



## BEIT-RJ COLLEGE CREDIT TRACK PROGRAM

TO: BEIT-RJ 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents:

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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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Psychology of Religion** will be a discussion based course designed to explore the intersections between psychology and religion, with an emphasis on Jewish Thought. This course approaches religion as a powerful meaning system that can affect the lives of individuals in terms of their beliefs, motivations, emotions and behaviors as they influence both personal and group interactions. This course will highlight the role of religion in a variety of important social issues such as social change, coping, forgiveness, human rights, prejudice & tolerance, as well as conflict resolution. No previous knowledge of Psychology is required!

For this course, students will be asked to complete several short assignments (i.e write – but not necessarily send -- a forgiveness letter to someone; attend an unfamiliar religious service or ritual event) as well as complete one larger 5-7 page paper assignment.

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:  
Dr. Paz Galupo [pgalupo@towson.edu](mailto:pgalupo@towson.edu)

### 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 \$717\*. This represents two-thirds of the regular fee for a 3 credit course. Once registered, students will be billed directly from Towson University via their online student account (note: no paper bill will be sent, students must sign on to their account to view and pay the bill).

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