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**Derech Torah:  
The Road to Torah**

*Religious School Program  
For Grades 8, 9, and 10*

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## Dear Parents and Students

Shalom! Welcome to Derech Torah...

...IHC's program designed to offer a personalized, challenging, religious educational experience for young teens on the road to Torah (Confirmation). Primarily Wednesday programming, classes are also offered on Sunday mornings as well as 2 or 3 weekend Retreats to combine a series of required core classes and range of electives to provide....

- ✧ Flexibility
- ✧ Ownership
- ✧ Community
- ✧ A Jewish Environment

We want your child's experience to be as beneficial, enjoyable and exciting as possible. The program has been modified over the years in a way to adapt to our ever changing student population. Many of the current classes and independent study options provide a learning environment that allows for more interactive, fun and hands-on types of programming. One of the other main goals is creating an opportunity for more socialization while still providing a learning environment.

As you surf your way through the program, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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*The mission of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation's Religious School is to provide, through formal and informal experiences, an educational environment that builds a strong sense of Jewish identity, facilitates the acquisition of basic Jewish knowledge and fosters a sense of community.*

## Nuts and Bolts

**Fees:** Registration forms and tuition are due by Friday, June 14. Tuition for 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders is \$400. Beginning June 15, the tuition increases to \$450. **This fee includes both tuition and youth group dues.**

A few classes have a lab fee (noted in the class description). These additional fees will be reflected on your fee statement that will be distributed at the parent/student meeting on Wednesday, August 21.

Fees are payable by credit card (Master Card or VISA) or by checks payable to Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Limited need based confidential scholarships are available by special arrangements with Debbi Kasper or Rabbi Roxanne Shapiro.

**Dress Code:** Inasmuch as the way we dress does influence our behavior, we require our students to dress appropriately for a house of worship.

- Shorts must be finger-tip length
- T-shirts should not have objectionable printed messages
- No tank tops or bare midriffs
- Pants must not sag or show underwear
- No sports uniforms or hats
- No torn jeans

Students participating in a Kallah will receive information prior to the weekend outlining appropriate clothing. **Parents of students found to be dressed in an unacceptable manner will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing.**

### **Gum, Candy, Food, Beverages:**

- Gum is not allowed in the building due to potential damage to the building, equipment, and materials
- Each teacher has the prerogative to decide whether food and/or drinks are allowed in class
- A snack will be available every Wednesday evening, during break, for purchase
- Bagels are available until on Sunday mornings for \$2.00 each

**Cell Phone:** The IHC Religious School curriculum does not require the use of a cell phone. We understand that many of our students carry cell phones and we ask that parents please do not text or call your child during class hours. Students are asked not to use them during class sessions. If a teacher or staff member sees a child using his/her phone it may be taken away until dismissal. At times, a teacher or staff member may allow students the use of a cell phone during class time for curriculum needs pertaining to the class.

**Tzedakah:** The concept of collecting Tzedakah is to teach the Jewish belief of sharing with the needy. **Please help us** with encouraging your child to make a contribution to the Religious School Tzedakah Fund each week. This is collected each week during our t'filah time together.

**Classroom Guests:** Teachers should be consulted before asking a guest to attend class. The presence of classroom guests will be considered on an individual basis depending upon the teacher's assessment of the class dynamic, size, and subject matter. At times the topic to be discussed may be inappropriate for guests. IHC students and their guests are asked to check in with Debbi Kasper before going to class.

**Attendance:** Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class session. Students are expected to attend all class meetings and to remain for the entire class time. Students who enroll for a Kallah must attend the entire Kallah, no exceptions

- Core classes will meet eight times (or the equivalent of eight sessions) per trimester. Students are allowed to miss a maximum of two sessions before make up work will be required.
- Elective courses will meet four times per session. Students must attend three of the four sessions before receiving makeup work.

**Behavior:** Our classes are study sessions. It is expected that a student will treat these sessions with the same respect and deportment given any educational institution. No student will be allowed to interfere with the learning of classmates.

In cases of failure to meet a reasonable standard of conduct or preventing others from learning, the following steps will be taken:

- *First Infraction:* The teacher will discuss the inappropriate behavior with the student after class.
- *Second Infraction:* The student will be sent to Debbi Kasper. The student will be readmitted to the classroom only after a meeting with Debbi Kasper, the teacher, and/or Rabbi to discuss the problem.
- *Third Infraction:* The student will be sent to the office and the parents notified. A joint conference with parents, student, Coordinator and Rabbi will be scheduled. The student will not be readmitted to class until after this meeting.

**Parking Lot Safety:** We are concerned about the safety of each student. Please read parking updates carefully when they are sent to you. It is imperative that all drivers assist us by following these rules:

- Drop off and pick up on both Wednesday and Sunday is at the north side of the building. (do not use the south entrances—these doors will be locked)
- Parents and students parking and entering the building should park in the marked areas, not by the sidewalk
- Students should enter and leave a car from the passenger/curb side only
- When pulling away, please use caution

**Snow Cancellation:** Should it become necessary to cancel classes due to inclement weather, we will use the services of TV Channels 4, 6, 8, 13 and 59 by 7:30 am for Sunday classes and by 5:00pm for Wednesday classes. Please listen to your radio or TV, or log onto a station's web site.

