Tali Adler
Wednesdays a BJ,
5:15-6:15pm
4th-5th Grade

Midrash Manicures combines traditional Judaism and modern, creative nail art. During this course, we will be looking closely at the Torah portion of the week and creative rabbinic interpretations of popular stories from Bible...then applying what we learn directly to our fingernails!



Tamshichu! (*continuing Hebrew for intermediate readers*)

Amy Fechter

Wednesdays at BJ 4-5pm,
5th-7th Grade

Wednesday at BJ 5:15-
6:15pm, 4th-5th Grade

Tamshichu means “continue” in Hebrew, and that’s exactly what this class will do! This course is for intermediate Hebrew students who have taken Learn to Read Hebrew (or its equivalent) and want to continue to develop their reading, vocabulary, and fluency. We will learn how to identify Hebrew roots, build simple sentences, and understand the text of several familiar prayers. Join us in cracking the code of the Hebrew language and amaze yourself with what you will come to understand!



The Playlist of the Middle East

Daphna Mor

Wednesdays at BJ, 5-6pm
6th-7th Grade

Jam out to a playlist you’ve likely never heard on the radio; with tracks from Iran, Ethiopia, Yemen, Morocco, and beyond. The Playlist of the Middle East is an all-levels music class designed to take you on a trip around the world through songs and cultural traditions from many countries where Jews have had rich lives for thousands of years. Students will learn percussion instruments and explore music from contemporary bands like Balkan Beat Box and Yemen Blues. This course is offered in partnership with Piyyut North America.



**Thinking Outside the Box:
Adaptive Design for the
Jewish Community**

Amanda Gelb

Wednesdays at BJ, 4-5:15pm
7th-8th Grade

What does Judaism teach us about the way we treat others, particularly those with special needs? Using a methodology called “Design Thinking,” we will learn more about the needs of those with physical disabilities in our Jewish community. We will apply our insight and build prototypes of real solutions for individuals with physical disabilities. You will have the opportunity to visit New York’s premiere adaptive design organization, which will teach you how to make hands-on solutions for your ideas. We’ll also hear from and pose questions to inspiring guest speakers who have disabilities or who work with those that do. This is a class that will push your ideas and skills to the next level in real ways by creating solutions for people who need them most.



Chai Mitzvah Online

Wednesdays at BJ,
5:15-6:15pm
6th-7th Grade

Chai Mitzvah is a special program for our 7th grade students to deepen their understanding of the prayer service, particularly the Shabbat morning service. Participants will work at their own pace, both in-class and at home, to complete this 36-module, online course that explores the most important Jewish prayers and the Torah service including its unique choreography. Students who choose this course are also encouraged to join the Sunday Intensive, Ritual Jam, with one or both parents. See description under Sunday Intensives.

At West End Synagogue



Learn to Read Hebrew

Merav Ezer

Wednesdays at West End
Synagogue, 4-5pm
3rd-5th Grade

Calling all beginners! In this course, we will learn all 26 letters of the aleph-bet and their accompanying vowels. Take the guess work out of reading Hebrew to become a proficient Hebrew reader. After gaining this basic Hebrew reading knowledge, you’ll have the tools to master Hebrew prayers and take the first step to feeling comfortable in synagogue.



Israeli Dance: Rikudei Am

Wednesdays at West End
Synagogue, 5-6pm
3rd-6th grade

Israeli dance is much more than the hora. Join this fun, energetic course and learn traditional Israeli circle dances and the most recent line dances that are rocking the scene in Israel. We’ll cover the classics, touch on your summer camp favorites, and arrive at dances set to contemporary Israeli popular music. Expand your Hebrew vocabulary while dancing with friends.



