

August 7, 2018

Dear Hevreh,

Our Reading Jewish Community High School is now ready for registration and class preference choices.

WHAT IS NEW FOR THIS YEAR?

We kept our “strengths” from previous years, and we have listened to student and parent input in the new Reading Jewish Community High School (JCHS) for this New Year 2018-2019 / 5779.

The first new program change comes in response to listening to parents, students and the obvious time frame for many families travelling at a distance for Jewish education to both RCOS and the JCC. We will meet for the Reading JCHS 9:30-12:15. We hope that this collaboration and coordination will encourage attendance and participation for the family.

Rabbi Dov will return to direct our program, and Barbara Lerner will become part of our teaching team, as announced in the August Shalom.

Our classes this year are divided into semesters rather than year-long courses, which provides for more choice and more variation. We will have three periods of 45 minutes each evening and a 10-minute break and snack, and we will allow students to continue to “nosh” and drink in class for the last period.

We understand that some of our students are part of other school and community activities and programs. We will work with each student’s needs wherever possible to enable them to be part of Jewish youth groups, JCHS classes and family events. Wherever possible courses are created in units that do not penalize any students for missing the occasional morning. As teachers we work hard to present opportunities in which creative thinking, critical issues and challenging discussion are the key to encouraging regular attendance.

We will continue to review our program and experiment where appropriate for new formats, courses, learning experiences to offer maximal inclusion of our Reading Jewish youth and families.

NOW WHAT!

Our first meeting of the year will be Sunday, August 26th at 9:30 AM. This is a special first meeting for all students, and if anyone has not yet made their preferences for classes will have an opportunity to have questions about classes answered. Parents and Jewish Teens 8th-12th graders are invited to attend even if they have not yet registered. Come and share in an extended “snack” and Q&A with Rabbi Dov

We want to encourage students to enthusiastically participate in our “Better Together” program for inter-generational learning / discussion. We want to describe our plans for those Teens looking to have a special entry for their college applications demonstrating more than just a

extra-curricular sports, good GPA and AP scores. We want to share an award-winning community pilot program which maximizes Teen and Seniors experiences and sharing.

REGISTRATION & CALENDAR

Registration forms are available online, Course titles and descriptions and calendar can be found online:

We will have our JCHS website constantly updated with vital information including calendar, materials for family discussions and support for the Jewish community. Text alerts will also be sent out to parents and students for any urgent announcements.

NATIONAL CONNECTIONS

We are continuing to affiliate with The North American Association of Community & Congregational Hebrew High Schools (NAACCHHS), and we are working to create some form of transcript which we believe will be beneficial for college applications. Attendance is very important for this process and there will be minimal outside assignments.

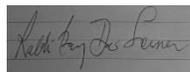
ADMINISTRATION

If you have questions about any part of the program, please don't hesitate to contact Rabbi Dov, email: bdlerner1@gmail.com or by phone 215-572-9175.

As always if you have any questions about registration and finances, please contact the Federation at 610-921-0624 and ask for Amanda.

With best wishes to you and your families for the New Year 5779,


William D. Franklin
President


Rabbi Dov Lerner
Director of Reading JCHS