**Please Note:** Cancellation of Sunday Religious School includes Sunday Derech Torah classes.

**FAQs:**

**Extra-curricular activities may make it difficult for some students to be in class on Wednesday nights.**

**Is there any flexibility in the program?** Absolutely! We offer a limited number of Sunday morning and Independent Study classes. This depends on the availability of instructors and the number of students who want this alternative. Kallot offer another scheduling option. A student who knows, for example, that he/she will play soccer in the fall can choose the “Fall Kallah” elective. This class meets a Friday evening and Saturday and includes the same number of hours as would be spent in an four-week Wednesday night class. Minimum and maximum enrollment for each class is required in order to offer certain classes.

**Can an 8th or 9th grader take all the core courses in one year and all the electives in the other?**

Although it would probably be best for a student to mix core and electives each year, a student is free to take courses in any order he/she chooses as long as all three core classes and six electives are taken by the end of the 9th grade year.

**Can I register for more than three classes a year?** Absolutely! As long as the schedule permits, a student may participate in both kallot and extra classes at no additional cost.

**Can I take two classes during one trimester and none the next?** Sure, as long as the two classes meet at different times. For example, you can take a core class and a Kallah during the second trimester and take no class during the third. Remember that classes will “go” only if there is sufficient enrollment.

**Can I accumulate credits from one year to use toward the next?** Students who take additional classes and/or earn extra credit are given special recognition each year, and cumulative extra effort is recognized and rewarded during the Confirmation process. Students are not allowed to “bank” credits toward future requirements, as that limits participation in the program and decreases socialization with peers. Special need cases should discuss their situation with Debbi Kasper.

**What are the attendance standards for the classes?** Students are expected to attend all class sessions for each class. Make-up work may be required if more than two class sessions for an 8 week course and/or one class session for a 4 week course is missed. Students enrolled in a Kallah must attend the entire program to receive credit.

**What happens if a student is “closed out” of a class or if the class does not “go” due to insufficient enrollment?** When selecting classes, students will indicate their first and second choice for each class trimester. If a student is closed out of a class or there is insufficient enrollment, he/she will be enrolled in another choice. If the class is cancelled after the enrollment period, an alternative will be offered, though it may not be scheduled for the same dates or times.

**Will special recognition be given to students who take extra classes and/or complete additional expectations?** Yes! Students are encouraged to earn extra credit. They will receive Chai Club credit and be recognized in the Derech Torah Update. These points will be considered to determine Confirmation awards winners.

- 2 points for each additional Shabbat service attended
- 2 points for each additional Shabbat Worship Greeter credit per year
- 2 points for each additional Tikkun Olam project completed
- 6 points for each additional Kehilah attended
- 18 points for each class above the required

**How will families be informed of a student’s progress?** Progress reports will be mailed at the end of each class trimester. Included will be information on the class just completed as well as a report including the status of all segments of the program: classes, Kehilah, Shabbat service attendance, and Tikkun Olam. **Please review these carefully and notify the office immediately if there is a question or discrepancy.**

**How will we know about other Kehilah and Tikkun Olam opportunities?** Suggested programs will be listed in the quarterly newsletter, *Derech Torah Update* mailed to each family. Also, e-mails are sent when new opportunities arrive. Families are also encouraged to find additional programs with Jewish and/or religious content. Look in the Religion section of the Saturday, *Indianapolis Star*, or find a local newspaper if you are out of town.

## If You Are an 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> Grader

Welcome! You have two years (by the time you have finished 9<sup>th</sup> grade) in which to complete three core (C) classes and a minimum of six elective (E) classes. A minimum total of nine classes.

Core classes are:

- Ethics/Jewish Identity
- Exploring The Sources or Sources/Ethics
- Mitzvah Corps

Other expectations to be completed:

- Eight Worship credits per year
- One Shabbat Worship Greeter credit per year
- Four Tikkun Olam/Social Action credits per year
- Two Kehilah/community credits per year

**Be sure you are finished with all classes and expectations by April 15, 2020!**

How to get started:

1. **Students and Parents** read the “Program Overview” section and be sure that you understand each item.
2. Review the offered classes and see which ones fit in your schedule and catch your interest. You have the option of doubling up and taking a Wednesday and a Sunday class in one trimester if you need to take a break during a different trimester. Classes will be offered only if there is sufficient enrollment.
3. Fill **out** all the separate attachments **completely** and return together with all the necessary signatures by Friday, June 14. Be sure to list a **second** and **third** choice. **Beginning June 15** tuition will **increase** by \$50.00
4. Registration forms may be submitted either in person or by mail. Priority will be given to student choices based on when the form and registration fee is **received** in IHC’s Derech Torah office.
5. Feel free to register for extra classes!
6. Numerous awards are presented at Confirmation (see the bottom of page 9 for a complete listing). Quality of work, timeliness of requirement completion, extra credit (Chai Club points) and attitude during all three Derech Torah years are used as criteria in determining award winners.

