

Jewish Teen Programs Catalog

for the Seven-County Greater Denver Area



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Welcome to the first comprehensive listing of programs for Jewish teens in the seven-county Greater Denver area. The information included here was compiled by surveying all Jewish agencies, schools and synagogues that offer programs for teens. We also include a listing of Jewish middle schools and high schools.

Rose Community Foundation published this catalog to help teens, their families and program providers explore the diverse range of Jewish options for teen involvement. Teens are eager for leadership opportunities, so look for “Leadership Opportunities” in each program listing. Program information is always subject to change, so please check with the sponsoring organization for current information.

This catalog is also available for downloading at rcfdenver.org/reports/jewishteenprograms.pdf.

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Arts and Culture

Art and Theater Classes

Grades 6–12

- Sponsor: Mizel Arts and Culture Center (MACC) at the Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Activities: year-round theater, year-round filmmaking, summer art, graphic novels
- Cost: \$118–\$780 depending on class selection; discounts for JCC members
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver East

Denver Jewish Film Festival

All ages

- Sponsor: Mizel Arts and Culture Center (MACC) at the Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Activities: annual event runs nine days, from early through mid-February; includes teen-appropriate screenings including one selected by and presented by the Teen Film Board with a speaker and social event for teens
- Cost: \$5–\$10
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver East
- Leadership Opportunities: Teen Film Board (see below)

Denver Jewish Film Festival Teen Film Board

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Mizel Arts and Culture Center (MACC) at the Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Activities: Thursday evenings or Sunday afternoons as needed, August through March, at the MACC
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 8
- Requirements: applications (contact rbloom@jccdenver.org)
- Leadership Opportunities: board plans a film program, speaker and social event to be held at the film festival

Limmud Colorado Annual Conference

All ages

- Sponsor: Limmud Colorado
- Activities: a celebration of Jewish learning, arts and culture; combination of art, worship, culture, study, film, the outdoors, music, dance, humor, texts, history, networking and fun
- Schedule: May 28–31, 2010, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
- Cost: \$400 per person; scholarships available
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Front Range
- Leadership Opportunities: program team (including teen programming); entire conference is volunteer run



Taste of Limmud

All ages

- Sponsor: Limmud Colorado
- Activities: two to three smaller learning events per year
- Cost: varies
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Front Range
- Leadership Opportunities: programming team meets monthly

Wolf Theater Academy

Grades 6–12

- Sponsor: Mizel Arts and Culture Center (MACC) at the Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Activities: five major productions annually; four main stage, one black box (smaller theater) during the school year and in the summer; opportunities for acting and technical work
- Cost: \$270–\$780 depending on class selection; discounts for JCC members; scholarships available
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver East



See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.

Athletics, Fitness and Outdoor Adventures



Outdoor Adventures/Social Events: New Teen Department

Grades 6–12

- Sponsor: Boulder Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Activities: recreational and social events (rafting, camping, backpacking, Bolder Boulder team and training; Rockies Day, dinner theater, etc.); information and referral (college search, scholarships, babysitting clearinghouse, camping, Israel travel)
- Cost: varies by program
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Boulder
- Participants: newly formed
- Leadership Opportunities: Teen Advisory Council to direct programming and focus of the Teen Department (training and monthly meetings)

Sports and Fitness

Grades 6–12

- Sponsor: Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Activities: variety of activities/classes including flag football, basketball league, tennis, fitness center; also participation in Maccabi Games (summer international competition, to be held in Denver in 2010)
- Cost: depending on class selection; discounts for JCC members
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 795



See also Summer Camps on pages 10 and 11.

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.

Boys Only

Boys Will Be Boys

Grades 3–5 (with teens helping and participating)

- Sponsor: BMH-BJ Congregation
- Activities: once a month during the school year (same time as Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing)
- Cost: varies by program
- Denomination: Modern Orthodox
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 8–15, in formation
- Leadership Opportunities: teens helping and participating in activities

Rosh Hodesh: It's a Boys Thing

Grades 6–12

- Sponsor: Congregation Beth Shalom
- Activities: once a month during the school year (meets with Congregation Beth Shalom Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing); not just for boys only although occasional sessions are for boys only or girls only; open to all boys grades 6–12
- Cost: \$36 per year
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 6

Teen Experience

Post-bar mitzvah experience

- Sponsor: The Jewish Experience
- Activities: once a week, evenings, plus monthly trip (evenings or Sundays), during the school year; topics include: current events from a Jewish perspective, general Judaism, what it means to be a Jewish adult
- Cost: \$450 per year plus cost of monthly field trip
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver South
- Participants: 15–20 (this program is currently all boys; depending on interest, a girls-only program could be created similar to the boys program)

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.

