

NOVEMBER 20

● How To Get What You Want From Adults

Ever feel like the adults in your life look for reasons to say "no" to you? This session will focus on the psychology of adults and why they often stand in the way of teens trying to be more independent. You'll get useful strategies for talking to parents, teachers, and other adults-in-charge about what you want and how to make it happen—with Dr. Debi Gilboa, "Dr. G" of Today Show fame.

● Jewish Improv with Arcade Comedy Theater

Join Arcade Comedy Theater, a non-profit theater and improv academy in downtown Pittsburgh, to experience community-building through Jewish humor and teamwork. Requires two passes.

● Mural Painting

Paint on the wall – add your mark to the Second Floor hallway mural to reflect the words of the *Shema* and *V'ahavta*, guided by Ariel DiFelice.

● Current Events

Discussion of the world's current events impacting the Jewish world each week, with Barak Naveh.

DECEMBER 18

● Israeli Religious Politics **iSRAEL SERIES**

Explore the political landscape in Israel, focusing on the religious right and historical controversies related to marriages, conversions and military exemptions in the Jewish state, with Rabbi Aaron Bisno.

● Jewish Cooking: Hanukkah Edition

Explore some delicious Hanukkah recipes that celebrate the miracle of the oil, including make-your-own donuts (sufganiyot) and beyond! – with Casey Weiss.

● The Neon Lights Are Bright on Broadway

Check out the Jewish connection to Broadway – explore the Jewish roots of Broadway hits and even write some of your own, with Sara Stock Mayo.

● Current Events

JANUARY 22

● Understanding Racial Injustice with Repair the World

Do black lives matter? Do all lives matter? Justify the Jewish community's obligation to speak out against racial injustice in our world, and meet local leaders on the frontlines of racial injustice in the Pittsburgh community, with Zack Block. What can we do to get informed and speak out?

● Blessings Bags with the Volunteer Center

With the Volunteer Center of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, pack "blessing bags" of winter supplies (including hats, gloves, socks, food, tissues, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, and/or chapstick) to pass out homeless individuals in our area, while exploring the Jewish value of *kavod ha'ani*.

● Humans of Tel Aviv **iSRAEL SERIES**

A la "Humans of New York," Humans of Tel Aviv is a spinoff Facebook page which chronicles the diverse stories of people living in Tel Aviv, from secular beach bums to a Jewish convert from Singapore. Get to know Israel by exploring 30 of these amazing stories on displayed photographs on the Second Floor this January, with Classrooms Without Borders.

● Current Events

DECEMBER 4

● Pop Hits of Israel **iSRAEL SERIES**

Explore pop and hip hop hits of Israel, from Riff Cohen to Hadag Nachash to Idan Raichel, with Rabbi Seth Adelson.

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DECEMBER 11

● How To Keep Any Job You Get

Whether it's babysitting, working retail, or the full time job of your dreams, keeping a job can be more challenging than getting it. Find out what employers really want and how to do the work that is most interesting or valuable to you, while making yourself invaluable in the workplace – with Dr. Debi Gilboa, "Dr. G" of Today Show fame.

● Encountering BDS **iSRAEL SERIES**

What is the BDS (Boycott-Divest-Sanctions) movement against Israel? Who supports it, who opposes it, and where do you stand? Look at BDS up close and ask questions, with Rabbi Jamie Gibson.

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JANUARY 8

● Art and Humor in Archie Rand

Archie Rand is an artist from Brooklyn, NY with beautiful art displayed all over the world, from Chicago to Paris to Tel Aviv, and now in Pittsburgh in the American Jewish Museum at the JCC. View his comic-book style interpretations of famous biblical scenes, then try your hand at creating a masterpiece—with Rabbi Ron Symons.

● Women of the Wall **iSRAEL SERIES**

Who are the "Women of the Wall" in Israel? Who cares about reading Torah at the Western Wall, and why are women so aggressively berated when they do? Where do women's rights in Israel stand today, and in what direction are they headed? Explore the controversy and recent split within Women of the Wall with Rabbi Sharyn Henry.

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FEBRUARY 5

● Repurposing T-Shirts with the Volunteer Center

With the Volunteer Center, turn old J-Serve (or other old) t-shirts into reusable bags for the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry applying the Jewish value of *ba'al taschit*.

● Plant Seedlings For Tu Bishvat with Grow Pittsburgh

Explore food sovereignty and food justice while planting seedlings in celebration of Tu Bishvat. Consider the impact of how we eat, how food access works, and why food justice is very Jewish, with one of Pittsburgh's coolest organizations.

● A Different Kind of Queen

Revisit the story of Esther through the eyes of Jake Goodman, a community organizer, performer and grassroots civil activist, who is a founding member of a group called Queer Rising that demands full equality and dignity for all LGBTQ people through direct action and civil disobedience. What can Jake and Esther teach us about gender, sexuality, and negotiating how to bring our full selves to a community that feels welcoming to all?

● Current Events

Winter

A *chug* is a "circle"— a Hebrew word that describes an activity based on shared interests, creating "a circle of people" around it.

Chugim

Choose each week from a variety of interactive programs.

Different *chugim* are offered every week at 11:20 am–12:15 pm. Decide what you want to do!

grades 8-12

JANUARY 29

● Israel Through The Other's Eyes **iSRAEL SERIES**

Meital Rosenberg, Second Floor Teen Engagement Coordinator, and Manar Saria, a self-identified culturally Muslim Palestinian Israeli living in Pittsburgh while studying at CMU, will explore life in Israel through the other's eyes.

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● Theater for Good

How can we use theater to achieve social change and understanding? Explore theater as a tool for meaningful Jewish dialogue, with Sara Stock Mayo.

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HOW IT WORKS

- Purchase a group of *chug* passes (single pass, 4-pass or 8-pass) at JCCPGH.org/jline
- At 11:20 am, decide from the options for the week which creative activity most appeals to you—you do not need to choose in advance!
- *Chug* passes will be tracked as you attend programs throughout the trimester, and are valid for one trimester only
- Current Events with Barak Naveh meets every week, all year long

Questions?
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See you November 20!