

Be Jewish  
in your  
own way.  
**Choose  
your path!**

NORTH SHORE CONGREGATION ISRAEL  
8TH-12TH GRADES  
2018-2019



**BUILD COMMUNITY**



**TRAVEL THE WORLD**



**BE A LEADER**



**HELP OTHERS**

**DISCOVER YOU**



**LEARN SOMETHING NEW**



## IT'S YOUR JOURNEY, YOUR CHOICES.

NSCI welcomes all of our teens to continue your Jewish journey of exploration after b'nei mitzvah. You can choose your path. Look at the exciting opportunities we have for you this coming year. Jump into things familiar and new, many or few. Parents & teens, please look at our brochure together and choose what is meaningful to you. Then contact us. Sign up. You can even bring a friend!

### THE GOODMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION CLASSES

#### Hebrew Prep for High School

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Tuesdays, 5:15-6:15pm, 4:15-5:15pm  
optional Jr. Machonik

Thinking about taking Hebrew in high school? Here's a great way to prepare! We will learn modern, conversational Hebrew through games, songs, videos, and celebrations. Class is open to any interested student. Taught by Orit Gordon.

#### Our Messy World

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Mondays, 6:00-7:30pm,  
includes dinner

*Oct 22, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4,  
Mar 4, Apr 8*

Our world is messy and complicated. Privilege. Immigration. Poverty. Gender Issues. Black Lives Matter—these are pressing social justice issues of our day. We will jump into

these critical topics, see what Judaism has to say, and cultivate our own voices—figuring out what we need to do and say in the messiness of our world. Taught by Lizzie Scheinkopf.

#### Songleading

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Sundays, 11:00am-12pm,  
includes lunch

*Oct 14, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10  
Friday-Sunday, Nov 16-18, Nashir,  
national teen songleading retreat,  
hosted by NSCI*

You know those cool kids with guitars who jump around and lead us in music? That can be you (with or without guitar)! Master songleaders Lee Freedman and Isaac Freedman will lead a monthly songleading workshop so you can learn how. Learn songs and technique, and gain experience and confidence as a songleader.

INDICATES GRADE LEVEL

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**LEARN MORE AT [NSCI.ORG/8TH-12TH-GRADE](https://www.nsci.org/8th-12th-grade)**

## Real Life, Real Voices

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Mondays, 6:00-7:30pm, includes dinner

*Oct 22, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 8*

Come around the dinner table and chat with some of Rabbi Greene's favorite people to talk to! Meet business execs, TV personalities, inspiring artists and people who make a difference. Our guests will share their lives, their work and the Jewish values that guide them. You'll get to dialogue and debate with thoughtful people and get real-life, honest responses.

## Selah

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Sundays, 10-11am

Selah leads and inspires our congregation with music on Shabbat and High Holy Days. A group of students who sing and/or play musical instruments, Selah learns and practices with Cantor David Goldstein and noted songleader and composer, Alan Goodis with the goal of leading our congregation in prayer.

## Senior Dinner Party Capstone Experience

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Mondays, 6-7:30pm

*March 11, 18; April 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13*

Seniors! Delve into your Jewish self and soul with our rabbis and cantor. Over good food we will talk about where you are in life and in Judaism, explore topics that are coming up soon,

and bring you to conversations on Israel and on Jewish life on a college campus. Each of you will get to craft your statement "I am a Jew..." and, together, we will plan the Celebration of Youth Shabbat experience (May 17, 2019) for the entire congregation.

## MACHONIK — TEACHER ASSISTANT PROGRAM

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Machonik Leadership Training

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*9-10am: Sept 4, 16, 23; Oct 7; Nov 4; Dec 9; 11am-12pm: Jan 13; Feb 10; Mar 3*

Reconnect with classmates after summer break and learn new skills to help you work in the religious school. During the fall semester, you'll meet for a large group training from 9-10am with Rabbi Daniels and other 8th graders and then assist teachers in religious school classrooms from 10am-11am. Then after Winter Break, you'll join the 9th-12th graders full-time.

