

TENTH GRADE PROGRAM

Confirmation-Leadership

Confirmation is taught by our entire clergy team, Rabbi Zoë Klein, Rabbi Dara Frimmer, Rabbi Joel Nickerson, and Cantor Tifani Coyot, and focuses on issues of Jewish identity and contemporary issues facing the Jewish community. Learning about significant ways to give time and resources to our community, the tenth graders explore how their actions affect the community and how aspects of Jewish American identity fit together. Many of these topics are taught through reading and debating Jewish sources and texts.

A highlight of the year is the class' participation in the Religious Action Center's L'taken Seminar in Washington, DC. Temple Isaiah's tenth grade class joins with other confirmation classes from throughout the country (some 300 plus students) in a weekend of learning about the major social, economic and political issues facing our country. Our students "go to the Hill" and lobby our congressional representatives and senators. They enjoy a dinner in Georgetown and have time to explore the National Mall. Further information can be found on the RAC's website, rac.org/ltaken-social-justice-seminars. The L'Taken program is partially subsidized by Temple Isaiah and scholarships are available, ensuring that all students may participate.

Date: January 25, 2018 (night flight) – January 29, 2018

Cost: \$850 (including airfare)

ROAD MAP FOR TENTH GRADE

Shevet Noar

Confirmation: Leadership and Responsibility



“Bein adam l’atzmo” - Self

Question:

- How do my actions affect my community?

Action:

- Discussing different aspects of Jewish and American identity, how the two fit together, and when they diverge



“Bein adam l’chavero” - Community

Question:

- What is my role within my community?

Action:

- Learning about significant ways to give time and other resources to our community
- Understanding the country’s lobbying process and attending the Religious Action Center’s “L’Taken Social Justice Seminar” to lobby Congress
- Acting as a leader within the Temple Isaiah community through social action and leading tefillah prayer services



“Bein adam l’Makom” - God

Question:

- How does God play a role in my life?
- Will/Can God play a role in the future?

Action:

- Exploring different avenues of spirituality within prayer and other ways of communicating with God