Your finalized class schedule will be distributed at the **Parent/Student meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6:30pm**. Fees for Derech Torah kallot, and lab fees will be collected at that time.

9th grade students, remember you must have completed all your education credits from the prior year in order to continue to the next grade. If you still have 8th grade requirements incomplete, **contact Debbi Kasper, the Derech Torah Coordinator, immediately!**

## If You Are an 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> Grader (continued)

### Class Times

- Wednesday classes will meet from 6:30pm-8:30pm; there will be a 15 minute t'filla (worship) and a 15 minute break where students will have the opportunity to socialize and purchase a snack
- Sunday classes will meet from 10:30am-12:30pm

### Reporting Credits

Students will be responsible for reporting their completed credits for worship, Shabbat worship greeter, Tikkun Olam and Kehilah/community in writing or via email to **Barbara Chapman at [barbarac@ihcindy.org](mailto:barbarac@ihcindy.org)** by the end of each month they are earned. Students attending Shabbat worship can also receive credit for attendance by signing in on the clipboard attendance sheet located on the counter outside the education office. Class credits will be automatically recorded after completion of each class.

The credit year runs from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 allowing students the opportunity to start earning credits over the summer. Student will receive a progress report showing all credits earned at the end of each trimester.

Class credits will be earned by attending classes in the traditional trimester schedule, by independent study, or by attending weekend Kallot.

### How to Choose Classes

- Students will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of core and elective classes. Trimesters will be 8 weeks long. Students will have the option of taking either one core class or two elective options per trimester.
- Other learning options are elective class opportunities by Independent Study. Students must complete the Independent Study contract outlining the elective credit option they are seeking.

Below are many of our "Elective Class Independent Study" opportunities:

- Take Hebrew as a high school foreign language class
- Attend an Adult Jewish education class at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation
- Participate in High Holy Day choir at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation
- Participate in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation's Klezmer band (***a one time lab fee is required***)
- Participate in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregations Mitzvah Stitches Group
- Create your own education experience (It's Your Call)



## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade/Confirmation Experience

In order to be eligible for Confirmation, students must complete the required classes including those from prior years. If you have any questions or concerns about past credits, contact Debbi Kasper Derech Torah, Coordinator immediately.

As part of the Confirmation experience, students are eligible for a wonderful trip to Jewish New York. The trip will take place October 10-15, 2019. Students who participate in the New York trip must sign an agreement that they will complete 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes and participate in Confirmation.

### Class Requirements

During 10th grade, they are required to complete:

- Literacy review class
- Torah With the Rabbi — Confirmation class
- Confirmation Prep, Shabbaton (retreat) and rehearsals

Confirmation students are also expected to complete:

- Eight Worship/Avodah services
- One Shabbat Worship Greeter credit
- Four Tikkun Olam/Social Action credits
- Two Kehilah/community credits

*It is important to us that all students are able to complete the Confirmation year. Please do not let the financial obligations of this year be a hindrance to completion. Contact Debbi Kasper for more information.*

## Confirmation Service, Erev Shavout - Saturday, May 30, 2020

### Confirmation Award Opportunities

**Evan Oppenheim Borinstein/Lucille Borinstein Cohen Award:** *Character and Leadership*

This award was established in 1952 and is awarded to the male and female student in the confirmation class who shows for exemplary character in Jewish and communal affairs. These students will be awarded an engraved watch.

**Kroot Family Award:** *Academic Excellence*

This award established in 1983 and is awarded to the male and female student in the confirmation class who shows academic excellence. These students will be awarded an engraved Havdalah set.

**NFTY Institute Award:** *Overall Contribution to the Class*

This award is from the Etta Platt & Nathan Levin funds are scholarships awarded to the students to be used towards attendance at a Jewish youth event.

**Sarah W Goodman Award Confirmation Fund:** *Creativity*

This award was established in 1976 and is awarded annually to a student in the confirmation class to be used towards a camp scholarship. This award recognizes the creative artistic accomplishments of the award winner.

**Chai Club Award:** *Large Number of Chai Points Earned*

This award recognizes the students who earn a large number of Chai Club points. This has been done by taking additional education credits, attending extra worship, attending Tikkun Olam events/program or by attending additional Kehilah events in the community.

## Avdoah Worship Credit Opportunities

Students are expected to complete eight worship credits per year.

Worship credit is awarded for attending:

- An adult worship experience at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation: Shabbat and/or Holidays; an adult worship experience at other Jewish congregations
- Worship during an Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation sponsored youth group or NFTY event (maximum two credits per event)
- Three different style services at IHC: a traditional Shabbat service, a Nefesh service, and a Classical service; write a paper comparing and contrasting these services
- One service at IHC and one service each at B'nai Torah, Etz Chaim, Shareey Tefilla, and Congregation Beth El Zedech; write a comparative paper outlining the differences and/or similarities to your experience at IHC

## Shabbat Worship Greeter Credit Opportunity

Students are expected to complete one Shabbat Worship Greeter credit per year.

