



# The Tent

A Jewish learning community for Greater Boston teens at Temple Israel of Boston



In partnership with our Jewish neighbors, we connect teens with a diversity of voices to strengthen them as learners, as thinkers, and as young American Jews.



# COURSE OFFERINGS

“ Our tight-knit teen community coupled with our Jewish values and traditions, which transcend one historical moment or problem, gives us the strength to make a difference.”



## **BOSTON-HAIFA CONNECTION**

The Tent is a partner site for Boston-Haifa Connection, facilitated by CJP. Beginning in 5777, we will offer a Boston-Haifa Connection elective, which will share curriculum and communicate throughout the year with a sibling class at Kiryat Haim High School in Haifa. The course will culminate with a 10-day trip to Israel, and a 10-day visit to Boston for their sibling classmates from Kiryat Haim.

## **GENERAL ELECTIVES**

Class offerings are based on themes and issues suggested by students. Students select two electives per semester. Classes are all multi-grade, and designed to accommodate a wide range of educational modalities with differentiated instruction.

“ Engaging with social justice, learning about Israel, reconciling Judaism and feminism-these are all experiences unique to my time here, and as I face the world, I feel vastly more equipped to articulate my faith and beliefs because of what I have learned.”

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Teens gather together once a week for a community dinner and electives taught by exceptional staff and clergy in a variety of student-selected topics.

## OWL



All 8<sup>th</sup> graders begin their journey with *Our Whole Lives* (OWL), an innovative approach to Jewish social/emotional values-based learning. After their semester together, students and staff spend a weekend in New York City to bond as a cohort and explore the history of American Judaism. OWL was awarded the Association of Reform Jewish Educator's (ARJE) Yad b'Yad Award for Innovative Approaches to Youth and/or Teen Mental Health in 2016.

## TIKKUN



Offered once a year, the course *TIKKUN: To Take on the World* teaches about civic engagement and legislative advocacy through a Jewish lens, helps teens identify social issues of their own concern, and brings them to the Massachusetts State House to lobby their own state legislators on those issues. TIKKUN won the 2015 Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism's Fain Social Action Award.

“ It was one of the elements of my high school experience that has had the longest lasting — and most significant — impact. The presence of a consistent social and educational environment focused on questions of values, morality, and social justice helped equip me with a set of values that I carry with me, even four years after graduating.”





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This taught me to be an active member of the Jewish community, and provided me with value sources for social justice work.”



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **When does the Tent meet?**

We meet (almost) every Monday night September through May. Each night begins with dinner at 5:45 p.m. followed by class sessions at 6:40 -7:30 p.m. and 7:40 - 8:30 p.m.

### **Do I need to be a Reform Jew or synagogue member to participate?**

No. The Tent is an inclusive community. Our students and staff represent a great variety of backgrounds and affiliations, and our exploration of Jewish tradition, continuity, and identity are relevant and accessible to all our students and are not specifically representative of any formal Jewish movement or organization.

### **How do I register?**

If you belong to a partner congregation, you will register with your synagogue. If your congregation is not a partner, or you are unaffiliated, you can register directly with us by contacting Mike Fishbein at [mfishbein@tisrael.org](mailto:mfishbein@tisrael.org) or 617-566-3690.

### **Is the food served kosher?**

Every dinner includes vegetarian options; whenever meat is served, kosher meat is offered. Menus do not mix meat and dairy.

### **How do I select classes?**

Course catalogues are published for each semester, and students have the opportunity to sample classes before selecting their electives.







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