

Florence Melton  
**Communit**teen!  
High School

## **COURSE GUIDE**

- *The Big Ideas of Being Jewish – Finding the Jewish Sources for a Meaningful Approach to Your Life* (Years 1 & 2) – Guided by original Jewish sources, this course encourages teens to develop a personal Jewish philosophy and to learn to apply Jewish values and ethics to real life decision making. Topics explored in the first year include peer pressure, truth & honesty, money, humility & self-esteem, medical ethics, anti-semitism and *tikun olam*.
- *American Jewish Experience: Finding the Roots of Your Place in Jewish History* (Year 1) – This course helps teens identify with the American Jewish experience as their own story, and understand their place as Jews in the general history of the United States.
- *Why Israel? Developing a Personal Connection to Israel* (Year 2) – This course explores the personal connections and significance of Israel to American Jewish teens through the exploration of Israeli culture, geography, Zionism and the political conflicts that shaped the modern State of Israel.
- *In Hot Pursuit: Social Justice through Service Learning* (Year 3) – This course will engage teens in an exploration of Jewish values associated with social justice and civic responsibility and hands-on creation of a unique service-learning initiative.

### **Program Details**

- **Day of the Week:** Sunday
- **Time:** 10:00 am – noon
- **Location:** West Suburban Temple Har Zion, 1040 N. Harlem Ave. in River Forest
- **Program length:** 25 weekly sessions
- **Weekly classes:** Each class is one hour with a break in-between classes for a healthy snack and socializing



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