- Students and parents will sign up for one time greeting opportunity and will meet with the Rabbi prior to the start of the Shabbat worship service.

## Tikkun Olam/Social Action Credit Opportunities

Students are expected to complete four Tikkun Olam credits per year.

Tikkun Olam credit is awarded for:

- Volunteering at IHC or any other organization in the community  
Work in the learning center preparing materials for the beginning of the school year...Date & Time TBA.
- Participation during a hosting time at IHC for the Interfaith Hospitality Network. *Contact Lori Anderson for more information.*
- Students will earn one credit per full (not partial) hour they work  
Credit will be given on the honor system; you will simply need to complete and return the credit form available in the Education Office

## Kehilah/Community Credit Opportunities

Students are expected to complete two Kehilah/community credits per year.

One Kehilah/community credit is awarded for attending:

- Any Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation sponsored retreat (ie, Rosh Hashanah)
- NFTY sub-regional or regional event
- Any local Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation sponsored youth group events, congregational programs, community religious events or community program.
- Participate in Mezuzah Hanging Celebration at Hooverwood on September 22
- Any Jewish overnight camp

*You will receive ideas throughout the year via email on other Kehilah opportunities*

Continue to check the IHC Web site [www.ihcindy.org](http://www.ihcindy.org) for service times, Social Action opportunities and community event dates and times.

## Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Youth Groups

Membership in IHC youth groups is included in your Derech Torah registration fees. Dues go to support local programming as well as National dues.

Each youth group event attended earns 1/3 portion of your community credit. Additional credits may be awarded pending event content.

**JIFTY** (our synagogue’s chapter for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders—Junior IFTY), provides monthly activities that combine special, religious and Tikkun Olam projects. Among the highlights of the year is the annual Junior Youth Group (JYG) conclave that brings students together from our five state regions for a weekend of study, worship, social activities and fun.

**IFTY** is our chapter of the URJ’s National Federation of Temple Youth) Indianapolis Federation of Temple Youth (IFTY). This group provides for regular local social and cultural activities (including our annual Purim Carnival) combined with numerous opportunities to meet teens from other congregations in the NFTY-Ohio Valley region. IFTY members build friendships, lifelong Reform Jewish identities, and leadership skills through all of the programs provided.

Plan on joining us for these great events and help with the planning. Each full IFTY event attended earn students one of their community requirements as well as earning two worship credits at conclave. **Contact IFTY President**, Emma Cox for more information.

### 2019-2020 Event Dates

Regional Events	Location	Dates
<b>NFTY Midwest Mesibah (includes IFTY &amp; JIFTY)</b>	GUCI	September 20-22, 2019
<b>NFTY Sub Regional Shabbaton</b>	Louisville, KY	November 9-10 , 2019
<b>NFTY Winter Kallah</b>	Cincinnati, OH	January 24-26 , 2020
<b>Junior Youth Group Conclave, JYG</b>	Worthington, OH	February 29-March 1, 2020
<b>NFTY Spring Kallah</b>	Nashville, TN	April 2-5, 2020

For more information on IHC’s youth groups, **contact Matt Hastings**, [matth@ihcindy.org](mailto:matth@ihcindy.org) or 317-255-6647 x216.

### Passport to Israel (an Israel trip subsidy grant)

Trips to Israel make a huge impact on participants, creating a solid Jewish identity and generating a love of Israel and Judaism in general.

To encourage all of our teens and young adults to participate in a youth trip to Israel, IHC is proud to provide funding to help pay for such trips. Supported by IHC’s Foundation, students can earn \$100 for each year they attend IHC’s Religious School (up to a maximum of \$900) plus \$200 after completing Confirmation. For information on IHC’s Passport to Israel program, contact the Religious School office.

More information can also be found under the OUR COMMUNITY tab on the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation web site or clicking on [www.ihcindy.org/community](http://www.ihcindy.org/community)

## ***YoPhi Service Learning – Designed for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade***

- Service events for grades 3-8 with a focus on combining community service with meaningful Jewish learning
- Each event is approximately two hours.
- Planning at least FIVE events for the year.
- Tentative Dates for projects. All Activities are TBD:
  - September 15, 2019 (in conjunction with Federation Super Sunday)
  - November 10, 2019
  - TBD Late December/Early January – planning to partner with the Interfaith Hospitality Network at IHC.
  - March 15, 2020 (specific 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade activity since 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders will be part of J-Serve)
  - May 17, 2020