Girls Only

Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing

Grades 6–12

- Program Developer: Moving Traditions
- Activities: once a month; some locations include summer; curriculum includes discussion, arts and crafts and drama for small groups of girls (5–15), organized by age; facilitated by trained adult leader
- Cost: \$36–\$200 per year, depending on location
- Participants: 150–200 (total for all seven-county locations)

List of sponsoring locations

- BMH-BJ Congregation (Denver)—once a month during the school year, meets same time as Boys Will Be Boys program; cost: \$18–\$20/month plus special program fees; discount if pay full year in advance; participants: 10–20 total; open to all girls grades 6–12; Modern Orthodox
- B'nai Havurah (Denver)—once a month during the school year; cost: \$150 per year for 10 sessions; participants: 25 total; open to all girls grades 6–12; Reconstructionist
- Congregation Beth Evergreen (Evergreen)—once a month during the school year. cost: \$150, Participants: 20, open to all girls grades 6–12; Reform
- Congregation Beth Shalom (Centennial)—once a month during the school year (meets with Congregation Beth Shalom Rosh Hodesh: It's a Boys Thing); not just for girls only although occasional sessions are boys only or girls only; cost: \$36 per year; participants: 8; open to all girls grades 6–12; Pluralistic
- Judaism Your Way (Denver)—once a month during the school year; cost: \$200 per year; participants: 12–15, open to all girls grades 6–12; Pluralistic
- JCC Ranch Camp (Denver)—once a week during summer camp sessions; cost: none in addition to camp fees; participants: 200+ total; Pluralistic
- Temple Emanuel (Denver)—once a month during the school year, grades 6–7, as part of formal religious program; Reform
- Temple Sinai (Denver)—once a month during the school year, cost: \$100 per semester; participants 25–30 total, open to all girls grades 6–12; Reform



Jewish Learning

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

The following synagogues offer Bar/Bat Mitzvah training:

- BMH-BJ Congregation, Modern Orthodox
- B'nai Havurah, Reconstructionist
- Congregation Beth Evergreen, Reconstructionist
- Congregation Beth Shalom, Pluralistic
- Congregation Bonai Shalom, Conservative
- Congregation Har HaShem, Reform
- Congregation Rodef Shalom, Conservative
- Hebrew Educational Alliance, Conservative
- Temple Emanuel, Reform
- Temple Micah, Reform
- Temple Sinai, Reform

Adventure Rabbi

Ages 12–14

- Sponsor: Adventure Rabbi
- Activities—three options:
 - individual study, 10-month program, start anytime, in person or distance learning
 - adventure class, 10-month program, August–May, in Boulder and nearby mountains, includes hiking; may offer second class based in Colorado Springs
 - Bar and Bat Yisrael, 12-week program, independent learning, your time frame, your schedule
- Denomination: Reform and Reconstructionist
- Location: Boulder (and possibly Colorado Springs)
- Participants in adventure class: 12

Open Tent B'nai Mitzvah and Beyond

Grades 7–9

- Sponsor: Judaism Your Way
- Activities: once a month over two semesters; students and families choose a coming of age ritual uniquely matched to them
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 8

Confirmation

The following synagogues offer religious schools that culminate in Confirmation in grade 10. Some synagogues require membership to participate; others do not.

- BMH-BJ Congregation, Modern Orthodox
- Congregation Beth Evergreen, Reconstructionist
- Congregation Har HaShem, Reform
- Congregation Rodef Shalom, Conservative
- Hebrew Educational Alliance, Conservative
- Temple Emanuel, Reform
- Temple Sinai, Reform
- Congregation Bonai Shalom, Conservative, has a program for 10th graders called Ba'Derech, which is taught at Boulder Hebrew High and is open to students from Bonai Shalom, Nevei Kodesh, Pardes Levavot and unaffiliated students. The program does not always hold a confirmation ceremony.

Events

Limmud Colorado Annual Conference

See listing on page 3.

Taste of Limmud

See listing on page 3.

High Holidays

High Holiday Teen Discussion Group

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Congregation Bonai Shalom
- Activities: discussion each day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Conservative
- Location: Boulder
- Participants: 15–20

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.

Jewish Learning

Ongoing Discussions/Study

Teen Discussion Group

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Congregation Bonai Shalom
- Activities: discussion of relevant aspects of weekly Torah portion
- Schedule: third Saturday of each month during the school year
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Conservative
- Location: Boulder
- Participants: 8–10

Teen Study Group

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Kohelet
- Activities: discussion of ancient and medieval Jewish texts
- Schedule: every other Sunday during the school year
- Cost: suggested contribution of \$180 to Kohelet
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 7

Hebrew High (Boulder)

Grades 8–12

- Sponsor: Colorado Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE)
- Classes: The Jewish Lens: Exploring Jewish life through Pictures; Eco-Judaism; Comparative World Religions; Ba'Derech; Israel at a Glance; Senior Seminar; Torah Yoga; G-D Wrestling; Jewish Ethics: Sex, Drugs and Integrity; Urban Art; Holiday Cooking
- Schedule: once a week, August–April
- Cost: to be determined
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Boulder JCC
- Participants: 110

Hebrew High (Denver)

