

# IHC DERECH TORAH

## WHEN

**Wednesday evenings  
6:30—8:30 p.m.**

## WHERE IHC

## FEATURING

• **8th grade—Jewish Identity and Leadership** •  
**9th grade—Comparative Religions** • **10th  
grade—Confirmation** • **Electives** • **Capstone**

## 8TH—10TH GRADE

## CORE CLASSES

**By grade level**

**Three segments**

**(15 sessions total)**

**\*Aug. 25—Sept. 29**

**\*Nov. 3—Dec. 8**

**\*Feb. 9—Mar. 23**

## ELECTIVES

**Grades together**

**4 required over 3 years**

**Two 4-week sessions**

**\*Oct. 6—Oct. 27**

**\*Jan. 12—Feb. 2**

**Shabbaton offerings**

## CAPSTONE PROJECT

**Identify your interest**

**Mentor Assigned**

**Develop Project**

**Present Project**

## INDEPENDENT STUDY

**Please contact us to work  
out a program that  
continues to keep you  
connected.**

## 2021-2022 Schedule

Wednesday Evening 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Core I: (all grades 8-10)

Aug. 25

Sept. 1

Sept. 22

Sept. 29

Elective I:

Oct. 6

Oct. 13

Oct. 20

Oct. 27

Core II: (all grades 8-10)

Nov. 3

Nov. 10

Nov. 17

Dec. 1

Dec. 8

Elective II:

Jan. 12

Jan. 19

Jan. 26

Feb. 2

Core III: (all grades 8-10)

Feb. 9

Feb. 16

Feb. 23

Mar. 2

Mar. 9

Mar. 23

Mar. 16 (make-up for snow day)

## Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed to connect Jewish education with where our students are in their lives. “Who you are as a Jew, and how you interact with the world around you” is an enduring question.

### Core Courses:

(Three— 5-week sessions each year)

**8th grade:** Jewish Identity and Leadership (Taught by Matt Hastings)

**9th grade:** Comparative Religions (Taught by Rabbi Roxanne Shapiro)

**10th grade:** Confirmation—Affirming My Identity (Taught by Rabbi Brett Krichiver and Rabbi Jordana Chernow-Reader)

### Electives:

(4-week session—2 offered per year as Wednesday night courses;

Shabbaton options will be offered when Covid restrictions permit)

Our electives are designed to connect with student’s interests that they already have or to pique some new interests. Our goal is for our students to explore Judaism through the arts, science, study, culture, and more. In a three year period, students need to take 4 electives. Options for elective credits for other Jewish programs or activities do exist. (Taught by specialists in the fields)

### Capstone Project:

(beginning in Fall 2021)

During one’s 8th grade year, a student will select a particular interest in which to focus on more deeply. The student will be paired with an adult mentor in that field. With the guidance of the mentor, the student will choose a subtopic to explore during their 9th grade year that leads to the creation of a project that serves as a capstone to their Confirmation year.

## Working with our Students

We understand that these years in a student’s life are busy ones. We commit to work with each of our students seeking to reach Confirmation. Therefore, while we have a set class schedule, in order to build community within our program, we do offer independent study opportunities or options for credit for working with Jewish programs with which the student may also be involved. Please be in touch with us to discuss ways to work with your (or your student’s) schedule.

\*Elective calculation and Capstone Project requirements will be tailored for our current 10th grade students given that this is a change to the program into which they entered.

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