## ***Chai Mitzvah - Designed for 8-10 Grade***

- 1.5 hours on a Sunday once-a-month
- Open to “post-b’nai mitzvah aged” – 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up. If an 8<sup>th</sup> grader is interested best to speak with David Heilbron directly – 317-726-5450.
- Looking to use the Rap based *mussar* curriculum for the group next year.
- Dates for Next Year: 9/22, 10/13 (drop-in Sukkah Building Activity – Time TBD), 11/10, 12/15, 1/12, 2/2, 3/15 (J-Serve), 4/26, May 31

## ***J-Serve Planning Committee - Designed for 8-10 Grade***

- Planning Committee works to design and lead J-Serve
- Usually meet once a month from Fall through February and then 2-3 times before J-Serve Date in late February/Early March
- If anyone wants to be on this committee – contact David Heilbron ([dheilbron@jfgi.org](mailto:dheilbron@jfgi.org))

## ***J-Serve – Designed for 8-10 Grade***

- Tentative Date: March 15, 2020
- Community Service Mega event open to 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders
- Registration will open in February 2020

## ***JCRC – Israel Engagement Fellowship – Designed for 9-10 Grade***

- Meets 8 Mondays in Fall (9/16 – 12/3)
- Learning about Israel advocacy and Israel engagement with a focus on preparing teens for college campuses
- Unique way to also connect with Israel even if you are contemplating not attending college
- Contact for the program is Marla Topiol ([mtopiol@indyjcrc.org](mailto:mtopiol@indyjcrc.org))

## ***JCRC – Student to Student – Designed for 9 – 10 Grade***

- Presentations by Jewish students to broaden community teens about what it means and what it is like to be Jewish
- Interested teens should contact Marla Topiol for more info ([mtopiol@indyjcrc.org](mailto:mtopiol@indyjcrc.org))

## ***Opportunities Outside of Jewish Community***

Center for Interfaith Cooperation – Interfaith Youth Ambassadors  
 United Way – Youth leadership Untied

Continue to check the IHC web site [www.ihcindy.org](http://www.ihcindy.org) for service times, Social Action opportunities and community event dates and times.

## Scheduling Checklist

### Before submitting your schedule, be sure you:

- Mark first and second choice for each session.
- Have covered all of your core courses if you are a 9th.
- Are aware that you are expected to attend 8 Adult Shabbat Services this year.
- Check your calendar for a Shabbat evening where you and your parent(s) will serve as greeters.
- Have selected your 4 hours of Tikkun Olam opportunities.
- Consider the possibilities for your two Kehilah opportunities.

### When submitting your schedule make sure you have completed the following forms:

- Class Registration Form (complete one for office and one for your records)
- Covenant (included with registration—signed and dated by student & parent)
- Independent Study Contract (accompany class registration form where applicable)
- Emergency Medical & Out of Building Form (forms attachment—2 pages)
- Student Information (forms attachment—1 page)
- Derech Torah Tuition & Fee Form plus payment (forms attachment)

**Be sure your name is on all forms and turn them ALL in at the same time!**

**Reminder – Registration and All forms due by Friday, June 14, 2019.**

# Class Calendar

Parent/Student Orientation is Wednesday, August 21, 2019

If you are an 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grader:

<b>***Core Class***</b>					
<b>1st Trimester</b>		<b>2nd Trimester</b>		<b>3rd Trimester</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
August 28	August 25	November 6	November 10	January 29	February 2
September 4	September 8	November 13	November 17	February 5	February 9
September 11	September 15	November 20	November 24	February 12	February 16
September 18	September 22	December 4	December 8	February 19	February 23
September 25	October 13	December 11	December 15	February 26	March 1
October 2	October 20	January 8	January 12	March 4	March 15
October 23	October 27	January 15	January 19	March 11	March 22
October 30	November 3	January 22	January 26	March 18	March 29
Wednesday, August 28 – 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraising Wednesday, October 23 -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade New York Parent Meeting Sunday, March 8 - Purim Megillah Reading					
<b>***Elective Class (Wednesday Only)***</b>					
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Trimester</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester</b>	
<b>1 Aleph</b>	<b>1 Bet</b>	<b>2 Aleph</b>	<b>2 Bet</b>	<b>3 Aleph</b>	<b>3 Bet</b>
August 28	September 25	November 6	December 11	January 29	February 26
September 4	October 2	November 13	January 8	February 5	March 4
September 11	October 23	November 20	January 15	February 12	March 11
September 18	October 30	December 4	January 22	February 19	March 18

If you are a 10<sup>th</sup> grader:

<b>1st Trimester</b>	<b>2nd Trimester</b>	<b>Prep Classes</b>
<b>Literacy Review Wednesday or Independent Study</b>	<b>New York Prep and Review</b>	<b>Torah With the Rabbi Wednesday</b>
<b>Dates</b>		
August 28	September 25	December 4
September 4	(Island of Tears)	December 11
September 11	October 2	January 8
September 18	(Sablosky & Parents	January 15
October 30	& 2 videos	January 22
November 6	October 23	January 29
November 13	Wrap up from Trip	February 5
November 20		February 12
Friday, May 1, 6:00-9:45 / Shabbaton Sunday, May 17, 2:00-5:00 / Rehearsal Wednesday, May 20, 6:30-8:30 / Rehearsal & Pictures Wednesday, May 27, 6:30-8:30 / Final Rehearsal <b>Saturday, May 30 / Confirmation</b>		

