THE ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS AND TEAMS

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AIPAC

As one of the largest lobbying groups in the nation, AIPAC is devoted to "strengthening, protecting, and promoting the US-Israel relationship" in order to foster a more secure quality of life in both Israel and the United States. The AIPAC club follows the organization's template of bipartisanship; all political beliefs are welcomed to learn how to strengthen their advocacy for the U.S-Israel relationship. Students of all levels of knowledge about Israel are encouraged to come to educate themselves and inform their opinions! We will hear from guest speakers, review the happenings in the middle east, and have discussions (and debates) about the U.S-Israel relationship. Note: You do not need to agree with all, or even any, of AIPAC policies to join us!

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi Ezra Frazer

Student Facilitators: Maya Lukeman and Eve Kirshner

Meeting Time: Tuesday 1 Clubs Block

Art Club

The goal of this club is to support every student's individual artistic expression. Working as a virtual open studio, this club will provide students time and feedback as they create their own artwork. Students may also wish to work on a collaborative piece virtually which can later be assembled and displayed in school as well as on the club Padlet.

Faculty Advisor: Dena Schutzer and John Gatti

Student Facilitators: Ruby Silberman Meeting Time: Monday Clubs Block

Astronomy Club *

The Astronomy Club is a club for students who are excited to learn about the universe, what humans know so far about what is out there and what mysteries we still have to solve. We will teach each other, have guest speakers, and get involved in outside local Astronomy clubs as much as we can. Astronomy buffs of all knowledge levels are welcome!

Faculty Advisor: Suzy Vogel

Student Facilitators: Hannah Berley and Maya Ofek

Meeting Time: Tuesday 2 Clubs Block

Beit Midrash Club

Do you enjoy learning Torah? Would you like the opportunity to learn texts in a new and exciting way? Come join the Beit Midrash club! We will meet every Monday afternoon for about 45 minutes and learn and a variety of Jewish texts. This is a casual club for anyone who is at all interested in the study of torah, whether you want to come every week or just once or twice.

Faculty Advisor: Ruth Fagen Student Facilitators: Tova Segal Meeting Time: Mondays after school

Bioethics Club

Are "designer babies" ethical? Is it morally acceptable to mutate a baby's genes in utero? Join the Bioethics Club to find out! The Bioethics Club engages in meaningful discussions about what is right and what is wrong in the medical world. Bioethics is the ethics and morals behind science, medicine, and research. The goal of our club is to create a fun and interactive environment for students interested in science and medicine. During meetings, club members will dive into ethical and moral questions in the medical field, engaging through articles, videos, and guest speakers, such as doctors and bioethicists. As technology advances, the scientific world opens up to endless capabilities such as gene editing. The question the Bioethics club asks: is it ethical? Join Bioethics to learn more!

Faculty Advisor: Kathleen Civetta

Student Facilitators: Liat Frumer, Dani Bregman

Meeting time: Tuesday 2 Clubs Block

Book Club

Do you like reading? Or do you want engage with books outside of a classroom? Then this is the club for you! Our goal is to enrich our lives with the magic of reading. We'll be reading books outside of the school curriculum to broaden our knowledge of different genres and styles. And if tea and cookies are also your thing, then you're in luck!

Faculty Advisor: Elana Anderson

Student Facilitators: Eliana Sirota and Lexi Wenger

Meeting time: Tuesday 2 Clubs Block

Chess Club

Chess Club is a place where Chess enthusiasts and those interested in learning about the game will have the opportunity to play, improve skills, and learn new strategies. Several game boards will be provided so that everyone can get in on the Chess action.

Faculty Facilitator: David Goodman Meeting Time: Monday Clubs Block

Coding and Data Analysis Club

Have you ever wondered how many left footed professional curlers have won a silver medal in the olympics? We will teach you how to navigate Microsoft Excel so you can learn how to find out random data like this and learn how to interpret stocks with the Coding and Data Analysis Club!

