



Squaring the Circle of Jewish Teen Education

September 3, 2024

My dear Kikarnikim!

The word *kikar* means square, circle, and gathering place—as in Kikar Tzion. This coming academic year, that’s our goal: squaring the circle of Jewish teen education through gathering teens for experiential education around Zion/Israel.

The calendar for Kikar is, like its content, wide-ranging. Please, mark these dates on your calendar now. Seminars at Rav Shai’s will involve close readings of Jewish history and literature. There will also be videos to view on your own time.

The confirmands will also be leading Kabbalat Shabbat and offering a *d’var Torah* at Confirmation on June 6. The confirmands will be working with Hazzan Glantz and Rav Shai in the months leading up to Confirmation in order to prepare.

Families are invited to those activities in **bold face**.

October 7, Monday, 7-8:30 pm (optional)

10/7 Survivor Speaker at KI/Sh. Shamayim

October 20, Sunday, 6:00

Dinner in Sukkah w/Cptn. Zoe Marks, IDF

October 27, Sunday, 1:30-3:30

10/7 Community Commemoration, Har Zion

October 29, Tuesday, 7:45

Israel and Exile (586 BCE)

November 5, Tuesday, 7:45

From Exile to Return

November 9, Shabbat

R. Weinblatt, Shabbat Lunch ‘n Learn

November 12, Tuesday, 7:45	Israel in the Second Temple
November 19, Tuesday, 7:45	The Revolts of 66 and 132 and Prayer
December 3, Tuesday, 7:45	Medieval Literature
December 8, Sunday	Museum of the Bible, Washington, D.C.
December 14, Saturday, 5:00-7:00	Hannukah Event
January 14, Tuesday, 7:45-9:15	Emancipation
January 28, Tuesday, 7:45-9:15	Dreyfuss Movie at shul
February 1, Shabbat	David Bernstein, Shabbat Lunch 'n Learn
February 4, Tuesday, 7:45-8:15	Dreyfuss Affair/1 st Zionist Congress
February 11, Tuesday, 7:45-9:15	Aliyah until 1917
February 25, Tuesday, 7:45-9:15	Balfour/British Mandate
March 4, Tuesday, 7:45	Exodus Movie at Shul
March 11, Tuesday, 7:45-9:15	British Mandate/Exodus
March 16, Sunday, 10-2	Weizman Museum/Purim Mitzvah Activity
March 25, Tuesday, 7:45-9:15	War of Independence
April 8, Tuesday, 7:45-9:15	6-Day War
April 22, Tuesday, 5:00-7:00	Rise Against Hunger Packing Event
April 29, Tuesday, 7:45-9:15	Golda Movie at Shul
May 6, Tuesday, 7:45-9:15	Intifada 1 and 2, Oslo
May 20, Tuesday, 7:45-9:15	Gaza withdrawal, Assassination of Rabin, and Netanyahu's Reign
May 27, Tuesday, 7:45-10	Israel-Related Movie at Shul
June 1, Sunday evening	Learning with Rachel Korazim
June 6, Friday, 5:30 pm	Dinner and Confirmation

Required Texts (to be provided):

The Jewish Connection to Israel, The Promised Land, Eugene Korn

Israel Matters: Understanding the Past, Look to the Future, Mitchell Bard