



2008-09
Information and
Registration



Oheb Shalom Congregation's Teen Program

2008-09 REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE FILL OUT A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH TEEN.
 INCLUDE A CHECK FOR \$525 WITH YOUR APPLICATION (see FAQs for cost explanation).

Teen's Full Name: _____

Date of birth (mo/day/year): _____

School Attending: _____ Grade Level in 2008-09: _____

Teen's e-mail: _____ @ _____

Can we text you? Yes No

Parent/ Guardian #1		Parent/ Guardian #2	
Name		Name	
Street Address		Street Address	
Town		Town	
Home Phone		Home Phone	
Work Phone		Work Phone	
Cell Phone		Cell Phone	
E-mail Address		E-mail Address	

Emergency Contacts

Please provide the name of someone we should contact in case of emergency and neither parent can be reached:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____

In case of an emergency, I request that the school contact me. If unable to reach me, I hereby authorize the school to call the emergency contact person(s) and follow his/her instructions. If the school is unable to reach him/her, the school may make whatever arrangements are necessary and in the best interest of my child. I agree to assume all responsibility and expenses, including transportation, incurred in such an event. Emergency care will be provided at the closest hospital.

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Date

Medical Information

Does your child have any food or environmental allergies? Yes No

(If yes, please describe)

Exclusion from Publicity

Oheb Shalom Congregation is proud to publicize the achievements and accomplishments of its students in the local media, in synagogue publications, and on our website. While the intent of this practice is to be informative, we understand concerns about individual rights to privacy. If you wish to have your child's name and photograph **excluded** from public recognitions please sign below.

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Date

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

- **What is ETGAR?**

ETGAR (Hebrew for “challenge”) is a dynamic and engaging program of learning and discussion for Oheb Shalom’s teen community. Teens develop strong connections to each other in a close social group while exploring the Jewish perspective on a wide variety of topics within the synagogue.

- **Who is eligible to enroll in ETGAR?**

Teens in grades 8-12 are eligible for ETGAR.

- **How is ETGAR organized?**

ETGAR meets on 24 Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 P.M. at Oheb Shalom. The 24 weeks are divided into 7 modules of 3-4 sessions each. In each module, teens choose a course or activity that interests them. This design accommodates a wide variety of teen interests and enables our teens to meet and get to know a large number of other teens.

The ETGAR program is designed to engage teens in thoughtful discussion on topics of Jewish interest and inspire involvement in social action initiatives during the teenage years. The program is not academically burdensome or pressured.

Teens eat dinner together from 6:00-6:30 P.M. and spend the next 90 minutes engaged in lively debate, discussion and learning.

The ETGAR staff includes Oheb Shalom’s Rabbinic Intern Michael Fel, Zeman faculty member Adam Baldachin, Julie Wohl and Rabbi Cooper. Guest presenters visit the program throughout the year.

- **Can a teen attend ETGAR for only part of each session or part of the year?**

We encourage consistent attendance, which fosters a strong social community and the greatest depth of learning and growth. Still, we anticipate that teens may have school commitments that are in conflict with ETGAR which may require missing a session. Tuition is calculated on an annual basis and cannot be pro-rated.

- **Why has the cost of the ETGAR program increased by \$75 over last year?**

Last year, Oheb Shalom absorbed the cost of dinner for the teens each week of the program. With the anticipated expansion of this year’s program, the synagogue cannot fund each week’s dinner. The first half hour of the evening is a critical part of the program, as teens gather together to socialize with each other and the staff.

2008-09 ETGAR CALENDAR

Note: 25 dates are listed on the calendar in anticipation that one will be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Module 1

September 10, 2008

September 17, 2008

September 24, 2008

Module 2

October 29, 2008

November 5, 2008

November 12, 2008

November 19, 2008

Module 3

December 3, 2008

December 10, 2008

December 17, 2008

Module 4

January 7, 2009

January 14, 2009

January 21, 2009

January 28, 2009

Module 5

February 4, 2009

February 11, 2009

February 25, 2009

Module 6

March 4, 2009

March 11, 2009

March 18, 2009

March 25, 2009

April 1, 2009

Module 7

April 22, 2009

April 29, 2009

May 6, 2009