Faculty Advisor: Stephen Lewis

Student Facilitators: Sami Steinberg & Zachary Feig

Meeting Time: Tuesday 1 Clubs Block

CoLab

COLAB is a discussion space designed for talking across difference around a variety of political, cultural, and school-related topics, largely influenced by current events. It is jointly imagined and facilitated by leaders from both the Young Conservatives Club and the Liberal Activism Board, and all are welcome to participate, regardless of whether you are a member of or affiliate with either YC or LAB. COLAB hopes to foster and offer an additional space to practice, outside of class, sustained, rich dialogue around relevant, urgent issues facing our school, city, national, and global communities.

Faculty Advisor: Elana Anderson

Meeting Time: TBA

College Bowl

College Bowl is a game of questions and answers on all topics of human knowledge. Ranging across a wide variety of categories, such as science, current events, sports, math, literature, and the spelling of the names of vegetables, College Bowl is the ultimate trivia game. Students prepare for competitions by quizzing each other. The College Bowl team competes in the Yeshiva League. Typically there are three meets per year that occur during the school day at rotating host schools.

Faculty Advisor: Edy Lucas and David Steinberg

Student Facilitators: Liam Katz, Ezra Coburn, Eitan Lehon, Ben Levy, Sofia Cohen

Meeting Time: Monday Clubs Block

Debate

If you like to argue and win, Debate Team is the place for you! Students on the debate team learn how to sharpen their rhetorical skills and put these skills to good use in competitions with other schools in the Yeshivah League. Competitions are held both during and after the school day.

Faculty Advisor: Sandra Silverman and Eugene Rabina

Student Facilitators: Sarah Farbiarz, Ethan Katz

Meeting Time: Monday Clubs Block

The Dorot Club

The Dorot Club is a great way to get involved in Hesed. Club members will be paired with a senior and meet with them either biweekly or monthly with 1-2 other students. Communicating with the elder, either via zoom, facetime, or phone, can be very impactful as many seniors are isolated, especially during this time. These simple visits can be very meaningful for both seniors and students!

Faculty Advisor: Aliza Sebert

Student Facilitators: Sophie Fisher and Hannah Berley

Meeting Time: Monday Clubs Block

Drama Club

Our drama club is focused on non-musical theater. The club meets weekly, time TBD. We will spend lots of time learning the art of acting through acting exercises including improvisational games.

Faculty Advisor: Anna Savant Student Facilitator: Tova Segal

Meeting Time: Tuesday 1 Clubs Block

Entrepreneurship

The goal of the Entrepreneurship Club is to enrich its members with the knowledge they need to start and maintain their own business and give them a view of the world of entrepreneurship and business development. Around once a month over the course of the year, the club will host guest speakers. Speakers will range from small business entrepreneurs discussing the ins and outs of starting up or young app developers speaking about their ideas and their tech, to longtime executives sharing their knowledge of the sales and marketing strategies that maintain major corporations. Additionally, we will discuss case studies of different start-ups, and meet to further discuss the topic presented or highlights from our guests' speech. We will share ideas, brainstorm as a group, and help develop each others' own business plans.

Faculty Advisor: Dov Nelkin

Student Facilitators: Noah Helfstein and Ben Samborik

Meeting Time: Tuesday 1 Clubs Block

Environmental Club

Want to see change in the way the world is treated? Then this is the place for you! We're a group of environmentally passionate people who want to have an impact on our natural community. We aim to educate ourselves, take direct action, and have fun at the same time. In the past, we've contacted representatives, attended climate strikes, and hosted guest speakers. We'll be doing in-club and school-wide activities to promote environmental activism and awareness. We only have one Earth—let's treat it right!

Faculty Advisor: Naomi Bergman

Student Facilitators: Anna Dubey, Libby Meir and Raphi Gold

Meeting Time: Tuesday 1 Clubs Block

Epitome

Epitome is the school's literary magazine, published annually. The staff reads and selects poetry and prose submitted by the student body. The literary editors then prepare the magazine for publication

--working on all stages of production. Epitome features written student work and student created art/photography.

