



J Line Program Guide 2020-2021





Dear Teens,

As we get ready for another year at J Line, I'm excited to share with you some changes to the J Line structure. This year, rather than three trimesters of Sunday mornings, J Line opportunities will take place at different points throughout the year, with more of a focus on cohort-based learning. With no overlap in time or dates, you can participate in as many experiences as you want! We made these changes based on community feedback, and to give all J Line students the opportunity to engage more deeply in learning, leadership development, and becoming agents for change. Just like in past years, we have something for everyone, from learning about Jewish cuisine in Food and Cooking to exploring the power of advocacy and activism in Taking Action on Social Change. And of course, we are delighted to be continuing our Hebrew program with our wonderful teachers and the new Pittsburgh shinshinim.

While we prepare for the fall, we are conscious that we will still be dealing with the impact of coronavirus when our year starts. We will begin with a blend of in-person and virtual experiences, following strict masking, social distancing, and health and cleanliness guidelines. All in-person experiences will also have the option of being virtual. If we have to make any changes to a program, we will notify everyone registered as soon as possible. No matter the circumstances, the staff at J Line are here to support you and help you find your way to get involved with Jewish learning

Be well, and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Hannah

Hannah Kalson
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Programs

Life After High School November-December

Grades 10-12

How do you choose a college in a virtual world? What makes a resume shine? What is Jewish life like on a college campus? In this online series for teens and parents, the Second Floor will tackle all these questions and more, with the guidance of community experts, to help you go into life after high school with confidence – and excitement!

Monday evenings • Time TBD

Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, Dec 7

TASC: Taking Action on Social Change December-February

Grades 9-12

Are you passionate about social action and eager to learn more about important issues of the day—and what you can do about things that matter to you? Join J Line for Taking Action on Social Change. Over the course of six sessions, students will explore a Jewish framework for activism and advocacy, discuss major issues, and develop plans to effect change in Pittsburgh.

Thursdays • 6-8 PM

Dec 10, 17; Jan 7, 14; 21, 28

\$150

Jewish Food and Cooking January-March

Grades 8-12

Food is one of the strongest universal languages. But what is that makes food Jewish? Is it a recipe, a tradition, or the person who makes it? In this experience, J Line students will explore the wide world of Jewish food, while gaining general kitchen and cooking skills. You will also create their own cookbook, to share your creations and experiences with others. Come hungry!

Sundays • 2-4 PM

Jan 31; Feb 7, 21; March 7, 14, 21

\$200

Freedom Seder March

Grades 8-12

In 1969, one year after Rev. Martin Luther King was killed, hundreds of American Jews and African Americans gathered for a new interpretation of the Passover seder. They explored the story of the Exodus as both ancient and modern, talked about contemporary challenges to freedom, and celebrated shared values and goals of two communities. Join teens from those same communities to learn what the Freedom Seder means today. The experience will culminate in a teen community Freedom Seder, planned and led by the students.

Thursdays • 6-7:30 PM

March 4, 11, 18, 25

\$50

Hebrew September-April

Grades 8-12

Whether you're just starting out or close to fluency, J Line Hebrew will help you take your Hebrew skills to the next level. We blend classroom-based, online, and one-on-one learning with cultural experiences in an environment that is both rigorous and welcoming. On Sunday mornings, students will learn with their levels. Wednesday evenings will take place online and include special programming on Israeli culture"

Additionally, we are excited this year to be offering a new opportunity— all J Line Hebrew students will be eligible to apply for our very first J Line Israel Adventure, in collaboration with Classrooms Without Borders, being offered in Summer 2021. More information coming soon!

Sundays • 10-11:30 AM

Oct 4, 11, 18, 15; Nov 1, 8, 15, 22; Dec 6, 13; Jan 3, 10, 24, 31; Feb 7, 21; March 7, 14, 21;
April 18, 25

Wednesdays • 6:30-7:30 PM

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov 4, 18;
Dec 2, 9, 16; Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3, 10, 17, 24;
March 3, 10, 17, 24; April 7, 14, 21

\$850

Current Events September-April

Grades 8-12

There's an awful lot going in the world these days—let's talk about it! Join other teens for open conversations about current events. Topics will be driven by the news and by the students.

Sundays • Noon-1 PM

Sept 13; Oct 25; Nov 8, 22; Dec 6; Jan 10, 24; Feb 7, 21;
March 7, 21; April 18

\$50 for 4 sessions

Attend any dates of your choice

Side by Side January-May

In the home of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, diversity is one of things that makes our city beautiful. In Side by Side, JCC students will gather monthly with teens from the Latino Community Center to learn about each other's communities, explore the city together, engage in service and advocacy and celebrate diversity. More info coming soon.

Dates TBD

J-Serve Sunday, April 11, 2021

Grades 6-12

J-Serve Pittsburgh is an annual day of service bringing together more than 300 teens from all over Greater Pittsburgh to engage in service, to learn together and to strengthen their communities. J-Serve Pittsburgh is planned every year by a teen steering committee of dedicated student leaders passionate about giving back to the community through service and growing as activists.

The steering committee is open to Jewish teens in 10th-12th grade. Interested? Apply online today at jccpgh.org/jserve

REGISTRATION INFO

All registration and payment information and processes can be found at <https://jccpgh.org/jewish-life-arts-events/jewish-life-portal-page/jewish-life/jline/>

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