

# @AKIVA

July 2010

Dear Akiva Families,

It is amazing how quickly this year has flown by; we know how soon summer will be over and we'll be back in the classroom. We are busy developing new initiatives; more information will be available later this summer. Now, I would like to share with you the High School @Akiva program for the 2010-2011 school year. Classes begin September 14<sup>th</sup>.

But first, **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday night, September 24, 2010.** The first annual teen @Akiva rock concert. Watch for more information!!!

**The Hebrew Explorer Track** – As in the past, Hebrew education will continue to be at the forefront of our program. Students that choose this option will study Hebrew twice a week at six different levels. The placement test for new Hebrew students will be given at 6:00PM on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> or Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. For students taking Hebrew for high school credit, please read the enclosed Hebrew guidelines and expectations.

**The Jewish Explorer track** – For the students that choose to focus on their Judaic education, we are planning a very exciting program. Students may register for this track and select one or two days of learning per week.

- Tuesday classes, Beit Midrash @Akiva will be taught by rabbis in the community.
- Thursday classes Torah High @Akiva will be taught by Rabbi Arie Friedner.

**Monday @Akiva 4-6** – @Akiva will offer an additional Judaic course for those students who would like more. The course will focus on high level intellectual text study and discussions. There will be no additional charge for the students already enrolled in the two day per week program.

**Siegal College @Akiva** – High School @Akiva, in conjunction with Siegal College, has developed a new and exciting program, in which 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade @Akiva students are able to earn college credits for both Judaic and Hebrew studies.

1. College credit will be available for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who will study:
  - a. Hebrew classes (@Akiva Tuesday and Thursday)
  - b. Judaic classes (date and time TBA)
2. Numbers of credits:
  - a. Hebrew – One @Akiva semester will be equal to 3 college credit.
  - b. Judaic - Two hours per semester (around 15 meetings) will be equal to 3 college credit.
3. There will be an additional \$75.00 per credit fee.
4. Guidelines and expectations for studies that will grant College credit are available.

We hope to see many of you participate in this opportunity and we would like you to share this information with your friends.

If you have questions please contact the @Akiva office 216-464-4050.

**Out-of-classroom-activities** – As in the past, Akiva will offer additional activities. Most of them are still in the planning stage and you will receive information as it becomes available. We will continue our ongoing collaborations with our partner education agencies, Siegal College, Maltz Museum and the JECC.

We are pleased to inform you that this year there is no raise in tuition cost. The fee for students attending two nights per week remains at \$825.00 for the first child in a family and \$725.00 for additional siblings. Students attending two nights per week, may register for the Monday program at no additional cost. Tuition for students attending one night per week remains at \$450.00. There is an additional book and supply and fee for all students and a graduation fee for seniors.

Reminder:

Local dues for HaZamir participants attending @Akiva twice a week and all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be waived.

Finally, included with this letter are the Akiva registration and medical information forms and the credit card payment form. There is 3% surcharge for all credit card payments. Please complete and return all forms to us along with your deposit as quickly as possible. Early registration is key to our planning and success.

We look forward to another successful year at Akiva: renewing friendships with our returning students as well as meeting and forming long lasting friendships with new students. Enjoy the sunshine and warm temperatures and the relaxing days of summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

B'shalom

  
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