

SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH JEWISH EYES

These are the ten goals that provide the focus for our

Jewish Identity Program, To See the World Through Jewish Eyes.

We hope that through shared study and experience,
all of us are able to continue to become:

- 1) Jews who affirm their Jewish identity and bind themselves inseparably to their people by word and deed.
- 2) Jews who bear witness to the *brit* (the covenant between God and the Jewish people) through the practice of *mitzvot* (commandments) as studied in Torah and the classic Jewish literature it has generated, and interpreted in light of historic development and contemporary liberal thought.
- 3) Jews who affirm their historic bond to *Eretz Yisrael*, the Land of Israel.
- 4) Jews who cherish and study Hebrew, the language of the Jewish People.
- 5) Jews who value and practice *tefilah* (prayer).
- 6) Jews who further the causes of justice, freedom and peace by pursuing *tzedeck* (righteousness), *mishpat* (judgment), and *chesed* (loving deeds).
- 7) Jews who celebrate Shabbat and the festivals and observe the Jewish ceremonies marking the significant occasions in their lives.
- 8) Jews who esteem their own person and the person of others; their family and the family of others; their own community and the community of others.
- 9) Jews who express kinship with *K'lal Yisrael* by actively seeking the welfare of Jews throughout the world.
- 10) Jews who support and participate in the life of the synagogue.

We work towards helping each individual develop these key aspects of a Jewish Identity through a series of programs designed for youth, for adults, and for entire families experiencing the richness of our Jewish heritage together.

OUR FAMILY OF FAMILIES

Congregation B'nai Yisrael is the
Jewish home we share. We are a
community creating positive experiences

with individuals of every age.

Congregation B'nai Yisrael is our
spiritual center, where together,
our family of families celebrates,
commemorates, worships, learns,
nurtures, gives, and grows.

We constantly strive to achieve the
beauty that comes from experiencing
the world through Jewish eyes.

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FOR YOUR FAMILY



Sustaining Jewish Identity

Experiences for our
post b'nai mitzvah
and their families

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Seeing the World Through Jewish Eyes

Family Programs

Family Reorientation

September 8 – September 21

High School Retreat at Camp Eisner

Saturday, October 11 – Sunday, October 12

Sukkah Decoration & Family Dinner

Monday, October 13 – 4:00 p.m.

Simchat Torah Celebration and Consecration

Monday, October 20 – 7:00 p.m.

Spending Shabbat Together: Family Weekend in the Berkshires

Saturday, November 1 – Sunday, November 2

Family Gratitude Program

Tuesday, November 18 – 8:00 p.m.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

at Armonk Methodist Church

Tuesday, November 25 – 7:30 p.m.

Chanukah Family Celebration

Sunday, December 21

Parents' Weeks on Tuesday Nights

Tuesdays, January 6, 13 – 8:00 p.m.

Peer Leader Trip to Washington, D.C.

Friday, January 30 – Monday, February 2

Purim Spiel and Carnival

Sunday, March 8 – 11:00 a.m.

Family Study Weeks:

Israel and the Holocaust

Tuesdays, March 17, 24, 31 – 8:00 p.m.

End of the Year Family Picnic

Sunday, May 17 – 11:00 a.m.

Shavuot: Confirmation Service

Thursday, May 28 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Programs

Our program of Sustaining Jewish Identity for our young people who have become b'nai mitzvah allows us to focus on three important aspects of a Jewish identity. Each season of our year begins with weeks of family study so that our children and their parents can explore the depths of our Jewish Tradition together. These special sessions [*see dates on the left*] will be followed by weeks in which participants will be able to choose their own path of coming in contact with the values of Judaism. A series of electives, taught by our clergy, will provide a broad range of activities to experience these aspects of a mature Judaism:

In the Fall, *Tzedakah*:

Learning to further the causes of justice, freedom and peace by pursuing *tzedek* (righteousness), *mishpat* (judgment), and *chesed* (loving deeds).

October 14, 21, 28, November 4, December 2, 9, and 16



In the Winter, *Kavod*:

Experiencing the Jewish value of esteem for your own person and the person of others.

January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 24, March 3 and 10



In the Spring, *Sacred Time*:

Celebrating Shabbat and our festivals to understand the significance of Jewish ceremonies in marking the seasons of our lives.

April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19 and 26

Two Special Opportunities for Our Older Students

CONFIRMATION

In the winter and spring, a portion of the program for those in 10th grade will be their preparation for Confirmation. In the winter the Confirmands will explore the importance of Jewish values to their developing characters, and in the Spring will embody those discussions into their special presentations that will be a part of our celebration of Confirmation during the holiday of Shavuot, on May 28.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Our young people past Confirmation have the opportunity to participate in our *Gesher L'Keshet* Leadership Program. Participating Juniors and Seniors will spend the fall learning how to develop their skills as Jewish leaders. In the winter, they will help our younger students explore the values and function of esteem in their lives.

Those who complete this program will receive certification from the Teaching Institute at Princeton University. *This program requires participation in two special weekend experiences:*

The Fall Retreat at Camp Eisner, and the Winter trip to the *L'taken* seminar of the Religious Action Center of the Union for Reform Judaism in Washington, D.C.