

pathways for teens



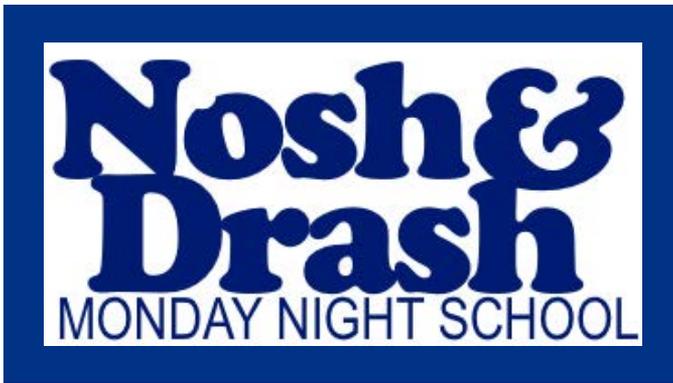
Darchei Noar

דרכי נוער

*“Educate youth according to their needs,  
and even when they are older  
they will not stray.”*

*Proverbs 22:6*





## Adat Shalom's Nosh & Drash offers 8-12 graders a chance to:

- Hang out with their friends and meet new ones
- Ask their questions in a supportive community
- Engage in the social action of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, while making an impact on their community
- Discuss current events through the lenses of Jewish texts and ideas
- Examine their own worldview and Jewish identity in a way that is both authentically Jewish and uniquely theirs
- Enrich their lives and their connections to Judaism and the Jewish community
- Practice the critical thinking skills that will help them think independently in high school, college, and beyond
- Demonstrate the dedication, leadership, life balance, and true involvement which colleges look favorably upon for admissions

Register now at <http://bit.ly/noshdrash1819>

### Tuition:

**\$400/yr for members of a Conservative congregation**

**\$475/yr for all others**

**Teen Volunteer Corps** combines service learning with direct hands-on involvement focused on values. TVC empowers teens to be involved and impact both the Jewish community and Metro Detroit. A teen leadership board creates, recruits volunteers for, and leads 10-12 projects per year.



**Jewish Teen Travel:** A generous donor family subsidizes a 4-day, 3-night trip to another part of the country, providing teens with opportunities to explore their Jewish identity. Clergy and educators lead meaningful trip experiences that are rooted in Jewish tradition and values. In partnership with Nosh & Drash, participants attend a learning series prior to the trip, as well as a debrief session afterwards.



**Teen Madrichim - Educational Leadership Program:** Teens earn either volunteer hours or a small stipend while serving as teaching assistants in our classrooms once or twice per week. In addition, madrichim take part in regular learning under the guidance of educators. Madrichim mentor students, assist teachers with administrative tasks, lead activities and discussions with students, and serve as role models of continued Jewish involvement.



**Dual Enrollment Hebrew:** Any high school student in Oakland County can, in partnership with Eastern Michigan University, receive both high school and college credit for studying Modern Hebrew at Adat Shalom. The weekly classes combine classroom and online learning, and students can earn high school foreign language credit and 6 college credits during the year. Several levels are offered each semester in this fully accredited program.



**A different path:** Many of our teens serve in the High Holiday Youth Activity Rooms, read Torah, Haftarah or Megillah during the year, and volunteer at our Purim Carnival and family programs. Teens are welcome to participate in Torah Yoga and Torah Study on Shabbat mornings. We are happy to help teens find a different path as well.

Learning each month is centered around a general theme and includes discussions, informal Q&A sessions (Conversations by the Couches), text study, multimedia, and hands-on projects. We will also celebrate holidays together.

**Begins Monday, October 8, 2018**

**6 to 8 p.m.**

**Join us for the first session and try it out!**

**RSVP for dinner by Thursday, October 4 by contacting:**

**248-626-2153 or [sshapiro@adatshalom.org](mailto:sshapiro@adatshalom.org)**

**October 8, 15, 22**

**Leadership and Ethics.** Whether you are running for student government or deciding whom to elect to your chapter board, understanding leadership (the good, the bad, and the ugly) is key. How can you recognize good leaders – and how can you be one?

