

# NEXT GEN:

## THE MILLIE AND ALVIN BLUM 8TH-12TH GRADE TEEN PROGRAM AT BHC



BALTIMORE HEBREW CONGREGATION

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SIGN UP TODAY:**

**[TINYURL.COM/BHCNEXTGEN18-19](https://tinyurl.com/BHCNEXTGEN18-19)**

## WHAT IS NEXTGEN?

This program is the next evolution of teen education, allowing teens to navigate their Judaism and build their own teen community at BHC. NextGen has opportunities ranging from, "Taste of" classes, labs, immersion, travel, social action, and more. Teens are given a full menu of options which will allow them to pick their own schedule and take ownership of their Jewish engagement.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE IN NEXTGEN?

A teen signed up for NextGen can participate in any of the programming you see in this brochure for the same cost. In addition, any teen signed up for Confirmation, though there is an additional cost, is also a NextGen member. Registration for programming is ongoing.

## WHAT IS THE COST OF NEXTGEN?

There is one flat rate of \$100 to participate in most activities, including Travel. The cost for 10th grade Confirmation is \$300 which includes the cost of NextGen and Travel costs for the trip to Washington, DC.

## NEXTGEN VOCABULARY:

**"Taste Of:"** This is a one off class

**Lab:** This is a series of 3 or more classes on one topic

**Cohort:** Meets quarterly

**Immersion:** These programs meet 1 or more times a month for the full academic year

## HOW INVOLVED WILL YOU BE?

1

1 "Taste Of" per semester  
1 Lab per semester  
1 Travel Program per year  
1+ Social Gatherings per year

2

2 "Taste Of" per semester  
1 Lab per semester  
1+ Travel Programs per year  
1+ Social Gatherings per year

3

3 "Taste Of" per semester  
2 Labs per semester  
1+ Travel Programs per year  
1+ Social Gatherings per year  
1+ Immersion Programs per year

# LABS

## High Holy Day Madrichim

Help create and lead tefilah (prayer) for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur youth services.

**3 sessions:** *Sunday, September 9, 9 AM-NOON; Monday, September 10, 9 AM-1 PM; Wednesday, September 19, 9 AM-1 PM*

## Movies and Mussar Lab

In this lab, teens will examine life lessons as seen in recent movies, not all Jewish, using Mussar texts, both ancient and modern.

**3 sessions:** *Thursdays, October 4, 11 & 25, 6-8 PM*

## Social Action Lab

Create, plan, and implement a Family Social Action Day for our Youth Education Families.

**3 sessions:** *Sundays, November 4 & 11, 10:30 AM-NOON; Sunday, November 25, 8 AM-NOON*

## Music Lab

Join Cantor Ben Ellerin in bringing music to life as teens explore music's impact on Judaism

**3 sessions:** *Tuesdays, March 5, 12 & 19, 6-8 PM*



# “TASTE OF”

## Art With A Heart

Partner with Art with a heart to create a mosaic to be displayed at BHC.

*Tuesday, December 18, 6-8 PM*

## Technological Advances in Israel

Explore the growth of technology and how innovation in Israel has created some of our most recent trends.

*Thursday, January 17, 6-8 PM*

## Future Coaches

Gain the skills to become an effective sports coach and explore Jewish values that will be integral to becoming a coach. This “Taste Of” will be led by Brad Cohen.

*Tuesday, February 19, 6-8 PM*

# CONFIRMATION

## 10th Grade Confirmation Class

10th graders will explore Judaism's impact on our lives and our world with Rabbi Busch and Rabbi Sachs-Kohen. Some highlights include a Washington, DC seminar and leading BHC's Shavuot Evening Service.

**15 classes:** *Sundays, October 7, 14 & 21; December 2, 9 & 16; February 10 & 24; March 3; April 7, 14 & 28; May 12 & 19; June 2, 10:30 AM-NOON*

**L'Taken Trip to DC:** *January (specific dates TBA)*

**Dinner and Ceremony:** *Saturday, June 8*

\*There is an additional cost for confirmation.

# IMMERSION PROGRAMS

## Teen Advisory Committee

The advisory committee is a leadership group that Lauren oversees throughout the year. This group helps to brainstorm on ideas, help plan out a range of events and opportunities for teens and helps promote teen programming at BHC. To apply email Lauren Offermann.

**7 sessions:** *Sundays, October 7, November 4, December 2, January 6, March 3, and April 7, NOON-2 PM; Saturday, May 4, 5-8 PM*

## Madrichim Leadership Program

Volunteer in our Youth Education program including leadership training and special events.