Facilitator: Sandra Silverman (sandra.silverman@heschel.org)

Student Facilitators: Jacqueline Proshan, Anna Dubey, Sarah Farbiarz

Meeting Time: To be determined by Student Participants

Exploring Medicine Club *

The Exploring Medicine club will be highly speaker-based. The speakers will come from different fields of medicine to talk about their professions and take questions from students in the club. At the end of the period, they will pose a clinical case to the club. The next club period we meet, we would all work together to solve the clinical case based on the symptoms and any other information the speaker provides. The following club period we would invite the speaker back to talk us through the diagnostic process and if we came to the right conclusion. This is an entry-level class into medicine, so no previous knowledge is required. We hope it helps students figure out if they are interested in medicine or not.

Facilitator: Kathleen Civetta

Student Facilitators: Ori Needleman and Lev Gilbert

Meeting Time: Tuesday 1 Clubs Block

Fashion Club

Fashion Club is a club dedicated to exploring new fashion trends and developing your own personal style. It's the place to let your creative self truly shine, to try new things and take fashion risks. A couple different things that we will be exploring are celebrity trends, how to thrift and recycle clothing, and the influence of fashion on social media.

Faculty Advisor: Adi Rapeika

Student Facilitators: Salena Rubin and Rena Falah

Meeting Time: Tuesday 1 Clubs Block

Finance Club

Countries that have adopted a capitalistic, free enterprise system have economically thrived over the long haul. The purpose of this club is to give students an understanding of capitalistic principles as it relates to investment in companies. The club is fortunate to have Richard Shuster lead discussions and explain how the economy is influenced by both local and global influences. Conference calls and meetings arranged by Mr. Shuster with CEOs and CFOs of companies with whom Mr. Shuster has a relationship allow students to ask questions and get a better understanding of how companies function and are successful. Another major activity is to evaluate companies to determine whether they are priced appropriately.

Faculty Advisor: Richard Shuster

Student Facilitators: Ben Samborik, Aaron Epstein, Leo Jacobovicz

Meeting Time: Monday Clubs Block

The Gardening Club

The Gardening Club has big plans for this year! We plan to develop a rooftop garden and a vertical garden or green wall inside the school building, and to provide and maintain potted plants to make our classrooms more pleasant and healthful environments. We'll start the year with some Zoom meetings to share tips about easy ways to grow herbs and vegetables indoors at home during the winter. Anyone can join; we have no large time commitments and it's on a come-whenever-you-can basis. We welcome your ideas on what you'd like to grow and cultivate.

Faculty Advisor: Jon Greenberg Meeting Time: Monday Clubs Block

Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

The Gender and Sexuality Alliance is a space where members of the LGBTQ+ and the entire Heschel community come together to create a safe space to discuss and explore our identities, current events, relevant topics and opinions, and how to be activists in our school.

Faculty Facilitator: Jon Klatt

Student Facilitator: Max GW and Ester Segal

Meeting Time: Tuesday 1 Clubs Block

Gender Equality Club

The Gender Equality club is a space where students can learn about, discuss, and take action to work towards gender equality. We aim to educate ourselves and the school as a whole about struggles women around the world and in our community encounter. Through programming, discussion and fundraising, we hope to create an environment within our community in which people recognize gender inequalities and advocate for solutions.

Faculty Advisor: Jodi

Student Facilitators: Dani Bregman, Jacqueline Proshan and Sarah Bourkoff

Meeting Time: Tuesday 1 Clubs Block

Heschel Harmonizers

The Harmonizers are the High School a capella group. Their repertoire consists of advanced choral, Jewish liturgical and both American and Israeli pop music. Students will learn proper vocal technique, how to sing in an ensemble, basic theory and how to create moving music without instrumental accompaniment. Singers will be chosen by audition in the early fall. The Harmonizers will rehearse weekly and perform throughout the year at community and school events.

Faculty Advisors: Adena Korn

Student Facilitators: Ariella Mann, Sabrina Zbar, Ella Gilad, Talia Scheinberg

Meeting Time: Monday Clubs Block

Helios

Helios, the school newspaper, is produced under the guidance of the student editorial staff. Staff members can work as researchers, writers, photographers, and illustrators. They can also learn how to edit and do layout.

