

# Towards a St. Paul Communal Jewish High School Education Initiative:

## BRIT (COVENANT)



We, the undersigned, are working to establish a new 8–12th grade Communal Jewish High School in St. Paul. The statements below have stood at the core of our work to this point. We now formally acknowledge them in this *brit* as we move into the next phase of our work to build a dynamic, strong educational institution that we hope will open for all of our teens in September 2018.

We know there will continue to be challenges as we move forward, but share a commitment to our children's Jewish education, to the future of the St. Paul Jewish community, to *Am Yisrael* and to *Klal Yisrael*.

As we work towards a successful conclusion to this process, we commit to:

- Strengthen the Jewish community as a whole through this process,
- Strengthen the Jewish teen community of St. Paul,
- Create a high level, dynamic and engaging Jewish education for our teens,
- Offer a more robust program than any of the current High School programs can offer alone,
- Create an educational platform that is inclusive of all the needs of our youth and continues to meet future needs,
- Respect divergent understanding of Judaism and different ways of living a committed and authentic Jewish life,
- Give partners the benefit of the doubt, the space to listen and to learn without judgment,
- Communicate and create opportunities for feedback with our stakeholders who are not around this table,
- Honest, direct, and respectful communication with each other,
- Identify and recruit the volunteers and professionals necessary for the transition team and the task forces,
- Insure a communal financial commitment to the strategic planning and implementation of this institution,
- Stay engaged throughout the entire process.

We sign this *brit* on behalf of ourselves and the institutions that we represent.

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