January 15 & February 12 Confirmation Parent Meeting

# Class Calendar for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

## Core Class Options

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm	Sundays, 11:15 am-1:15pm
August 28	August 25
September 4, 11, 18, 25	September 8, 15, 22
October 2, 23, 30	October 13, 20, 27
	November 3

Trimester 2	
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm	Sundays, 11:15 am-1:15pm
November 6, 13, 20	November 10, 17, 24
December 4, 11	December 8, 15
January 8, 15, 22	January 12, 19, 26

Trimester 3	
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm	Sundays, 11:15am-1:15pm
January 29	
February 5, 12, 19, 26	February 2, 9, 16, 23
March 4, 11, 18	March 1, 15, 22, 29

## Elective Class Options—Wednesday Only 6:30-8:30pm

Trimester 1 Aleph	Trimester 1 Bet
August 28,	September 25
September 4, 11, 18	October 2, 23, 30

Trimester 2 Aleph	Trimester 2 Bet
November 6, 13, 20	December 11
December 4	January 8, 15, 22

Trimester 3 Aleph	Trimester 3 Bet
January 29	February 26
February 5, 12, 19	March 4, 11, 18

## Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Derech Torah Grade 8 & 9 Registration Form 2019 / 2020

Name _____	Phone _____
Address _____	Secular School _____
City/State/Zip _____	Grade _____
Student Email _____	
Parent Email _____	
Student Cell Phone _____	

Return this class registration form by **Friday, June 14, 2019** and keep a copy for your records.

### 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

<b>1st Trimester Classes</b>		<b>Days/Time</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>C</b>	<b>Ethics/Identity</b> / This class will help strengthen Jewish identity by investigating the question "Why be Jewish?" and exploring how being Jewish and a minority is affected by issues such as assimilation, anti-Semitism, cults, intermarriage and church/state political issues. <b>This is an 8 week Core class.</b>	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm  August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 25 October 2, 23, 30
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>C</b>	<b>Mitzvah Corps</b> / The Jewish concept of Mitzvot will be explored as students put Judaism to work in Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) by creating, planning, coordinating and implementing a group social action program. The project may require students to meet at an alternate location; times will try to stay the same. Families will be notified by mail or phone of schedule changes. Parents may be asked to assist with this class (mostly driving). This is an 8 week Core class.	Sundays 10:30am- 12:30pm  August 25 September 8, 15, 22 October 13, 20, 27 November 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b>	<b>Madrichim Training - Aleph &amp; Bet</b> / This class is mandatory for students who will be working as a classroom assistant in Religious School. Topics such as getting along with your supervising teacher, helping students who need extra attention and handling classroom discipline will be explored. This is also an excellent opportunity for those who think they might want to work in Religious School at a future time. <b>This is an 8 week class.</b>	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm  August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 25 October 2, 23, 30
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b>	<b>Learning Torah on One Foot – Aleph</b> / The story is told of a student who didn't have the time to study the entire Torah and challenged Rabbi Hillel to teach him the whole Torah while he balanced on one foot. Our study of Torah uncovers learnings you never studied in Sunday School! Like Hillel's student, you don't have the time to study the entire Torah. We will look at selections and uncover their mystery, meaning, and magic. Using text study, video, and discussion, each week you will be asked to question what you "thought" you knew and the real story. Just see if you can uncover the mysteries of Torah teachings and not lose your balance!	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm  August 28 September 4, 11, 18
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b>	<b>What Is It? - Bet</b> / Have you ever heard the saying "the United States is a melting pot of people?" What does that really mean? Sign up for this class and be surprised at what you may learn. If you are someone who can take a chance and sign up for something without knowing all the details, this class is for you.	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm  September 25 October 2, 23, 30
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b>	<b>NFTY Midwest Mesibah, GUCI for 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Grades</b> / Imagine spending an incredible weekend enjoying the company of your new old friends from near and far. You are discussing topics during programs while sharing and comparing ideas. You are enjoying being Jewish with people that are much like you. You are making new friends, having fun, and socializing. <b>NFTY Fee</b>	Weekend  September 20-22, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b>	<b>NFTY Sub Regional Shabbaton—Louisville, KY / November, 2019</b> / Join your NFTY community for a weekend of learning, praying and teaching. You will have the opportunity to enjoy network time, celebrate Shabbat together and learn many useful tools to take back to your local Temple Youth Groups and Congregations. <b>NFTY Fee</b>	Weekend  November 9 & 10