Faculty Advisors: Penny Ratcliff and Jodi Posner

Student Facilitators: Sarah Horvath, Raphi Gold, Anna Dubey

Meeting Time: Friday lunch

Interfaith Club

People of different faiths don't always see things eye to eye. This is senseless, as religions are not based on knowledge or certainty, but simply the hope for both. Common Ground Friends is an idea born out of the belief that one person does not have to be wrong for another to be right and that inner faith and outward respect can coexist when people find similarities beneath differences. We are a group of teenagers who understand that having faith, regardless of its origin, is a step in the right direction. The goal of Common Ground Friends is to express ideas that unite us, feelings we find common, and experiences that will make us friends. This club will partner with the Cristo Rey School in East Harlem, and meet sporadically throughout the school year. This group is not time consuming--we do not meet weekly or require much work. However, your involvement in planning events and promoting interfaith understanding is highly encouraged!

Faculty Advisor: Aliza Sebert

Student Facilitators: Sarah Horvath & Jacqueline Proshan

Meeting Time: Tuesday 2 Clubs Block

The Israel Club

Mekupelet, *Srugim*, Omer Adam, *Shesh Besh*, tembel hats: come for a window into Israeil culture, current events, music, series, games, crash courses and discussions. The focuses of the club will be built on the group's interests.

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi Ezra Frazer Student Facilitators: Sabrina Zbar Meeting Time: Tuesday 2 Clubs Block

Junior States Of America (JSA)

Junior States of America is a national student run club focused on debate, politics, current events, and civics. Since the founding of JSA in 1934, JSA has served as a springboard for notable politicians and business people like Charles Schwab and even quarterback Tom Brady. The Heschel Chapter of JSA encourages and cultivates participants at all debate levels, from people who have never spoken publicly, to master debaters. JSA is inclusive and allows its members to attend and participate in conferences without tryouts. Our JSA chapter attends many regional and local conferences throughout the year. The

JSA convention format is an intense as the student wishes; at each conference there are 4 debate slots per day and the student can choose to participate in or watch up to 4 debates. Additionally, JSA provides opportunities to hear political speakers, and to debate in varied debate formats including tag-team, speed chess, as well as classical debate. Students choose which topics they will watch or debate. Novices can choose to speak for less time as secondary speakers. JSA is a great way for you to improve your debate and speaking skills, meet new friends, talk about politics, and have fun.

Faculty Advisors: Anna Savant Student leaders: Ayelet Kaminer Meeting Time: Tuesday 2 Club Block

Latin American Culture Club

The Latin American Culture Club club is open to students who have had at least one year of Spanish. We will discover important idioms, jokes, and will improve our overall speaking and listening skills. We will engage in Spanish games, discuss film, and current events. We will explore Hispanic/Latino holidays and celebrations; we'll listen to songs, and learn how to dance and even taste its culinary traditions.

Faculty Advisor: Ivania Marinero Student Facilitators: Ruby Kazam Meeting Time: Tuesday 2 Clubs Block

Latin Club

The goals of the Latin club are to have a specific time to learn more about Latin culture, speak the language out of a classroom setting, and engage with students interested in Latin throughout all four grades.

Faculty Advisors: Ted Graham

Student leaders: Rina Beer & Laili Goodman Meeting Time: Tuesday 2 Clubs Block

Liberal Activist Branch (LAB)

The LAB is an energetic, progressive team of activists who are passionate about social, racial, and environmental justice. In the past, the LAB has volunteered for Democrats running in the 2018 midterm elections and pushed Heschel to re-evaluate its approach to antiracism. This year, we will create a dedicated community. Together, we will work to support Democratic candidates running for office this November, encourage our school to address racism in our own community, pursue progressive change at a local level, and have fun! Although we are a liberal, progressive group, one of our main commitments is to engage in dialogue by reaching across the aisle. Part of our mission is to create monthly spaces, working in tandem with the Young Conservatives, for school-wide political discourse on relevant topics.

