



Neziner Hebrew High—Curriculum Overview

SOLELIM (8TH GRADE)

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Our goal is for the Solelim students to feel confident being visible and active as Jews in the mostly non-Jewish world around them, both within the synagogue and in their daily lives at school and other activities. The class will learn about the history of American Judaism, starting with Jewish immigration to the US and understanding how efforts to survive and social/political forces of the time came together to shape the world we grew up in and live in today. We will focus on Jewish involvement in each major historical moment, and explore how it was reflected in synagogue life. After studying each such juncture, the students will work on a project that examines that element within our BZBI community.

CONFIRMATION (9TH & 10TH GRADE)

WHO ARE WE NOW?

The Confirmation class will be engaging in critical discussions around the intersection of Judaism and contemporary life. As a class, they explore what Judaism has to say about important issues and hot topics, and how we can continue to forge our Jewish identities. Class discussions will center around students' interests and experiences, creating a safe and critical space for sharing thoughts and opinions. Our goal is for our students to bring our controversial and meaningful conversations home with them, so they can continue those conversations with their families and friends. Just as one's exploration of Judaism never ends, the conversations around tough issues that will begin in my classroom must carry on.

POST CONFIRMATION (11TH & 12TH GRADE)*

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

We are excited to offer this class for the first time this year! If you have been confirmed at BZBI and would like to continue to study together, we would love to welcome you to this group. The class will focus on practical knowledge that could serve our teens in the near or far future. As confirmed teens, the students will be able to influence the topic of discussion, with potential topics being:

- Functional Hebrew (Ivrit Ma'asit) - learn Modern Hebrew through specific skill application, such as cooking, exercising, etc.
- Unexpected Midrash - revisit major Jewish moment and stories and examine alternative Midrashim (interpretations)
- College "Prep" - examine matters that are relevant to being a Jewish student on today's college campuses in the U.S.

** This class will only take place if we have a sufficient number of teens registered. Please contact [Shula](#) if you are interested.*