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

2020-21

$150 PROGRAM FEE*
Dates are subject to change
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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 Alicia Gallant 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: (North American Federations of Temple Youth; Baltimore is in the Mid-Atlantic Region)
High Holy Day Madrichim
Help create and lead tefilah (prayer) for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur youth services.
3 sessions: Thursday, September 17 6:30–8:30 PM, Saturday, September 19 from 8–Noon, Monday, September 28, 8–Noon

Social Action Lab
Create, plan, and implement a Family Social Action Day for our Youth Education Families.
3 sessions: Mondays, November 2 and 16, 6–8 PM, and Sunday, November 22, 8–Noon

Mind, Body, Soul Lab*
Come Learn about how the mind, body, and soul connect together. Hear from a variety of speakers from the Baltimore area as they cover topics like mental health, spirituality, and nutrition.
3 sessions: January 12, 19, 26, 6:30–8:30 PM
Separate Parent Session: January 12, 6:30–8:30 PM
*offered in collaboration with 4Front Baltimore

Museum Lab
Explore some of Baltimore’s most famous cultural arts institutions “behind-the-scenes” with experts in the field. Through in-depth, hands-on learning, 8th–12th grade participants will gain an understanding of art’s role and its relationship to life. Travel to museums will be required during the second and third sessions. Parents are responsible for transportation.
3 sessions: Sundays, January 24, 31, and February 7, Noon–2 PM

Social Impact Lab**
Enhance your skills in social media and graphic design as you plan, create, and publish your own PSA (Public Service Announcement) campaign advocating for healthy relationships.
3 sessions: Dates TBA
**Offered in partnership with CHANA

Jewish Rock Band
Push your musical skills as you plan and execute an “open mic” performance for Family Shabbat. Teens will gain knowledge in music composition, song editing software, and the influence of Rock music on Jewish culture. No previous music knowledge or experience is necessary to participate.
4 sessions: Tuesdays, February 23, March 2, and March 9, 6–8 PM, and Friday, March 12, 7:15–8:15 PM
IMMERSION PROGRAMS

Madrichim Leadership Program
Volunteer in our Youth Education program including leadership training and special events.
Sundays, 8:30-Noon

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?”
Every second Monday of the month, 6-8 PM

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 Alicia Gallant.
5 sessions: Sundays, October 4, December 6, February 7, March 7, April 4, Noon–2 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 that all have a central theme.
5 sessions: Mondays, October 26, November 30, January 25, February 22, and April 26, 6-8 PM

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CONFIRMATION

10th Grade Confirmation Class
10th Graders will explore Judaism’s impact on our lives and our world with BHC clergy. Highlights include a Washington, DC seminar and leading a Shavuot Evening Service.
Sundays, Three to Four times a month, 10:30 AM–Noon
L’Taken Trip to DC: (specific dates TBA)
Confirmation Ceremony and Dinner: (Sunday, May 16)
*There is an additional cost for confirmation.
TRAVEL

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 22-25

Social Action Trip to Pittsburgh, PA
8th-12th grade teens will travel to volunteer and experience Pittsburgh 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 15-18

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

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SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Meet and Greet Brunch
During this kickoff event, meet other participants, learn about what is new for NextGen, and hear from current teens in the program. A light breakfast will be served. RSVP recommended.
Sunday, September 13, 10:30-Noon

Fall Gathering
NextGen teens celebrate the change of seasons.
Saturday, October 17, 10-Noon
**SOCIAL GATHERINGS CONTINUED**

**Study Nights**
Bring your homework and study materials to study at BHC. Study snacks and coffee will be provided.

*Thursdays, November 5, January 7, April 8, 6:30–8:30 PM*

**5th 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 7, 6–8 PM*

**Up All Night Leading into the Purim Carnival**
Spend the evening with BHC. Teens will create a game, including set up, rules, prize, etc and build this game Saturday night. If in person, the shul-in will conclude at 3 PM because teens will stay to volunteer at the Purim Carnival. (Community service hours available).

*Saturday–Sunday, February 27–28*

**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 22, 5–8 PM*

**SOCIAL ACTION**

**RockTheVote Voter Registration Drives**
Help register BHC members and families to vote in the 2020 November general election through nonpartisan registration drives.

*Tuesday, September 15, 6:30–8:30 PM, and Sundays October 11 and 18, 10 AM–12:30 PM*

**Volunteer at Family Social Action Days**
Volunteer at our social action days as families help make meals, care packages, and more for Baltimore area communities in need.

*Sunday, November 22 and Wednesday, December 25, 9 AM–NOON*
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