**Giants, Dragons and Ghosts!
Biblical Monsters**

with Mechon Hadar

Jeremy Tabik

Wednesdays at Hadar 4-5pm
5th-6th Grade

Travel through the Torah on the back of twisting sea serpent Leviathan! Practice your Hebrew with the ghosts of Sheol! Embark on the ultimate biblical journey with the creatures lurking deep inside the Torah. We’ll use the book of Genesis as our starting point, touching on Creation, the Flood and strange half-human half-divine beings called nephilim. From there we’ll fan out to other places in the Bible like the Witch of Endor and the spies who scouted out the Land of Israel. In this course, you will engage in the classic Havruta method of learning: small group Torah study in a lively, informal setting. You will learn at Mechon Hadar, a Beit Midrash, where college graduates dedicate a full year to in-depth Torah study. No Hebrew or Torah experience necessary. Mechon Hadar is an independent egalitarian yeshiva that meets at the West End Synagogue building.



Thursdays

At The SAJ (The Society of Advancement of Judaism)



Ruach Squad

Adam Feder

Thursdays at SAJ, 4-5pm
3rd-5th Grade

We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how about you? If you have a loud, infectious spirit and want to bring it to the streets, the community, and the world - this class is for you! You can make a difference in people's lives with song, dance, and energy by joining the JJP Ruach Squad. Part performance, part choreography, all fun - you will focus your energy on creating your very own ruach-filled performance to perform at local senior residences.



Bring Jewish Heroes to Life!

Nicole Raphael

SAJ, 5:00-6:15pm
3rd-5th Grade

Step into Sandy Kofax's cleats, into Anne Frank's Annex, and even into Yochanan Ben Zakkai's coffin - just to name a few! We will improv, role-play, and perform moments in the lives of our favorite Jewish leaders and heroes to discover why they made an impact on us and our world. Through the use of theatre games, scripts, and improvisation, we will journey to different points in Jewish history and walk around in the shoes of Jewish men and women whose courage, achievements, and notable qualities have become part of our proud Jewish heritage. Our heroic journey will culminate in a play written and performed by our student actors.



JJP Book Club

Sheila Lewis

Thursdays at SAJ, 5-6pm
4th-5th Grade

Do you love to read? Enter little known worlds of Jewish life, starting with "The War Within", by Carol Matas, about Confederate Jews of the Civil War. From there we will read novels about Jews in post-war France and North America by other gifted authors. We will support our exploration of award winning books in all genres with crafts, media, and writing projects.



Improv Olam

Alan Rudt

Thursdays at SAJ, 4-5pm
6th-7th Grade

Teamwork, action, and communal effort are the cornerstone traditions of Jewish social responsibility. They also happen to be the fundamental principles of improvisation. This fast-paced class uses games, play, and improvised stories to explore the principles of Tikkun Olam and related rabbinic texts. We will learn how to be positive, take risks, and collaborate with our peers as we use improv to make sense of social responsibility.



Tamshichu! (continuing Hebrew for intermediate readers)

Thursdays at SAJ, 4-5pm,
5th-7th Grade

Tamshichu means "continue" in Hebrew, and that's exactly what this class will do! This course is for intermediate Hebrew students who have taken Learn to Read Hebrew (or its equivalent) and want to continue to develop their reading, vocabulary, and fluency. We will learn how to identify Hebrew roots, build simple sentences, and understand the text of several familiar prayers. Join us in cracking the code of the Hebrew language and amaze yourself with what you will come to understand!



Divergent Jewish Tales

Andrew Sheer

Thursdays at SAJ, 5-6pm
6th-7th Grade

A Rabbi as a gladiator in the Roman Colosseum? Rivers flowing upstream and a Rabbi-Cyclops whose eyes burn everything they see? The Jewish Rumpelstiltskin famed for his ability to bring rain? Each week, we will explore these stories and many more found in the Aggadah/ folklore of the Talmud. Additionally we will learn the seven questions whose answers are hidden from mankind. If you want the source for that, you'll need to sign up and read it yourself!



