



TRI-II

WHAT

A collaborative program bringing together Jewish high school students from across St. Paul for fun, food, friendship, community-building, and learning. Each session includes dinner and electives ranging from Judaism and science to Jewish history to Torah study.

WHEN

January 9 - February 27, 2019
Mount Zion Temple
Wednesday Evenings, 5:45 - 7:30 pm

WHO

Open to all Jewish teens, whether affiliated with a synagogue or not! Faculty include Rabbi Yosi Gordon, Dr. Arie Zmora, Tal Dror, and Barry Golob.

HOW

For more information or to register: ttsp.org, info@ttsp.org, or (651)698-8807.



Tri-II is a collaborative program, bringing together all Twin Cities Jewish high school students, affiliated and non-affiliated. This program is organized by Talmud Torah of St. Paul, Mount Zion Temple, Beth Jacob Congregation and the Temple of Aaron and funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul.



2019 TRI-II Course List

Speak Truth to Power: How To Fix a Broken World

Taught by Rabbi Yosi Gordon



In this course we will look at the documents of people who courageously stood up to oppressive autocrats through the Shoah (Holocaust), and on to the present. Students will create projects based on these models to help them more effectively and courageously stand up against tyranny and cruelty today.

Course Cancelled

A native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Rabbi Yosi Gordon has been teaching since 1957 and has been teaching at Talmud Torah of St. Paul since 1978. Before joining Talmud Torah of St. Paul, he attended Camp Ramah for fourteen summers, as a camper and staff member, and studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for three years. Rabbi Gordon worked as Associate and Acting Principal of the Los Angeles Hebrew High School. In 1978 he came to St. Paul, where he directed Talmud Torah of St. Paul for twelve years and helped found Talmud Torah of St. Paul Day School. He taught courses in Jewish studies and literature at the University of Minnesota, St. Olaf College and Hamline University. He has also published textbooks and articles in Hebrew language and Jewish studies. In 2000, Yosi won a Covenant Award in Jewish education. Yosi served for eighteen years as rabbi at Temple Shalom in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where he was known as the Chief Rabbi of the Chippewa Valley. He is now teaching at the Talmud Torah of St. Paul Afternoon School and Midrasha. At Talmud Torah Yosi teaches Torah, Hebrew language and Jewish thought to grades 6-12. He is a devout Packer fan. He likes to sing but promises not to do so in class.

The Zionist Revolution and its Visionary Leaders

Taught by Dr. Arie Zmora

How, when and why did Jews from around the world find their way to Israel? Over the centuries, Jews believed that only the Messiah will deliver them from oppression and lead them to freedom and independence in The Promised Land. What happened in the 19th century that caused them to embrace Zionism as the solution to the misery of life in the diaspora? How and why was Zionism founded in the most backward countries of Europe and Tsarist Russia? How did Theodore Herzl create political Zionism, and ignite the desire to regain political independence in their ancestral biblical homeland? We will pursue these exciting topics and show their relevance to today's discourse on Zionism and your lives.



Dr. Arie Zmora is a native of Israel, and holds a BA and Phil in History and International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; M.Phil. Early French History Johns Hopkins University; PhD Early Modern European History, University of Maryland College Park. Arie has taught in leading Israeli high schools; Tichon Hadash, Ohel Shem, Tichon Herzeliya. Since 1994, he has taught as a visiting professor in Minnesota area colleges and universities: The University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Saint Cloud State University, Macalester College, and Hamline University. For the past ten years has served as a program director of successive Middle East cultural exchange international programs at Hamline University. These programs have been funded by the US Department of State. Over the past two years Arie Has developed comprehensive curricula on Jewish History which he has been teaching to growing numbers of individuals in the community, adults and high school students. Dr. Zmora teaches CIS Hebrew in the Midrasha program at Talmud Torah.

Judaism and Science... Through a Jewish Lens

Taught by Barry Golob



I want to know God's thoughts... the rest is details. - Albert Einstein

In this course, we will look at different scientific issues. Science is concerned with things we CAN do, but as Jews, we want to know what we SHOULD do. Looking at these issues and ethical dilemmas through a Jewish lens may open our minds about the way we think and look at things.

Barry Golob is the Marketing, Electronic Communications & Social Media Specialist at Beth Jacob Synagogue. He has an Interest in making Judaism relevant and is fun, interesting, and charismatic. Barry enjoys connecting teens to Jewish role models. He is a familiar face in town, as he has worked with Herzl Camp, the Jewish day school and in the Jewish community for many years. He is married to Alyssa and is the proud parent of two boys.

Israel... What Do You Know... What Do You WANT to Know?

Facilitated by Tal Dror and Habonim Dror

Let's talk to an Israeli! This elective is based on input from students' interests and inquisitive minds. Learn about these Israelis and their connection to Israel.

Tal Dror is from Kfar-Tavor in north Israel. She is working as a shlichah at the St. Paul Jewish Federation to create a "bridge of connection" between the Jewish community in St. Paul and Israel. Habonim Dror (the Builders of Freedom) is a Progressive Labor Zionist Youth movement whose mission is to build a personal bond and commitment between North American Jewish youth and the State of Israel, and to create Jewish leaders who will actualize the principles of social justice, equality, peace and coexistence in Israel and North America. Habonim Dror students Hannah, Ariel, Mina, and Tali are all students at Macalester College and grew up at Habonim Dror Camp Tavor.

