

Congregation Beth Am Beit Midrash Teen Program

What should Jewish teen education in our congregation look like?

It should:

- enable individual students to shape their course of learning
- retain teens in our education program through 12th grade
- create a cohesive distinct Confirmation community
- give students a nurturing venue to shape their Jewish identities, beliefs, and values
- prepare teens for Jewish adulthood by making them knowledgeable in applying tradition to their own lives
- help teens build an understanding of their connection to the Jewish community and the State of Israel

Teen Beit Midrash Key Components

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 - Jewish learning (Midrash)
 - Worship (Avodah)
 - Community Building (Kehillah)
 - A minimum of 50 hours will be required in each pillar, with a maximum of 80 for any one pillar.
- Participation in 9th grade and Confirmation retreats
- At least 1 year of Peninsula Havurah High (PHH)
- A monthly Sunday Confirmation class in 10th grade
- Periodic class Shabbat services and meals

Incoming 10th Graders

Next year you will accumulate 90 hours by:

- Signing up for PHH
- Attending monthly Sunday Confirmation Class
- Attending Confirmation Retreat
- Attending 2 Shabbat services and confirmation dinners
- Becoming Confirmed! May 16, 2009

Incoming 9th Graders:

Over the next 2 years you will accumulate 180 hours in 3 pillars.

The Core requirements are:

- Registering for PHH (1 year minimum is mandatory)
- 9th grade Retreat & Confirmation Retreat
- Attending monthly Sunday Confirmation Class in the 10th grade year

Next Steps

9th & 10th graders – Register for PHH!

10th graders – Register for Confirmation

Tell a friend (or 3) that they should register too!

Parents – Spread the word!



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