Recipes from the Torah with DOROT

Nancy Wolfson-Moche

Thursday at The JCC,
3:45-5:15 pm
3rd-4th Grade

From Sarah's quick-rising cakes, to the red lentil stew Jacob exchanges for Esau's birthright, the Torah is rich with references to food. In each session, we will explore a Torah verse in which there is a reference to a specific food and how it is prepared. We will prepare the dish, following the recipe as authentically as possible. This is an intergenerational cooking program in which students cook, learn, and exchange stories with DOROT seniors. This course is open to participants who have not taken a DOROT cooking class with JJP in the past.

At The JCC in Manhattan



Play with Clay: Ceramics and Creation

Miya Rotstein

Thursday at The JCC,
3:45-5:15pm
3rd-4th Grade

Let's get our hands dirty! Join us as we shape our Jewish experience and create ritual objects such as mezuzot, hamsas, spice boxes, seder plates, and more! We will frame each lesson with a textual exploration of the meaning of each object in Jewish tradition. This course is open to participants who did not take the Cooking and Kiln Craft class in spring 2014.



Learn to Read Hebrew

Meira Marom

Wednesdays at The JCC,
5:30 -6:30pm
3rd-4th Grade

Calling all beginners! In this course, we will learn all 26 letters of the aleph-bet and their accompanying vowels. Take the guess work out of reading Hebrew to become a proficient Hebrew reader. After gaining this basic Hebrew reading knowledge, you'll have the tools to master Hebrew prayers and take first step to feeling comfortable in synagogue.

At Tamid: The Downtown Synagogue



**World Jewish Music:
To Learn and Play**
Elad Kabillo
Thursdays at Tamid:
The Downtown
Synagogue, 4-5pm
4th-6th Grades

This class is for students who wish to explore Jewish musical history in sound. From Europe to Israel to North America, each session will highlight a new aspect of the music of Jewish prayer, history, and culture. Accompanied by a cello at each session, students will study the great Jewish musical highlights from classical to folk to Israeli music and pop songs. Students will also compose prayers, songs, and poetry. This course is taught by a professional cellist from Israel and participants who play an instrument are encouraged to bring it to class, but it is not a requisite. Open to all students. This course is offered in conjunction with Music Talks.



**Torah Stories &
Stop-Motion Animation**
Merav Ezer
Tuesdays at Tamid: The
Downtown Synagogue,
5-6:15pm
3rd-5th Grade

Recreate cliff-hanging tales of drama and adventure in the Torah using Legos! Together, we will learn exciting biblical stories, build our favorite scenes, and produce an action-packed movie using stop-motion animation. The class will also direct and create the audio track for each story. Copies of these short movies will be uploaded to The JJP YouTube channel. This class is reserved for students who have not participated in Stop-Motion Animation to date.

At the Dwight School



Learn to Read Hebrew
Sara Rosen
Thursdays at Dwight
3rd-4th, 3:30 - 4:30pm
5th-6th, 4:30 - 5:30pm

Calling all beginners! In this course, we will learn all 26 letters of the aleph-bet and their accompanying vowels. Take the guess work out of reading Hebrew to become a proficient Hebrew reader. After gaining this basic Hebrew reading knowledge, you'll have the tools to master Hebrew prayers and take the first step in feeling comfortable in synagogue.



**Stop, Drop, and Roll:
Torah in Action!**
Danny Kron
Thursdays at
The Dwight School
3rd-4th Grade 4:30 - 5:30pm
5th-6th Grade 5:30 - 6:30pm

There are 613 Mitzvot (commandments) in the Torah. Many can be expressed as values that shape our character and keep our minds and bodies healthy. Join us as we actively explore the mitzvot by playing some of our favorite team sports - soccer, basketball, kickball, and more - and engage in team building exercises that highlight central Jewish values such as shmirat haguf v'hanefesh (protection of body/mind), anavah (humility), din v'rachamim (justice and mercy).



Saturday Night Intensive

At The JCC in Manhattan



In Reel Life
(Year-long course)
Naomi Less and
Rabbi Laurie Phillips
Saturday night Intensive,
7-9pm
Dates: 10/11, 11/22, 12/13,
2/21, 2/14, 4/18 and 5/16
(snow date)
This is a course
students attend with
at least one parent
6th-8th Grade

Documentary films are powerful - through this medium we are able to experience the lives of others and feel connected to the most important issues in our society and world. As Jews, we have a responsibility to learn, get involved, and make a difference. Join us for seven very special nights, during which parents and students will view a documentary film followed by a discussion incorporating Jewish texts and values.



