

CHAI SCHOOL @ BI

Chai School is a Jewish supplementary high school program developed for Jewish students in Grades 8-12

Chai School provides an opportunity for its students to engage in active and thoughtful study of Jewish sources by means of interactive and collaborative discussion and debate. Our learning is not about finding answers, but about identifying the questions and participating in the learning process in partnership with classmates and teachers. Chai School learning goes beyond the classroom through its tikkun olam/social action component.

The majority of Chai School 5781 will be in person at Beth Israel. Please see our [COVID-19 policies and procedures](#).

MONDAYS

5:30 - 6:15 - Period 1

6:15 - 6:45 - Dinner (*included with tuition*)

6:45 - 7:30 - Period 2

CALENDAR

Sept. 14, 21	Feb. 1, 8, 22
Oct. 5, 19, 26	March 1, 8
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	April 12, 19, 26
Dec. 7, 14	May 3, 10, 31
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25	June 7

TUITION: \$375

Congregation Beth Israel
989 W. 28th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Z 0E8

COURSES

JEWISH HEROES: IMPERFECT ROLE MODELS

[Rabbi David Bluman](#), Director of Youth Engagement at Congregation Beth Israel, will delve into the lives of Jewish heroes from Moses to Ilan Ramon (and beyond). We will ultimately learn that our heroes are imperfect and that is what makes them more relatable and realistic role models. We will focus on Moses, Rashi, Baron de Rothschild, Theodore Herzl, Yoni Netanyahu, Golda Meir, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Rabbi Sally Priesand, Ilan Ramon and more!

TIKKUN OLAM IN THEORY & IN PRACTICE:

Students will study the traditional Jewish texts explaining the origins of the ethical commandments and then bring the commandments to life on community service field trips that will educate the students about Jewish and non-Jewish agencies in Greater Vancouver which work to solve the problems of the community.

JEWISH CANADIAN CIVIC

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

[Rachael Segal](#) will continue to focus her class on current events through a Jewish lens. In her class, we will discuss hot topics in the news, mainly political issues, and their relevance to the Jewish community. We will also focus on the principle of "community engagement" and talk about how we can contribute civically in our community.

FOREST JUDAISM: JUDAISM AND NATURE via Zoom

What does Judaism have to say about nature? Surprisingly it says a lot about where we come from, how we should interact with nature (God's Creation), and how we can start to Tikkun Olam (repair the world). All this in a natural document (the Torah) which was written almost 4000 years ago! In this course we will learn about wolves, deer, salmon and humans. [Josh Lake](#) of Outdoor Jewish Adventures, will explore with you what it means that humans are made of the earth, and dig deep into understanding why we are what we eat, and the connections and implications of both. We will play, explore and learn about how we must become better caretakers of the world and why it is fun to do so. Join us for a fun ride around our world through a Jewish lens!

JEWISH COOKING

We all know about challah and chicken soup. But have you ever had *knaiffeh* or *hkaha* (Persian crispy rice). Join [Lissa Weinberger](#) once a month to learn how to make interesting Jewish foods from around the world.

THE TORAH IN OUR TIMES

Jewish law didn't stop with the Torah or even the Talmud. Join [Rabbi Adam Stein](#), Associate Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel, as we connect current events in Canada and beyond to the texts in our weekly Torah portion. How can the ancient texts in our Torah speak to the things happening today?