

Westside Chai



10. Stay connected to your Jewish friends.
9. Continue learning about Judaism with greater depth and thoughtful engagement.
8. Forge a stronger Jewish identity, voice and *neshamah* to better prepare you for High School and college.
7. Feel passionate about Israel and understand the complexity of our Jewish State (with hopes you'll take a trip there soon).
6. Explore Jewish thought and text through multimedia such as: Facebook, youtube, webisodes, film and guest speakers.
5. Discuss "Hot Topics" that are relevant to you as a Jewish teen (sex, drugs and rock 'n roll).
4. Engage in social action, and experience Jewish culture in our rich LA Jewish community.
3. Question and debate compelling Jewish subjects like: Anti-Semitism, Spirituality, Ethics and God.
2. Learn with inspiring and dynamic facilitators.
1. Experience all of this in a welcoming laid-back environment with fellow "MOT" (Members of the Tribe).

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A Community High School Program

For 8th-10th Grades
2015-2016/5776

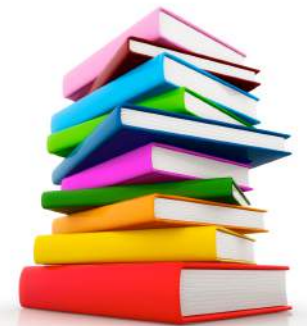
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Chai (18) Class Sessions

Dinner, social time, and dessert are built into each and every interactive class session.

USY Membership included.



Open to all Jewish teens on the Westside

Curriculum

Classes meet every other week on a rotating schedule: three weeks (approx.) will be regular classroom experiences; one week will be a “Special Program” (movie nights, field trips and holiday programs). Students will go on a journey of Jewish exploration with amazing HS facilitators. Students will grapple with such themes as God, Torah and Israel through experiential and text-based curriculum, significantly contributing to the intellectual, emotional, social, cultural and religious growth of our teens. Interactive learning techniques, guest speakers, multi-media, debate and other engaging vehicles are utilized in the classroom. The program is further aimed at enhancing an appreciation for lifelong Jewish learning and living; promoting a Jewish context for our teens to embrace and transmit Jewish values, inspiring leadership development, and a commitment to Ohr L’Olam (being a light to the world).

Special Programs

- * High School Pool Party Kick-Off Event
- * Curriculum Related Field Trips
- * Curriculum Related Movie Nights
- * Holiday Programs
- * End of the Year High School Party



Madrichim Program

Madrichim literally means “guides,” and our High School students are tomorrow’s leaders. Many of our teens have the skills to tutor younger students, assist in the classrooms and help out in the Religious School office. They have become an essential and wonderful addition to our Religious School programs.

For more information, please contact Director of Education Sharone Weizman at eddirector@km-synagogue.org.



Ohr L'Olam

Ohr L'Olam, (being a light to the world), is a fundamental concept in Judaism. Our students are involved in many Ohr L'Olam projects throughout the year on the Westside.

Teens will actively participate in "Mitzvah Day", lead the Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide and participate in other projects. Guest speakers and facilitators will be invited into the classroom. Teens will also connect with Israel and other Jewish communities around the world while raising awareness, goods, etc. to send to these communities.



Exciting "Westside Chai" Classes

Taught by rotating High School Facilitators

PB&J Tough Teen Questions
Jewish Cooking Throw-down!
Israel Through the Music
Teenage "Hot Topics"
Ethics/God/Morality
Jews and the Media
Theatre Olympics
Sex in the Text
Ohr L'Olam
Jam Band
Art

God/Ethics/Morality

This class will allow for students to explore God, Torah, Mitzvot and ultimate morality. Students will uncover such themes as Jewish ethics, business ethics, headlines which address modern-day issues, and Jewish principles such as love thy neighbor as yourself and *lashon harah* (gossip). Students will explore and discuss how Torah is applicable and relevant in their lives as teens.

Sex in the Text

What does our tradition say about Love? Intimacy? Pre-marital sex? Marriage? Adultery? Rape? Homosexuality? What is the connection to God and holiness? Participants will explore our biblical and religious texts, the intimate experience of our forefathers, and consider what is relevant for us today.

PB&J Tough Teen Questions

Teens explore difficult Jewish questions and tough teen topics from a Jewish perspective through PB&J - Pluralistic Branches of Judaism. We will also invite guest speakers from various denominations to join our discussions.