Sundays

At SAJ (The Society for the Advancement in Judaism)



**Learn to Read Hebrew -
Reading Clinic**
Sara Rosen
Sundays at SAJ, 9-10am
All Ages

Calling all students! In this Hebrew reading clinic, students will work through a self-paced program to take the guessing work out of reading Hebrew to become proficient Hebrew readers. This reading clinic is open to students of different reading levels from beginners to those who are working to master their reading of Hebrew prayers with speed and confidence!



**Larry Potter and
The Shul of Magic**
Matt Dorte
Sundays at SAJ, 10am-12pm
All Ages

This drama course concludes with the production of an original play featuring popular music, original characters, and quality roles for all participants! Larry Potter is in his first year of studying Hebrew Wizardry at Hoggleschwartz Shul of Magic when he discovers that he is at the center of a twisted Yom Kippur plot to take over the school, hatched by Mort Volden and his three-headed dragon. This class incorporates Jewish history, integration of Hebrew, and Jewish holiday rituals to create an experience for participants that emphasizes the values of kehila (community) and b'tachon (confidence).

At The JCC in Manhattan



JCC Family Chorus
Adam Feder
Sundays at The JCC
in Manhattan
All ages

Love to sing? JJP Family Chorus is for you! In Hebrew, English, Yiddish and the other languages Jews have spoke over the course of history; we will sing traditional melodies and new tunes that define the modern Jewish community around the world. We will also develop vocal skills, learn to sing in harmony, and perform throughout New York City. Together, we will build The Jewish Journey Project Family Chorus. No previous singing background required!

At International Krav Maga



Protect Yourself! Krav Maga
Gil Woodbridge
Sundays at the International
Krav Maga Studio
4-5pm, 3rd-4th Grade
5-6pm, 5th-6th Grade

Krav Maga is a non-competitive, self-defense martial art developed in Israel. The wide combination of techniques used are both hands-on and practical. Through high energy games, drills, and exercises - much in Hebrew - students will acquire self-confidence, self-defense tactics, and have fun! Please note that this is for students who did not participate in Krav Maga this past year, 2013-2014.

At Tamid: The Downtown Synagogue



Eye Spy: Holiday Investigation
Team (Year-long course)
Jael Goldstein
Sundays at Tamid,
9:30-10:30am
3rd-4th Grade

Using the Etgar Yesodi curriculum* as a foundation, this course seeks to encourage students' curiosity, imagination, and self expression. By investigating our favorite Jewish holidays and celebrations, this course links Jewish values and spirituality with experiential learning, technology, and family involvement. The curriculum aims to connect students with the textual, ritual, and artistic sources of Jewish life and their ability to contribute to the world around them.

(*Etgar Yesodi is curriculum developed by The Melton Center of The Davidson School of The Jewish Theological Seminary.)



Hebrew Ulpán
Meira Marom
Sundays at Tamid,
10:45-11:45am
3rd-5th Grade

Imagine being able to step up to the counter at a restaurant in Tel Aviv - or even at an Israeli restaurant in Manhattan - and order in Hebrew! In this course, every Modern Hebrew lesson will focus on a different daily-life situation, such as ordering in a restaurant, buying a bus ticket, or inviting a friend to play. We will watch short videos of conversations between Israelis of all ages, and practice our conversational skills. New and continuing students welcome.

Sunday Intensives

Dates:

9/21; 10/19; 11/16; 12/14



Torah Stories through
Art and Dance
Ellen Alt and Dalia Davis
Sundays at The JCC,
10am-2pm
3rd-4th Grade

Can't sit still? Love to create? Then Torah Stories through Art and Dance is for you! Join a dancer and artist to explore some of our favorite stories and characters from the Torah in completely new ways -- through dance and movement, and mixed media arts and crafts. Get messy, get moving, and learn how the Torah can shape the way we live and create meaning in the world!



