



BEIT-RJ COLLEGE CREDIT TRACK PROGRAM

TO: Parents of BEIT-RJ 11th and 12th Grade Students:

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I am writing to provide information about an exciting opportunity for your student's Jewish high school educational experience. BEIT-RJ, in partnership with Towson University (TU), is offering incoming 11th and 12th grade students the opportunity to participate in a college credit track program. Students electing this track will study along side other Reform Jewish teens, earning three college credits. I will be teaching this course as a Towson University professor and as a member of Temple Oheb Shalom. Special attention will be made to demystify the college experience and to aid in your student's college preparedness. A description of the course follows:

Introduction to Cultural Studies: Jewish Representation and Identity (CLST 201). This is an introductory level course and no previous knowledge will be assumed. Across the year students will complete several short papers and one class presentation.

Course Description Cultural Studies examines the way our everyday experience is shaped by larger culture – through the media, consumerism, social relationships, and the way our society is organized. Cultural Studies also examines larger cultural patterns of social hierarchy and power. In this course we will explore these ideas with a focus on understanding Jewish identity and its multiple cultural meanings. Changing conceptions of Jewish identity across cultural space and community will be explored from an interdisciplinary perspective (cultural studies, media studies, social sciences, literature). Particular emphasis will be placed on understanding Jewish experience in relation to cultural expressions of race, ethnicity, class, gender and sexuality.

Students electing the college credit track will follow the BEIT-RJ school schedule. Classes will be held on Monday nights twice a month, from 6:30-8:30, with the optional cash dinner from 6:00-6:30. This will allow students in the college track program to benefit from being a part of the larger BEIT-RJ school community.

Registration

Participating BEIT-RJ students will complete paperwork to be admitted as a non-degree seeking student at TU. I will hold an initial meeting with students and parents in order to facilitate admission procedures on the opening night of the BEIT-RJ school year.

To indicate your intent to enroll in this program, please complete the attached sign up form and return it to Karen Sober, Director of BEIT-RJ.

If you have additional questions about the class, please feel free to contact:

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Fees

Students will be issued a TU student ID card, with access to library services. Through this partnership, BEIT-RJ students are being offered the opportunity to earn 3 college credits for the reduced cost of \$675*. This represents two-thirds of the regular fee for a 3 credit course. Once registered, students will be billed through Towson University.

*this fee is based on current tuition rates and may change with tuition increases