*Sundays, 8:30 PM-NOON*

## Rosh Hodesh and Shevet Achim

**Rosh Hodesh (Girls Group) 8th-10th grades.** This program uses Jewish teachings to give girls a place to feel safe, articulate their deepest concerns, consider the impact of gender on their daily lives, have fun, and be 'real' with their peers. Led by Lauren Offermann.

**Shevet Achim (Guys Group) 8th-10th grades.** This program helps teen boys explore two primary questions: "What does it mean to be a man?" and "What does it mean to be a mensch?" Led by Brad Cohen.

**6 sessions:** *Mondays, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, and April 8, 6-8 PM*

## Cooking Club

We all enjoy cooking, but this Club will take teens on a tour of the past as they make classic Jewish dishes with a back story

**6 sessions:** *Mondays, October 29, November 26, January 28, February 25, March 25, and April 29, 6-8 PM*

# COHORTS

## Wellness Cohort

The wellness Cohort will explore the body, spirit and mind through in depth learning and application of wellness. Topics might range from mental health, meditation, nutrition, spirituality through our bodies, and more.

**4 sessions:** *Sunday, September 16, 10:30 AM-NOON; Friday, November 9, 5-8 PM; Sundays, January 13 and March 31, 10:30 AM-NOON*

## Social Justice Cohort

The Social Justice Cohort will contemplate important and current social issues facing our society throughout the year and create individual and congregation wide initiatives in response.

**4 sessions:** *Tuesdays, October 16 and December 11, 6-8 PM; Friday, February 8, 5-8 PM; Tuesday, April 9, 6-8 PM*

# TRAVEL

## BHC Events

**Overnight Retreat,** Teens will participate in an overnight retreat experience. Location TBA

*Friday-Saturday, October 19-20*

**Social Action Teen Travel Trip to Philadelphia, PA,** Teens will travel to Philadelphia to explore, volunteer, and experience the City together. We will enjoy Shabbat with teens from the area, volunteer, and explore the food, activities, and charm of the city. RSVP Required.

*Thursday-Sunday, April 11-14*

## NFTY–MAR (North American Federations of Temple Youth–Mid-Atlantic Region) Events

### LEAD

*Friday-Sunday,  
September 28-30*

### Fall Kallah

*Friday-Sunday,  
November 16-18*

### MAJYK

*Friday-Sunday,  
December 14-16*

### Winter Kallah

*Friday-Monday,  
January 18-21*

### TheVent

*Friday-Sunday,  
March 8-10*

### Spring Kallah

*Thursday-Sunday,  
April 25-28*

## URJ (Union of Reform Judaism) Summer Programs:

NFTY in Israel

*Scholarships available*

URJ Kutz Camp

URJ Mitzvah Corps

\*There is an extra cost for travel programs

# SOCIAL GATHERINGS

## 3rd Annual Friendsgiving Dinner

A Mediterranean dinner followed by a social action opportunity. (Example: last year we made trail mix bags for the Paul's Place after school program)

*Saturday, November 10, 6-8 PM*

## Movie Night in Hunt Valley

BHC teens take to the town with dinner and a movie in Hunt Valley.

*Saturday, December 15, 6-9 PM*

## Chopped: BHC Edition

BHC teens will compete in teams with special ingredients to see who will win the Chopped Cooking Challenges.

*Saturday, February 23, 6-9 PM*

## Shul-In Leading into the Purim Carnival

Spend the evening at BHC. Teens will create a game, including set up, rules, prize, etc and build this game Saturday night. The shul-in will conclude at 3 PM because teens will stay to volunteer at the Purim carnival (community service hours available).

*Saturday-Sunday, March 23 -24*

# SOCIAL ACTION

## Paul's Place Camp at BHC

BHC is partnering with Paul's Place camp again to host their 1st-5th grades Paul's Place summer camp. We are looking for teen volunteers to serve as camp counselors and specialists (art, sports, etc).

*Monday-Friday, August 6-10, 2018, 9 AM-4 PM*

## Volunteer at Family Social Action Days

Volunteer at one or both of our social action days as families help make meals, care packages, and more for Baltimore area communities in needs.

*Sunday, November 25 and Tuesday, December 25, 9 AM-NOON*

## BHC Purim Carnival

Volunteer to run a game or station at BHC's annual Purim carnival

*Sunday, March 24, 10 AM-1 PM*





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