Brachot:
Cooking and Bookmaking
Nancy Wolfson Moche
and Tirtzah Bassel
Sundays at The JCC, 12-4pm
4th-5th Grade

In this intensive, students will learn blessings that are connected to certain foods and explore each blessing through the arts of cooking and bookmaking. Inspired by tractate Brachot (blessings) of the Talmud, students will cook a delicious meal using each food item, and create a Book of Blessings. Working in mixed media, each page of the book will be designed in the same format as the Talmud. The center will contain the blessing; while the surrounding "commentaries" will contain the recipes, the origins of the food, and a story. All the pieces on the page will interconnect, providing students with a recipe book that is a unique work of Jewish art.



Back to the Jewish Future
Matt Darter
Sundays Location TBD,
12:30-3:30pm
6th-8th Grade

Using the evocative photography of Zion Ozeri, participants will take a monthly journey through time with Marty McFlyowitz and Doc Brownstein, who have created a vehicle that can travel to any point in Jewish history. This intensive mixes theater, comedy, and storytelling, allowing participants to interact with famous figures and make decisions that impact the future of the Jewish people. Focusing on the Diaspora, the 2000-Year history of Jewish life outside the land of Israel, participants will learn a well-rounded view of the Jewish timeline while growing more familiar with their own personal stories.



Exploring the Holocaust
Andrew Scheer
Sundays at The JCC,
10am-1pm
6th-8th Grade

This intensive will explore WWII and the Holocaust through historical documents, films, photographs, and first-hand accounts. This course culminates in a class trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Participants must commit to attending all three sessions in order to attend the day-long Washington, D.C. day trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.



**From Klemzer to Punk Rock:
Jewish Protest Music**
Stephen Figurasmith
Sundays at The JCC,
1:30 - 4:30pm
6th-8th Grade

This class will explore protest songs written by and about Jews in different places, times, and musical genres. Students will listen, sing, and engage in discussions and activities related to each song's message, topic, and context. Working together in small groups, participants will write and record their own protest songs. Students are encouraged to bring an instrument to play if they have one, but it is not required and no technical instruction will be given!

Topics covered may include the Spanish Inquisition, the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, American racism and civil rights, the Jewish roots of punk rock, and the Israeli-Arab conflict. Potential field trips may go to Zuccotti Park, Jewish Theological Seminary, and the Lower East Side Tenement Museum.



Ritual Jam (Year long course)
Naomi Less and Chai Tech
(online course)
Sunday at The JCC,
3:30 - 6:00pm
September 21st, October 19th,
November 16th, December
14th, January 11th,
February 8th, March 15th,
April 19th, May 17th
5th – 7th Grade (student
and at least one parent)

Calling all families! Ritual Jam invites an innovative dual approach to help you to learn and review the Shabbat service and other central Jewish prayers. Once a month, you will gather together at The JCC for a Ritual Jam workshop with prayer leader and musician, Naomi Less. As a family, you will explore the meaning of the prayers through music and practice each prayer in a comfortable, fun space. You will also have a chance to collaborate, experiment and musically create your own melodies. Every family be given access to the music they learn at the jam to continue ritual jamming at home! (Families will also be able to take home mp3's of their original musical creations.)

That's not all ! As a family at home you will be using a unique online learning program called Chai Mitzvah that offers 36 on-line lessons exploring Shabbat prayers' meanings and origins. Additionally, you will find fun puzzles and games to help review the material.

Family Journeys



Shabbat Table Talk - Online
All Ages (Family)

An important aspect of Shabbat is learning and discussing the weekly Torah portion, called the Parshat HaShavuah. Each week, we will provide an email with a synopsis of the week's Torah portion, along with questions for families to discuss at any time during the week. Students record their participation online in a journal on the JJP profile page. After participating in 15 family discussions and online journaling, a student will receive the Parshat HaShavuah badge. This Independent Family Journey can extend over many semesters.



