

## TEEN PROGRAMS AT KOL SHOFAR

### SEPTEMBER 7 TEEN PROGRAM FAIR

Want to know what is being offered for teens in the Bay Area? The Kol Shofar Teen Program Fair is your one-stop shop to get information about the Diller Teen Fellowship, Write on for Israel, BBYO in Marin, The Jewish Community Teen Foundation and many more! A light dinner will be served at 6:30pm followed by the Program Fair from 7-8pm. Students interested in learning more about BBYO in Marin are welcome to stay a bit later – to meet with the BBYO staff and teens.

### NOVEMBER 16 WRITE ON FOR ISRAEL FILM FESTIVAL

You are warmly invited to BlueStar's 2nd Annual "For Israel Film Festival" and to meet the 26 local teenage filmmakers who produced seven of these incredible documentaries. The Write On for Israel two-year educational program gives young people a background in Jewish and Israeli history, and teaches the critical thinking skills and tools necessary for them to become powerful Israel advocates, spokespeople and opinion leaders - before they reach college. The program is open to a select group of high school juniors and includes a heavily subsidized 10-day trip to Israel, speaking opportunities for participants to share their experiences, and a public film festival highlighting student documentary films. This event was made possible with the Ma'alot grant from The Israel Commission of the USCJ.

### FEBRUARY 8 TEEN TU B'SHEVAT SEDER CELEBRATION

led by the Eco Jew class and prepared for all teens in the program.

### SUN FEB 19-FRI FEB 24 NEW YORK TRIP FOR 8TH - 9TH GRADERS

What are you doing over mid-winter break? Want to travel to New York and immerse yourself in the rich, Jewish cultural life and history it has to offer? We are starting to plan a unique opportunity for 8th-9th graders. More information will be available soon.

### MARCH 7 PURIM PARTY

Help Shpeil the Beans about the first ever Teen Purim Party at Kol Shofar- join us for a fun Purim evening with friends. Costumes are encouraged!

### APRIL 19 COMMUNITY YOM HA'SHOAH COMMEMORATION

Kol Shofar Teens will be an integral part of this annual community-wide event.

### APRIL 2 ISRAEL NIGHT

A unique evening about Israel – its politics, language, families, teens, food and more will be created and implemented by students in the Politics of Israel class.

### MAY 9 BONFIRE

Class will be held at the beach for a very cool Lag B'Omer bonfire and ceremony at the beach! Bring friends!

### MAY 18 TEEN PROGRAM RECOGNITION CEREMONY

All Kol Shofar teens will be honored and receive their certificate of completion for their course work at a special Shabbat service and ceremony. Families and friends are invited to join us as we share your accomplishments with our community.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## EXCITING NEW KOL SHOFAR TEEN PROGRAM

### KICKOFF SEPT. 7, 2011

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES  
MAXIMIZED TIME WITH A RABBI  
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Our new program engages **YOU** in a year of study about **SOCIAL JUSTICE** and **SOCIAL ACTION**.

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Four quarters of **BIG IDEA** classes will be taught by outstanding professionals and rabbis.

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Topics range from **ECOLOGY** to **ENTREPRENEURSHIP** to **ISRAEL**.

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**YOU** will have hands-on training to prepare you to be a leader in the community.



# CLASSES

## WHAT'S THE BIG JEWISH IDEA?

YOU will study the fundamental ideas that comprise Jewish Ethics. Using text, media and discussion, you will look at how BIG IDEAS fit into your life and why they matter.

## THE RABBI'S ROUNDTABLE

YOU will discover why social justice is an integral part of Jewish life as you study with a variety of outstanding Bay Area rabbis. Rabbi Chai Levy will kick off each series of classes.

## ECO JEW

Why is it commanded that the ground lay fallow every seven years? Why are we commanded to plant trees? What are we doing here in the Bay Area to ensure that others don't go hungry? YOU will answer these questions plus have the opportunity to do hands-on work in the Kol Shofar community garden, and in other community gardens and food banks in the Bay Area.

