

Netivon Elective Choices - Fall 2009
TUESDAYS, 6:30-7:30pm
One Day Program Students Grades 8-11
Two Day Program Students Grades 10 and 11

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TUESDAY 2 DAY PROGRAM STUDENT ELECTIVES

War and Violence in the Hebrew Bible

Martin Shuster

Have you ever wondered what it means that the TaNaKH—our holy book—has war, violence, and murder in its pages? Are you curious about how these issues are conceived of in the TaNaKH and how these ideas can relate to our own ideas about war, violence, and murder? This class will discuss various Biblical stories in order to illustrate the themes of violence, holy war, revenge, mass murder, and death. As well, on a less depressing note, we will also look at the current of utopianism and redemption that is also present in many of these texts. Rated M (Mature) for violence, blood, and sexual content.

The Devil's Advocate

Isaac Woloff

At first glance the chapters of Genesis seem to outline clear cut cases of good vs. evil but through careful analysis of the text we will see that blame is not easily placed as these stories are more complicated and nuanced than they may appear.

Mission: Responding to Campus Missionaries

Leslie Rosen

Responding to On-Campus Christian Missionaries There is a multi-million dollar ministry specifically targeting Jewish students. What they're about; what we're about; why the difference matters.

I Am Jewish

Dr. Paul Schneider

Danny Pearl, a writer for the Wall Street Journal, was abducted and murdered by Islamic extremists while on assignment a few years ago in Pakistan. His last words, as captured on videotape- "My father is Jewish. My mother is Jewish. I am Jewish." As a class, we will explore the meaning of those words as informed by readings and guest speakers.

The Jewish Legends: Connecting Jewish Leaders Mi Dor L'Dor – From Generation to Generation

Ricky Gratz

By engaging with Jewish texts and learning about our collective Jewish history through the acclaimed PBS documentary film, The Jewish Americans, we will explore our roots, study Jewish leadership traits and meet several dynamic Jewish leaders who transformed our country. Throughout our journey, we will discuss and debate the opportunities and challenges that surfaced throughout the Jewish American experience and examine the leadership skills that helped these people become successful Jewish American leaders.

TUESDAY 1 DAY PROGRAM STUDENT ELECTIVES

THE NY TIMES IS ACTUALLY A JEWISH TEXT

Leslie Rosen

The New York Times is Actually a Jewish Text -Is it good for the Jews? Current events that touch upon issues important to Jews - from church/state issues to Israel and the Middle East, from social issues to politics, from the wedding page and the obits to the science section - everything that is fit to print in the NYTimes is fit to be seen with Jewish eyes; get vision!

Victims and Aggressors

Abigail Kogen

The role of women in the Bible is multifaceted. Women play the roles of both victims and victors, heroines and the vehicles leading toward the downfall of their societies. We will explore how these characters represent the dichotomy of the world's perception of women.

Israel Advocacy

Hannah Rothschild

In this elective you will learn the basics and the importance of Israel advocacy. We will discuss the Israeli-Arab conflict and the peace process. We will try to understand the Jewish connection to the Land of Israel and centrality of Israel in Jewish History and culture. We will learn the ARM technique of advocacy which can be used in any debate and discussion

12th graders do not choose a Tuesday elective; 12th graders will attend the Senior Seminar with Rabbi Shulman during this period:

Developing a Personal Philosophy for Life

As you prepare to leave High School and begin your own journey into life it is important to define the ideas and beliefs that can form your worldview, core values, and ideals. Rabbi Ron Shulman invites you to think with him about your personal philosophy and theology. Our time together will be spent in exploring classical and contemporary points of view as well as discussing and debating our own in light of current events and personal experiences.

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THURSDAY ELECTIVES

Murder in the Text- A CSI Approach

Rabbi Stuart Hoffman

An analysis and evaluation of the four murders in the Torah and others throughout Tanach with a CSI perspective. This includes a text analysis of each case, a review of motivations, potential perpetrators, "people of interest," ramifications, and the long term impact upon Jewish history and Jewish survival.

Face the Jewish Nation

Alex Weinberg

Join Alex for a debate on current political issues that affect Jews in the United States, Israel and world Jewry. Each week we will grapple with different hot topics.

Singing through Israel

Hannah Rothschild

This elective will focus on a very important cultural activity that unites Israeli-Singing together. When Israelis sing together history is revealed in their songs. We will learn some of the songs of the past and present which will take us through pre-state and the 60 years of the state of Israel. Let us raise our voices in song and praise!!!!

How is this Movement Different from all other Movements?

Rebekah Kass

Everyone knows the Big Three: Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Judaism. We might notice the external differences, but there's a lot more behind these movements and their ideologies. This class will explore the Conservative movement, its ideologies, and its evolution as a movement throughout the twentieth century, as well as how Conservative Jews confront modernity today.

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Return this form, or email your ranked list to rosenbloom@chizukamuno.org

NAME _____

GRADE _____

Please note that elective classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and allowing for adjustments based on class grade-levels, other courses you are taking, and overall class size. If you do not return your list of choices by Tuesday, September 15, 2009, we will assign you to a class of our choosing...!

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8th-11th grade 1 Day and 2 Day 10th & 11th

graders: Please rank ALL of the courses below, in your order of preference. (1 = 1st choice, 4 = last choice)

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