NEXT GEN:
THE MILLIE AND ALVIN BLUM 8TH-12TH GRADE TEEN PROGRAM AT BHC

2019–20

$150 PROGRAM FEE*
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CHOOSE YOUR JEWISH PATH, SIGN UP TODAY:

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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 labs, immersive programs, 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.

WHAT IS THE COST OF NEXTGEN?
There is one flat rate of $150 to participate in almost all NextGen activities. There may be additional charges for travel. The cost for 10th grade Confirmation is $300 which includes the cost of NextGen and travel costs for the trip to Washington, DC.

WHAT IF I DON’T SEE A TOPIC I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN?
NextGen is flexible and created to benefit you. Please contact Brad Cohen with any class ideas or interests.

NEXTGEN VOCABULARY:
Lab: This is a series of 3 or more classes on one topic.
Immersion: These programs meet 1 or more times a month for the full academic year.
Fellowship: A year-long prestigious program for students in their last year of NextGen.
NFTY-MAR: North American Federations of Temple Youth; Baltimore is in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

HOW INVOLVED WILL YOU BE?

1
1 “Taste Of” per semester
1 Lab per semester
1 Travel Program per year
1+ Social Gathering per year

2
2 “Taste Of” per semester
1 Lab per semester
1+ Travel Program per year
1+ Social Gathering per year

3
3 “Taste Of” per semester
2 Labs per semester
1+ Travel Program per year
1+ Social Gathering per year
1+ Immersion Program per year
Community in Action: 8th-9th Grade Lab
Joining a new group can be hard. 8th-9th Grade NextGen members are encouraged to participate in this lab as we explore the BHC, teen, and Baltimore communities, and all they have to offer.
3 sessions: Sundays, September 8, 15 & 22, 10:30 AM-Noon

High Holy Day Madrichim
Help create and lead tefilah (prayer) for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur youth services.
3 sessions: Sunday, September 29, 9 AM-Noon; Monday, September 30, 9 AM-1 PM; Wednesday, October 9, 9 AM-1 PM

Social Action Lab
Create, plan, and implement a Family Social Action Day for our Youth Education Families.
3 sessions: Mondays, November 4 & 11, 10:30 AM-Noon; Sunday, November 17, 8 AM-Noon

Wellness Lab
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.
2 sessions: Sundays, December 8 & 15, 10:30-Noon

Becoming a Leader: Spring 8th-9th Grade Lab
Now that 8th-9th graders are familiar with the teen community, it’s time to start taking a leadership role. In NextGen, we believe that our teens should be leading the charge to make their experience meaningful. This lab will introduce leadership techniques and opportunities for our youth community.
3 sessions: Sundays, January 5, 12 & 26 10:30-Noon

Boxing and Jewish Leadership Lab*
Learn how hooks, jabs, and stance can help you identify your strengths and power through your challenges. This special “in the ring” experience with certified coaches will compliment a real-life application of presence, focus and decision-making.
*offered in partnership with 4Front Baltimore
3 sessions: Tuesdays, January 7, 14 & 21 6-8 PM

Social Justice Lab
Contemplate important and current social issues facing our society throughout the year and create individual and congregation wide initiatives in response.
3 sessions: Sundays, March 29, April 5 & 19, 10:30-Noon
Teen Advisory Committee
The Teen Advisory Committee is a leadership group that meets one Sunday a month throughout the year. This group helps brainstorm ideas, plan out a range of events and opportunities for teens, and promote teen programming at BHC. To apply email Brad Cohen.

9 sessions: Sundays, September 8, October 6, November 3, December 8, January 5, February 2, March 1, and April 5, 12:15-2 PM; Sunday, May 10, 5-8 PM

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

Sundays, 8:30 PM-NOON

12th Grade Fellowship
The 12th grade fellowship meets twice a month throughout the year. This fellowship is a prestigious opportunity for 12th grade students to engage with the BHC community at large and begin to develop additional skills to prepare them for college. This fellowship requires an application and interview for incoming 12th grade BHC students.

16 sessions: Sundays, September 8, October 6, November 3, December 8, January 5, February 2, March 1, and April 5, NOON-2 PM and Tuesdays, September 17, October 22, November 19, January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21, and May 19, 6-8 PM

Rosh Hodesh and Shevet
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.

Shevet (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.

Every second Monday of the month, 6-8 PM

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

7 sessions: Mondays, September 23, October 28, November 25, January 27, February 24, March 30, and April 27, 6-8 PM
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 a Shavuot Evening Service.
Sundays, September 8, 15 & 22; November 3, 10 & 17; January 5, 12 & 26; March 1, 15 & 29; May 3, 10 & 17, 10:30 AM-Noon
L’Taken Trip to DC: January (specific dates TBA)
Confirmation Ceremony and Dinner: Thursday, May 28

*There is an additional cost for confirmation.

BHC Events
College Tour, 11th-12th grade teens will explore a variety of college campuses to consider factors including size, community, Jewish involvement and academic factors. Colleges TBA.
Thursday-Sunday, October 24-27
Teen Travel Trip to Deep Creek, MD, 8th-12th grade teens will travel 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 23-26

NFTY–MAR (North American Federations of Temple Youth–Mid-Atlantic Region) Events
LEAD
Friday-Sunday, September 20-22
Leadership Day
Sunday, November 10

MAJYK
Friday-Sunday, December 6-8

Winter Kallah
Friday-Monday, January 17-20

TheVent
Friday-Sunday, March 13-15

Spring Kallah
Thursday-Sunday, April 30-May 3

Baltimore Jewish Community
4Front Baltimore is a community-wide initiative for Jewish teens in 9th-12th grades. The mission is to create collaborative solutions to help teens actualize their relevance to the Jewish community’s present and future. They currently offer 5 amazing year-long “signature programs” to cultivate and deepen your connection to social justice. Learn more at 4Frontbaltimore.org.

*There is an extra cost for travel programs
SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Bowling Night
Join in on the fun for our first social gathering of the year for pizza, bowling, and havdalah with the NextGen community.
Saturday, October 12, 5-8 PM

4th Annual Friendsgiving Dinner
A Mediterranean dinner followed by a social action opportunity.
(Example: last year we made care packages for individuals in need and organized donated toiletries)
Saturday, November 16, 6-8 PM

Movie Night at BHC
Come in your pajamas and enjoy a movie night at BHC with your friends! Dinner and snacks will be provided. Movie TBD.
Saturday, February 8, 5-8 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 7-8

NextGen End of Year Celebration
NextGen teens will take a vote on how they could like to celebrate the end of another great year together.
Saturday, May 30, 5-8 PM

SOCIAL ACTION

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 need.
Sunday, November 24 and Wednesday, December 25, 9 AM-Noon

BHC Purim Carnival
Volunteer to run a game or station at BHC’s annual Purim Carnival.
Sunday, March 8, 10 AM-1 PM

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, July 15-19, 2019, 9 AM-4 PM