Faculty Advisor: Didi Kalmanofsky

Student Facilitators: Sarah Farbiarz & Risa Lippe

Meeting Time: Tuesday 2 Clubs Block

Math Team

The Heschel Math Team participates in a variety of regional and national competitions each year. Students will prepare for competitions together. The team is student led, and as such, we will be guided by the vision of the students. We welcome mathletes from all different backgrounds of math knowledge.

Faculty Facilitators: Edy Lucas and Farah Farhadian

Student Facilitator: Sarah Horvath

Meeting Time: To be determined by student participants

Mock Trial

Tryouts for the Mock Trial team are held in the Fall. The team consists of six lawyers, six witnesses, and several alternatives. Students will learn how to understand case evidence, present clear arguments, and defend their positions. Students in mock trial participate in a state-wide mock competition sponsored by the New York State Bar Association.

Faculty Advisor: David Steinberg

Student Facilitators: Jacob Hess, Liam Katz, Mira Dubler-Furman, Talia Namdar-Cohen & Charlie Covit

Meeting Time: Wednesdays after school

Model U.N.

The Model United Nations Club at Heschel allows students to learn the history, politics, and culture of members of the United Nations. Students are assigned a country to research in depth. These activities prepare students for conferences held by major universities during which students represent that country in a simulation of United Nations committee work. Along with students from schools across the country, they debate contemporary issues, draft resolutions, and negotiate agreements as their real life counterparts would in the actual United Nations. In addition to conference preparation, during clubs block, students learn about current events and hone their public speaking skills. At our weekly meetings, everyone will represent a different country, and will discuss global problems, working on the ability to collaborate with peers while considering international and national priorities.

Faculty Advisor: Didi Kalmanofsky

Student Facilitators: Jacob Hess, Noah Helfstein, Liat Frumer, and Ethan Nestlebaum

Meeting Time: Tuesday 1 Clubs Block

Moot Beit Din

As part of RAVSAK's international Moot Beit Din competition, the Heschel Moot Beit Din team is assigned a contemporary case study of moral significance, and asked to craft a ruling based on their analysis of halakhic sources relevant to the case. In previous years, the case topics have dealt with diverse issues, such as internet privacy, end of life decisions, industrialized meat, improper use of social media, and more. We work as a team to craft a written ruling, and after receiving feedback from the competition judges on the written ruling, we travel to the Moot Beit Din competition, to present our oral

arguments and spend shabbat with teams from other schools. While only a limited number of students will be able to travel to the competition, many more may contribute to the written ruling. It has proven to be a truly meaningful and fun experience, for those willing and able to make the significant time commitment.

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi Mikey Student Facilitators: Sarah Horvath Meeting Time: Wednesdays after school

Musical Theater Club

This club meets as a group on occasional Sundays and then, on Wednesdays after school-- for solo and duet work only, times flexible and TBA-- according to the availabilities of individual actors each week. There are opportunities for: actors; musicians, and crew members. (Musicians and crew people do not meet as frequently as the actors do.) The show this year is in the process of being chosen. For more information, and to have a voice in the show choice, please try to attend our first meeting, today, Tuesday Sept. 22nd from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., via Zoom. Please send an email to ned.ginsburg@heschel.org to receive a Zoom invitation.

Faculty Advisor: Ned

Meeting Time: Occasional Sundays and Wednesdays after school

Real Estate Club

The real estate industry is a part of our everyday lives whether you are aware of it or not. So, it can only be beneficial to educate yourself more about how real estate markets work and how you can use them to your benefit. We will take a comprehensive look at multiple topics within the real estate industry including, but not limited to, Mortgages, Zoning Laws, Leveraging Off Profits, and Absorption Rate. Additionally, we are happy to have Andrew Peterson as our club facilitator who has real life real estate experience from purchasing properties in the past. Join us for a weekly deep dive into the real estate world.