2nd Trimester Classes		Days/Times	Dates
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>C</b> <b>Mitzvah Corps</b> / <i>The Jewish concept of Mitzvot will be explored as students put Judaism to work in Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). This will be done by creating, planning, coordinating and implementing a group social action project. The project may require students to meet at an alternate location; times will try to stay the same. Families will be notified by email or phone of schedule changes. Parents will be asked to assist with this class (mostly driving). This is an 8 week Core class.</i>	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm	November 6, 13, 20 December 4, 11 January 8, 15, 22
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>C</b> <b>Sources/Ethics</b> / <i>This class will explore Jewish perspectives on some of the tough ethical issues facing today's teens. A brief look at Judaism through its primary source texts, the Bible, Talmud, Commentary and Responsa, and learn how they relate to Jewish values and daily life. This is a chance for students to increase their knowledge and comfort level by using these sources of information. This is an 8 week Core class.</i>	Sundays 10:30am- 12:30pm	November 10, 17, 24 December 8, 15 January 12, 19, 26
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b> <b>Book Club – Aleph</b> / <i>Join a trained librarian in fascinating discussions of a selected Jewish themed book. Title to be distributed at the parent/student meeting on Wednesday, August 21. The other 2 weeks will be considered independent reading weeks. Participants must read the assigned book prior to the group meeting. Parents are welcome and encouraged to read the books and join their student for the discussions.</i>	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm	November 6 December 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b> <b>My Jewish Leadership Journey - Aleph</b> / <i>Ever wonder how someone becomes a Jewish leader? Ever wonder how some people just seem to be "born leaders" and other people are "born followers"? In this class, we will explore the different paths to becoming a leader as well as learning about how you can develop your own leadership skills.</i>	Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm	November 6, 13, 20 December 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b> <b>I Got this Jewish Thing Down...or Do I?" – Bet</b> / <i>Explore with other teens the question "As I continue to grow and experience life's events, what does it mean to be Jewish through my continuing life's journey? We will look at questions like: What happens if I am the only Jew in my high school? What happens if I go to college, how do I keep my Jewish identity in a new place? Do I still celebrate the Jewish holidays when I live on my own? If I go into the workplace, what issues might I face being Jewish? If I decide to get married, what if my partner is not Jewish, how do I then stay Jewish? This interactive journey will include individual and group exploration as well as guests who are experiencing many of these questions first hand. Come eager to talk and discuss your own questions as you take the next steps in your "Jewish life's journey."</i>	Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	December 11 January 8, 15, 22
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b> <b>Cooking With Jewish Teens – Kallah</b> <i>Discover and prepare traditional Shabbat dishes under the supervision of our own Ron Herman. Compare the Ashkenazic and Sephardic traditions. You will also have the opportunity to cook and sample some food for yourselves. Bring your thirst for knowledge and your appetite for good food! You must attend the entire Kallah and stay until all is cleaned up to receive credit. Lab Fee of \$50 will be due for meals &amp; snacks.</i>	Friday 5:45-10:00pm & Saturday 8:30am-4:00pm	December 6 & December 7
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b> <b>Jewish Love &amp; Sexuality – Kallah</b> / <i>The factual information, which is the basis of the curriculum, (including some explicit media) will be combined with an exploration of Judaism's attitudes toward the issues and questions, which surround sexual decision-making. The program will provide our teenagers the opportunity to formulate attitudes and values as well as address their questions and concerns. Lab Fee for Meals, Snacks and Materials: \$60.00. You must attend the entire Kallah to receive credit.</i>	Friday 5:45-10:00pm & Saturday 8:30am-4:00pm	January 17 & 18
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b> <b>NFTY Winter Kallah - Cincinnati, OH</b> / <i>A Weekend of learning, growing, laughing, and building meaningful relationships with other Reform Jewish teens. A weekend of programs, activities, prayer, and fun is planned by teens in collaboration with HUC, for teens. NFTY Fee</i>	Weekend	January 24-26

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## 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade (continued)