**October 29**

**75th Anniversary Concert.** Teens are invited to dinner and discussion prior to a Cantor's Concert commemorating the 75th anniversary of Adat Shalom. Parents are welcome to attend the musical program.

**November 5, 12, 19, 26**

**Becoming a Jewish American, New York Edition.** What does it mean to be a Jewish American today, considering our past and present? What are your roles in the global responsibility to never forget?

(November sessions are mandatory for all trip participants)

**November 19:**

**Parent/Teen Meeting for those going on the New York trip.**

**Volunteer program for those not going on the trip.**

**November 29–Dec 2:**

**New York Teen Trip**

**December 3, 10, 17**

**A Light Unto the Nations.** What does it mean when we say that Jews should be a “light unto the nations” and what does this have to do with Chanukah? What is Chanukah all about anyway, and is there more to it than latkes and candles? (Yes, there will be latkes and candles.) We will also explore light and dark as we create some photography and art projects. We will visit the Holocaust Memorial Center on December 17, with a focus on bringing light into the darkness of history.

**January 7, 14, 28**

**Who Am I Today? Exploring Core Values.** With the help of an expert, we will explore our own values, needs, and figure out how to prepare for life’s journey in a healthy way – or how to “adult”!

**February 4, 11, 25**

**Tackling Tough Issues.** How can we use our research and debating skills to bring Jewish values to the difficult topics floating around the news today? What can we learn about the many Jewish approaches to these issues?

**March 4, 11, 18, 25**

**From Cradle to Kaddish.** This month we will learn about different life cycle events and rituals. How do you decide who to spend time with – and who to date? What do you do when you are invited to a wedding or a bris? How about when a loved one or a friend’s loved one dies?

**April 8, 15, 29**

**Jews Around the World.** How many kinds of Jews are there? What do we all have in common, and what are our differences? We will explore Jewish foods from different cultures along with various customs. We will lead a model seder for our seventh graders, incorporating Jewish Passover customs from around the world.

**May 6, 13, 20**

**Teen Choice.** In addition to the topics you’ve chosen, we will participate in hands-on volunteer projects, do yoga and meditation and get our garden beds ready for the summer. Incoming 8th graders are invited to attend this month.

**There will be parent programs offered throughout the year.**



**Shabbat in the Sun: family service & picnic**  
**Fridays, July 27 & August 24, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Volunteers will lead activities for kids & help with the picnic. (Optional) 9th grade and older can volunteer or earn a stipend.

**CARES: Youth United week of community service**  
**Monday, August 13 - Friday, August 17**

6th to 12th graders are invited to participate in a worthwhile interfaith volunteer initiative to help a community center in Farmington Hills.

**Calling all Jewish teens in grades 7-12th**  
*Do you like helping others? Making a difference?*  
*Meeting new people? Learning new leadership skills?*  
**Apply for the Teen Volunteer Corps Board Today!**  
Apply online at [bit.ly/TVCAApp2018](http://bit.ly/TVCAApp2018)  
Contact [teen.vc.mi@gmail.com](mailto:teen.vc.mi@gmail.com) for more information

To volunteer and/or get more information about these opportunities, contact Jodi Gross, [jgross@adatshalom.org](mailto:jgross@adatshalom.org) or 248.626.2153.

The next teen travel experience will be to...



Thursday, November 29

to

Sunday, December 2

2018

Explore the City ● Visit Museums ● Celebrate Shabbat

Have Fun!

The trip application will be available soon!

Reserve your spot now!

The trip is subsidized thanks  
to the generosity of a donor family.

To reserve your spot or get more information about the trip,  
contact Jodi Gross, [jgross@adatshalom.org](mailto:jgross@adatshalom.org) or 248.626.2153 .

*“I have really interesting conversations that are both topical and related to my Jewish values. I have also met some of the best friends I will ever have.”*

*Student, age 16*

*“Nosh & Drash lets me connect with my teachers and build friendships.”*

*Student, age 15*

*“At Adat Shalom I learn how to adult Jewishly.”*

*Student, age 15*

*“Nosh & Drash helps me shape who I am...and who I will become.”*

*Student, age 15*

**For more information about our programming**

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