Faculty Mentor: Andrew Peterson

Student Facilitator: Mauricio Szajman and Michael Barak

Meeting Time: Tuesday 1 Clubs Block

Sabermetrics (Baseball Statistics/Society for American Baseball Research Club)

Everybody knows about the usual baseball stats, like home runs and batting average. But how accurate are they really at measuring a player's skills or value to his team? Sabermetrics are brand new statistics like WAR, wOBA, and FIP, created by people with that exact question. These new stats can be attempts to combine existing stats into a value, or they can try to take all of the luck out of the numbers. For the past few years, baseball has been undergoing a Moneyball-type revolution, with more and more teams taking these new stats into account, and even creating their own. In this club, we will examine and learn about these stats while working with SABR (the Society for American Baseball Research). We have many cool activities planned for this year.

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi Mikey

Student Facilitator: Sammy Wurzburger and Max Feingold

Meeting time: Tuesday 1 Clubs Block

The Sci-Fi and Fantasy Club *

These are the conversations of the Heschel students. Its one-year mission: to stay in our living rooms. To seek out new conversations and ideas. To boldly go where no man has gone before! In the Sci-Fi and Fantasy Club, our goal is to create a space where like-minded individuals can find space to talk about whatever our minds can think about. Whether that be the new marvel movie trailer or the feasibility of the Star Trek universe. In each meeting there will be a different topic, be it a clip from a TV show or movie, a passage from a book, or even a game for the club to watch, read, or play. We will then hold a discussion, whether about the plot, the science behind what we saw, or beyond. We hope all students can join the club and experience the greatness of science fiction and fantasy.

Faculty Advisor: Rabbi Mikey Student Facilitator: Yair Assayag Meeting Time: Tuesday 2 Clubs Block

The Video Gaming Club *

The goal of the Video Gaming Club is to build a cohesive community environment in an increasingly digitized world. The club's discussions will include but are not limited to retro/modern gaming, single player and multiplayer games, mobile/console/PC gaming, and game developers. The club will focus on expanding each club member's perspective of gaming, encouraging a broader interest in a variety of game genres.

Faculty Advisor: Andrew Peterson Meeting Time: Tuesday 2 Clubs Block

Virtual International Travel Club *

Explore the world from the comfort of your own home! In the International Travel Club, we will be exploring all kinds of different international cities, towns, and islands through their history, culture, language, attractions, and so much more. Our goal is to have fun learning about fascinating places through presentations, guest speakers, videos, and interactive activities such as cooking classes, and kahoot!

Faculty Advisor: Celine Clerfeuille

Student Facilitator: Sophia H-B, Tamar Lehon, Emily Bauer Meeting Time: Monday Clubs Block (every other week)

Yearbook: The Torch

The Heschel Yearbook Club is responsible for recording the memories of the 2020-21 school year.

Students with advanced abilities in photography, organization and graphic design are welcome to assist in the planning, designing and distribution of a visually-pleasing chronicle of the current school year. Editors and yearbook staff will work together to select the yearbook theme and cover design. Club members will assist with brainstorming, organizing and finalizing layouts.

Faculty Advisor: Jessica Gribbetz

Student Facilitator: Ally Lax, Mark Adler, and Salena Rubin

Meeting Time: Monday Clubs Block

Young Conservatives

The Conservative Club is a place where individuals can come to engage in open discussions about conservative principles, and how application of these principles can lead to a stronger country, a more prosperous life for all Americans, and restore America to its rightful reputation in the world. We will also place great emphasis on areas where the opportunity for a better life has been inhibited by excessive government interference, both for individuals and the private sector. Each week we will discuss one issue in depth, and we will invite speakers to speak with our group. All people and opinions are invited, especially those who want a place to comfortably discuss politics without feeling pressure to have fully thought out and flawless reasoning. Part of our mission is to create monthly spaces, working in tandem with the Liberal Activism Board, to open up a space to the whole school for political discourse on relevant topics.

Faculty Advisor: Joe Moreau

Student Facilitators: Mark Adler and Zoe Cosgrove

Meeting Time: Tuesday 2 Clubs Block

* New Clubs as of this year