### Machonik Leadership Training 2018-19

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*11am-12pm: Sept 4; Oct 14; Nov 4; Dec 2; Jan 13; Feb 10; Mar 3*

You can be a teaching assistant or Machonik in our religious school on Sundays or weekdays. To be a Machonik there are two parts:

1. Learn about group facilitation, classroom management and effective communication in our Machonik Leadership Training class, taught by Rabbi Daniels.

2. Be a role model for our younger students by working in their classrooms alongside the classroom teachers.

## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

### Ta'am Yisrael "A Taste of Israel"

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*Feb 17–25 or Mar 24–Apr 1, 2019*

Join 200 8<sup>th</sup> graders from across Chicagoland on a journey of a lifetime! Strengthen your connection to Judaism and Israel. Participate in an archaeological dig, trek through deserts, swim in the Dead Sea, walk the paths of our ancestors, meet Israelis, and most importantly, make lasting friendships!

### Ta'am Yisrael Prep for NSCI Participants

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*Wed, Jan 30 & Wed, Apr 10, 2019,  
6:15–7:30pm, includes dinner*

All NSCI Ta'am Yisrael participants are invited for an informative send-off dinner before you travel and a celebratory reunion and dinner after the trip.

### Southeast Civil Rights Journey

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*November 8–11, 2018; Post-trip  
reunion: Fri, Dec 7*

Journey with Rabbi Daniels to America's Deep South to explore the Civil Rights Movement and its roots. Walk in the footsteps of Rosa Parks, Congressman John Lewis and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and meet people who

were involved in the movement. Come away with a deeper appreciation for why we Jews must continue to fight injustice in our neighborhoods and around the globe.

## TEEN YOUTH GROUP (TYG)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group

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All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited for social action, friendship, and fun here at NSCI and beyond. Highlights of the year are: MLK Day of Service, overnight retreat with Jews from around Chicagoland. Bring a friend from NSCI or the community!

### TYG – NSCI's Teen Youth Group

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Come together with other teens for stress-free social activities and meaningful volunteer opportunities at NSCI and around the Chicagoland area. TYG is a great place to make friends, strengthen longtime friendships and find your voice as a young leader. Consider becoming part of our dedicated TYG Board, and plan events for others!

### Jeffrey Lasky Memorial Arts Weekend

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*Friday–Sunday, Oct 26–28, 2018*

This year, nationally known singer-songwriter Alan Goodis will be our artist-in-residence on this weekend. Alan will inspire our teens to find their voices within the medium of songwriting and lead workshops to teach and

empower students to express themselves on a compelling Jewish topic. All are welcome, regardless of musical experience or ability. Students will share their creations & reflections from the weekend with the synagogue community at our NSCI Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday evening, November 2 (6:15pm).

### Elaine N. Sherman KARAV Retreat

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Thursday–Sunday, May 9-12, 2019

This 40+ year NSCI tradition is a retreat where students choose a topic they want to explore and then work with the rabbis and youth advisor to create a weekend filled with conversations, fun programs, introspection, and meaningful bonding.

### CELEBRATION OF YOUTH SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, May 17, 2019 at 6:15pm

Each spring we celebrate the many diverse ways our teens are engaged in the NSCI community. This inspiring congregational Shabbat service will be created by those in our Senior Dinner Party Capstone Experience. Selah will lead us in music, we will bless and send off our graduating seniors; we will hear from students involved in different facets of our teen programs and we will present our youth and music leadership awards.

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**“I grew up with Machoniks in my religious school classes since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and I wanted to be like them ever since. I wanted to be the teenager that kids look up to, and I got my wish.”**



NSCI teens participate in and give back to our community in many inspiring ways. Some read Torah. Others bring their passion to an independent study. **Have a unique skill or interest? Let us know about it!**

### **Tuition**

\$100 maximum per student total for classes at NSCI—whether you sign up for one class or several.

Travel and TYG: Costs included with information for each event.

Full and partial scholarship is available upon request for all NSCI teen programming.

**Have questions?  
Feel free to reach out.**

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**“TYG was the first time in high school that I felt like I could be my true self.”**

**“The insight that the speakers give us, based on their experience and their knowledge, is just not available through any online source.”**



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