## THE KALEIDOSCOPE PROJECT

The Kaleidoscope Project creates a dynamic, teen-led weekend for Jewish teens in 10th-12th grade from all denominations and backgrounds. YOU will be the entrepreneur – figuring out how to get funding, to develop programs and market your program with a team. Learn what it takes to create a meaningful experience. The culmination of the KP will be a weekend in early 2012 created by the class.

## THE POLITICS OF ISRAEL

What do YOU really know about the politics of Israel? How does the media influence your ideas? This is a unique opportunity to engage in a both dialogue and debate to gain perspective about what is really happening in the Middle East and Israel.

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

6:30 PM dinner  
7:00 PM class  
8:20 PM group reflection in the sanctuary

### TWO DISTINCT GROUPS

Classes for 8th-9th Grades  
Classes for 10th-12th Grades

### YOUTH GROUPS

Kol Shofar is proud to be joining forces with the Osher Marin JCC and BBYO to offer a BBYO Chapter in Marin County! Registration and program information will be released shortly. The BBYO chapter will be open to all 9th-12th grade Kol Shofar teens. 8th graders are welcome to sign up for Kol Kadima and will be invited to attend select BBYO events in the Spring.

## TEEN PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**GRADES 8-9** 1st Quarter What's the Big Jewish Idea?  
2nd Quarter Rabbi's Roundtable  
3rd Quarter Eco Jew  
4th Quarter The Politics of Israel

**GRADES 10-12** 1st Quarter The Kaleidoscope Project or Rabbi's Roundtable  
2nd Quarter The Politics of Israel or The Kaleidoscope Project  
3rd Quarter What's the Big Jewish Idea or The Kaleidoscope Project  
4th Quarter Eco Jew or The Rabbi's Roundtable

## PUT THESE DATES IN YOU CALENDAR NOW!

**SEPT 7** Teen Program Fair  
**SEPT 14 – NOV 9** First Quarter of Classes (No class on 9/28, 10/12, or 10/19)  
**NOV 16** Write On For Israel Film Festival  
**NOV 30 – JAN 25** Second Quarter of Classes (No class on 12/14 – 12/28)  
**FEB 1 – MAR 21** Third Quarter of Classes (No class on 2/22)  
**FEB 8** Teen Tu B'Shevat Seder  
**MAR 7** Teen Purim Party  
**MAR 28 – MAY 16** Fourth Quarter of Classes (No Class on 4/11 or 4/18)  
**APRIL 25** Israel Night  
**MAY 9** Bonfire  
**MAY 18** Teen Program Recognition Ceremony at Eat, Pray, Schmooze

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

- An opportunity to explore BIG IDEAS with other Jewish teens
- Up to 20 hours of community service to satisfy most school requirements
- Training on how to meet new people and learn about them through the Panim el Panim (face to face) technique known as relational meeting, You receive a certificate from the Marin Organizing Committee.
- Leadership development that looks great on your college application
- Upon completion of the program, you receive a Social Justice Training Certificate and letter detailing your achievement for your college portfolio
- Students who are enrolled and demonstrate consistent attendance are eligible to participate in the Madrichim Program. The Madrichim Program will provide participants with the opportunity to learn new skills and apply them in a classroom setting. Students who successfully complete the training program will receive Madrichim certification.

**WHO CAN ATTEND** Kol Shofar's Teen program is open to everyone AND it's better than ever before – members and non-members of Kol Shofar – so bring your friends

**FEES** \$800 for the year which includes all four quarters of study, a light dinner before each class, all special events, certificates of completion and letters of reference for college applications.

**TO SIGN UP** Please contact Tracy Harding, Teen Program Coordinator at [trice@kolshofar.org](mailto:trice@kolshofar.org) or 415-388-1818, ext. 101.