3rd Trimester Classes		Days/Times	Dates
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>C</b>	<p><b>Exploring the Sources</b> / Sometimes when we read the Bible we come up with more questions than answers. For example, of all the people on earth, why was Abraham chosen by God? Or, what did Sarah think when her only son was about to be sacrificed by her husband? In this class we will read some of the classic rabbinic stories and then we will create our own stories with words, drama and art. <b>This is an 8 week Core class.</b></p>	<p>Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>January 29 February 5, 12, 19, 26 March 4, 11, 18</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>C</b>	<p><b>Ethics/Identity</b> / This class will explore Jewish perspectives on some of the tough ethical issues facing today's teens. The issues will vary widely, including topics such as ethical resolution of pressures facing teens and religion in the schools. The course will combine Jewish perspectives and concepts of American liberty. All students must participate by thinking, listening, and discussing. <b>This is an 8 week Core class.</b></p>	<p>Sundays 10:30am-12:30pm</p> <p>February 2, 9 16, 23 March 1, 15, 22, 29</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b>	<p><b>"Thnx" God – Aleph</b> / These days, we often communicate more with our phones by texting than we do with the written word in emails or even letters. Many times we only use the word "THNX!!" when responding in a text. What if you had to write God a Thank You note. What would you say, what would that actually look like? Let us talk about it and actually do it! This class will be a roundtable discussion on just how to do this.</p>	<p>Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>January 29 February 5, 12, 19</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b>	<p><b>Jewish Threads - Aleph</b> / Create heirloom quality crafts and learn the Jewish story behind each one. The threads we weave thru our Jewish history will also help inspire some conversation with your class. No artistic talent required, just enthusiasm! In order to receive credit you must complete ALL crafts. <b>Lab Fee \$20.00</b></p>	<p>Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>January 29 February 5, 12, 19</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b>	<p><b>In the Kitchen – Bet</b> / Take the next step in your culinary adventure that we call <b>Jewish Kitchen Cooking</b>. Join our very own Ron Herman for this advance trip down the Jewish cooking trail. Jewish cooking is food with a story rich in history and symbolism of the Jewish people. Students must stay until all clean up tasks are complete each week. <b>An additional lab fee of \$50</b> will be due to cover all food purchases. <b>Class size no more than 12 students.</b></p>	<p>Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>February 26 March 4, 11, 18</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b>	<p><b>Jewish Iron Chef – Kallah</b> / What does this mean – Enjoy a fun weekend of discovering secret ingredients that are part of all Jewish cooking whether it's traditional American Shabbat dinner, a holiday you are not used to cooking for, or showing off your style from a place where Jews have lived throughout the centuries. Grab a knife, "sharpen" your skills, and let's get cooking without some of the television drama. The Chairman is our very own Ron Herman with guest judges during the weekend. Students must be able to work independently and will be required to clean up prior to dismissal. <b>An additional lab fee of \$60</b> will be due to cover all food purchases. Students must have taken a previous cooking class at IHC. Class size will be limited to 10 students.</p>	<p>Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm Sunday 9:00am-2:00pm</p> <p>February 29 &amp; March 1</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b>	<p><b>Junior Youth Group "JYG" Kallah for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Graders – Worthington, OH</b> The Kallah is a convention, a gathering of youth from around our region for a weekend of teen-created educational, spiritual, and of course social activities. At a Kallah teens worship together, learn from interesting and exciting programs, participate in a social action project, and of course have tons of fun. <b>NFTY Fee</b></p>	<p>Weekend</p> <p>February 29 March 1</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E</b>	<p><b>NFTY Spring Kallah, Nashville, TN for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders &amp; Any 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Who Attend JYG</b> / NFTY-OV Spring Kallah is a weekend of learning, growing, laughing, and building meaningful relationships with other Reform Jewish teens. <b>NFTY Fee</b></p>	<p>Weekend</p> <p>April 2, 3, 4 &amp; 5</p>

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## Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Derech Torah

### Confirmation Registration Form 2019/2020 - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Only

Name _____	Phone _____
Address _____	Secular School _____
Address _____	Grade <u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Student Email _____ Parent _____	
Email _____	
Student Cell Phone _____	

Return the class registration form by **Friday, June 14, 2019** and keep a copy for your records.

Literacy Review		
1st Trimester	Time	Dates
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	6:30-8:30pm	August 28, September 4, 11,18, October 30, November 6, 13, 20
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Study		

  

New York Prep & Review		
1st Trimester	Time	Dates
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	6:30-8:30pm	September 25 October 2, 23

Torah with the Rabbi		
2nd Trimester	Time	Dates
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	6:30-8:30pm	December 11, January 8, 15, 22, 29 February 5,12

  

Confirmation Prep		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ALL MUST ATTEND</b>	
	Shabbaton	6:00 pm -- 9:45 pm
	Rehearsal	2:00 pm -- 5:00 pm
	Rehearsal	6:30 pm -- 8:30 pm
	Final Rehearsal	6:30 pm -- 8:30 pm
	Confirmation	TBD
		Friday, May 1 Sunday, May 17 Wednesday, May 20 Wednesday, May 27 Thursday, May 30

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# Derech Torah Covenant 2019/2020

## IHC and its teachers are expected to:

- Demonstrate their enthusiasm for life-long Jewish learning and be effective role models
- Be prepared to teach the class/module
- Respect all students, their ideas and feelings
- Maintain classroom discipline and control
- Make Jewish education an institutional priority
- Work to make class enjoyable and interesting

## The student is expected to:

- Respect classmates, teacher and surroundings
- Come to class on time ready to cooperate, participate, put forth an honest effort and learn
- Adhere to IHC attendance, dress and discipline standards
- Make Judaism and Jewish education a priority
- Complete all requirements not later than the dates due
- Continue through Grade 10, Confirmation

## The parent(s) is expected to:

- Make Judaism and Jewish education a priority. Get students to class on time and on a regular basis
- Encourage early completion of requirements
- Accompany their child when he/she comes to fulfill worship attendance requirements
- Be an educational partner by encouraging their child to share class content
- Stress the importance of celebrating Confirmation

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Coordinator or Rabbi \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_