Up, Up and Away: Family Trip to Israel
All Ages (Family)

If your family is traveling to Israel, let us know and we will provide a customized educational packet for your trip. All you have to do is provide us with your itinerary six weeks in advance, and we will put together a JJP Trip Journal for your child to complete while in Israel to earn a special, "I visited Israel" badge. This is a family journey.



Hebrew Homepage – Online
4th - 7th Grade

Make Hebrew your homepage! As a Hebrew Homepage participant, you will schedule one 30-minute session each week with a trained educator for engaging, Internet-based learning. Using an interactive digital platform, Hebrew Homepage provides an opportunity for you to benefit from one-on-one Hebrew reading practice from the convenience of your own home. You can choose to participate in Hebrew Homepage individually, or schedule sessions with your friends also in the Jewish Journey Project. Group sessions are limited to three students. This course will be scheduled according to your availability.



Fall Semester Calendar 2014-2015

Fall 2014

START: Wednesday, September 10th

END: Thursday, December 18th

Mondays Courses

Run for 13 sessions

September 15, 22, 29

October 6, 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 1, 8, 15

Tuesdays Courses

Run for 13 sessions

September 16, 23, 30

October 7, 24, 21, 28

November 4, 18, 25

December 2, 9, 16

Wednesdays Courses

Run for 11 sessions

September 10, 17

October 1, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19

December 3, 10, 17

Thursdays Courses

Run for 11 sessions

September 11, 18

October 2, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 20

December 4, 11, 18

Sundays Courses

Run for 12 sessions

September 14, 21, 28

October 5, 19, 26

November 2, 9, 16, 23

December 7, 14

Saturday Night Intensive

October 11

November 22

December 13

Sunday Intensives

September 21st

October 19th

November 16th

December 14th

Winter Holiday Intensive

December 22-24; 26

Spring 2015

START: Tuesday, January 20th

(Sunday Intensive start

January 11th)

END: Thursday, May 14th (Sunday

Intensives end May 17th)



MeetUp

MeetUps will be held throughout the year at partner synagogues for their members participating in JJP. Each synagogue is designing JJP MeetUp to impart the congregation's culture, values, music and vision to all JJP participants. Participants and families will have opportunities to share their JJP experiences and achievements, and some MeetUps will include family activities.

Families who enroll through The JCC will participate in MeetUp monthly.

Add a line that says, please contact your synagogue or The JCC for more details about the days and times your child's MeetUp will meet in the fall.

Go to the website: jewishjourneyproject.org for:

Faculty bios

Addresses of all course locations

To register, beginning on June 9, 2014

For more information, please contact our office at:

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or

email lorifj@jewishjourneyproject.org



PRACTICAL information

REGISTRATION

The Jewish Journey Project is open to all children in 3rd-8th grades.

FOR MEMBERS OF PARTNERING SYNAGOGUES: If you are a member of one of our partner synagogues, contact your synagogue office to register. The partnering synagogues listed have each individually decided how to offer JJP to their families and participants. If your synagogue is piloting JJP for your child's grade, tuition is paid to your home synagogue.

FOR ALL OTHER REGISTRANTS: All families are welcome to register through The JCC. To participate through The JCC, the tuition for the 2014-2015 school year is \$2,400 or \$2,200 for JCC members.

Upon registration, participants and their families will meet with an advisor to plan the participant's customized schedule. All after school and weekend courses and school-vacation intensives are open to your child. Subsequent advisory meetings will take place over the year, and the advisor will keep in touch with the family through phone calls and e-mail correspondence.

Courses may fill up quickly, so early registration is recommended.

These courses cannot be paid for a la carte.

Limited scholarship funds are available. Contact your synagogue office or The JCC for details.

Requirements, including those for Bar and Bat Mitzvah, will be set independently by each synagogue.

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To learn more about JJP go to
jewishjourneyproject.org

Want to know more? Have ideas for courses?

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