

Nosh & Drash

MONDAY NIGHT SCHOOL

Nosh /näsh/ v. to eat enthusiastically (from Yiddish)
Drash /dräsh/ v. to discuss an interpretation of a text or idea (from Hebrew)

Adat Shalom's **Nosh & Drash** gives 8-12 graders a chance to:

- Hang out with their friends and learn together in a safe environment, regardless of background and experience
- 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
- Develop a sense of identity that is complex and richly Jewish
- Examine their own worldview in a framework 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 teens think independently in high school, college, and beyond
- Demonstrate the dedication, leadership, life balance, and true involvement which colleges look favorably upon for admissions

"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."
– Isaac Smith

"I get to meet a ton of amazing people who have the same passion for Judaism that I do."
– Megan Diskin

Begins Monday, September 11

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join us for the first session and try it out!

**RSVP for dinner by Thursday, September 7 by contacting:
248-626-2153 or sshapiro@adatshalom.org**



September 11, 18, 25

- Opening session & September 11th observance.
- Engage in hands-on activities and discussion with educators from the ADL (Anti-Defamation League).

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- Learn to debate with a guest legal expert.
- Over the next four weeks, practice researching multiple sides of an issue, taking and justifying a position, and communicating it effectively, including handling rebuttals.

*“I love seeing the Jewish aspect of controversial topics.”
– Alyssa Diskin*

November 6, 13, 20, 27

- Explore what it means to be a Jewish American today.
- Discover the Jewish and Hebrew influences on the foundations of the United States. What does this mean historically and today?
- What’s Jewish about Thanksgiving? Combine text study with a delicious cake decorating activity as we explore the connections.
- November 20: Parent/Teen Meeting for those going on the Philadelphia trip.

December 4, 11, 18

- Create food packages for children in need, deliver them to Yad Ezra, and learn how our community helps support those in need. (*2 volunteer hrs.*)
- Celebrate Rosh Chodesh, the new month of Tevet, and connect the darkness of the new moon with the concept of bringing light into darkness and Chanukah.

January 8, 22, 29

- As we approach MLK Day, we explore social justice and diversity: where have we been, where are we now, and where are we going?

February 5, 12, 26

- Create mishloach manot (Purim gifts) for American troops with the Kosher Troops Project. Learn about the role of Jews in shaping the US military (*1 volunteer hr.*)
- Esther is just one of many women who has a significant role in Jewish history. Who are these women, where do we find their stories, and what did they do?
- You’ve heard the megillah read on Purim. What’s really in the story? A deeper look beneath the surface of the text at the historical and societal issues at play.

March 5, 12, 19, 26

- Explore Israel Advocacy and Jewish Life on campus with Miriam Starkman, Executive Director of Hillel of Metro Detroit. Parents will be invited to one of the sessions.
- Examine the deeper meanings of freedom with a Social Justice Seder.

April 9, 16, 23, 30

- As Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut approach, we explore the issues facing Israel historically, today, and for the future.
- April 30 is our concluding session, with a celebration of learning and graduation of our seniors. All students should attend.

*“I love learning more about Jewish issues and topics while getting to meet amazing people.”
– Jessica Goldberg*