Grades 8–12

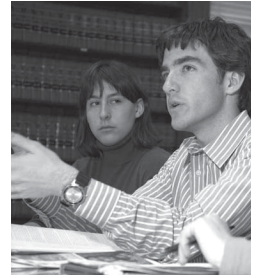
- Sponsor: Colorado Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE)
- Schedule: once a week during the school year
- Classes: The Jewish Lens: Judaism thru Photography; Words and Deeds Part 2; What's Cooking on Wednesdays?; Hebrew High Ulpan; Eco-Judaism in Action: Exploring Judaism in the Wilderness; Scrubs, Grey's Anatomy and Medical Ethics; Sex, Drugs and Integrity: Jewish Wisdom for 21st-Century Teenagers; Radicals, Rebels and Revolutionaries: The Jews of the '60s; Kaballah and You; Jewish Life in Poland; The Real World: Teen Relationships and Abuse; Conversational Hebrew; Israeli Pop Culture; Torah Yoga; The Conflict; One of These Things Is Not Like the Other: Jewish Diversity; The Torah's Guide to Life; Shomar: Denver Jewish Community Service Corps
- Cost: to be determined
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: The Jewish Denver Day School (previously Herzl/RMHA), Denver South
- Participants: 130

Hebrew High (Evergreen)

Grades 8–12

- Sponsor: Congregation Beth Evergreen
- Schedule: each Wednesday during the school year; guest speakers once a month
- Cost: \$600 per year plus \$80 for books/snacks
- Denomination: Reconstructionist
- Location: firehouse in Evergreen
- Participants: 15
- Requirements: Congregation Beth Evergreen member

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.



Service Learning

Community Improvement

Family Safety Net Youth Corps

Grades 8–12

- Sponsor: Jewish Family Service of Colorado
- Activities: volunteers work in the Weinberg Food Pantry and organize food drives
- Schedule: one three-hour shift one day per week
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver South
- Participants: 15
- Requirements: interview process, character references, orientation

Chai: Teen Abuse Prevention Program Trainers

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Jewish Family Service of Colorado
- Activities: teens run educational workshops for peers to talk about healthy relationships; presentations on site at organizations, upon their request (e.g., at Hebrew High, Confirmation classes, youth groups)
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: varies
- Participants: 5
- Requirements: attend training; make time commitment to deliver programs

Social Action Projects (Multiple Locations)

For students in formal religious school programs

- Sponsor: most synagogues within their formal religious school programs
- Activities: depends on group of teens (e.g., recycling was a previous group's project)

Student Interfaith Peace Project (SIPP)

Ages 14–19

- Sponsor: University of Denver, Institute for the Study of Israel in the Middle East (ISIME)
- Activities: leadership training on the topic of peaceful coexistence
- Schedule: 30 hours of class spread over several months; a weekend retreat; and a two-week trip to Israel and the West Bank at the end of the school year
- Cost: \$3,000 (50 percent subsidized by SIPP)
- Denomination: open to teens of all faiths
- Location: Denver South
- Participants: 25

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Service Learning

Teaching Assistants

Hadrachah*: Teen-Teacher Training Program

Grades 8–12

- Sponsor: Community Talmud Torah
- Activities: teens interested in working with younger children in the field of Jewish education (formal or informal) meet monthly during the school year for training sessions
- Schedule: sessions meet at The Denver Jewish Day School (Upper School) or in participants' homes
- Cost: nominal
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 12
- Requirements: open to any teen with an interest in working with Jewish families and institutions

Madrachim**

Grades 8–12

- Sponsor: Temple Micah
- Activities: teaching assistants in religious school
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Denver South
- Participants: 15
- Requirements: Bar/Bat Mitzvah, orientation

Madrach Program**

Post-B'nai Mitzvah

- Sponsor: Congregation Bonai Shalom
- Activities: teaching assistants in Hebrew school
- Schedule: Sunday mornings when Hebrew school is in session
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Conservative
- Location: Boulder
- Participants: 5
- Requirements: graduate of Bonai Shalom Hebrew School or equivalent knowledge



Teaching Assistant Program

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Temple Emanuel
- Activities: teaching assistants in Sunday school
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Denver South
- Participants: 12
- Requirements: Temple Emanuel member

Toranim***

Grade 8 (part of Gesher Program, see Youth Groups)

- Sponsor: Temple Emanuel
- Activities: teaching assistants in Sunday school and Hebrew school
- Schedule: Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Denver South
- Participants: 5–10
- Requirements: Gesher program member

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.

**Hebrew for education/guidance.*

***Hebrew for leader(s), often of youth.*

****Hebrew for people on duty.*

Summer Camps

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO)

Sponsor: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization

Denomination: Conservative

Locations: Wisconsin, North Carolina, Pennsylvania

Chapter Leadership Training Conference (CLTC)

Grades 9–12

- Schedule: seven 12-day sessions, June 15–August 8, 2010
- Cost: \$1,800 per session
- Locations: Wisconsin and North Carolina
- Requirements: must be an AZA or BBG chapter leader

International Leadership Training Conference (ILTC)

Grades 11–12

- Schedule: June 28–July 13, 2010
- Cost: \$2,600
- Location: Pennsylvania
- Requirements: must be a regional or council BBYO leader

Kallah

Grades 9–12

- Activities: classes for learning from and working with one another to delve deeper into the aspects of Judaism that teens find meaningful; option to have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Kallah
- Schedule: July 14–August 1, 2010
- Cost: \$2,500
- Location: Pennsylvania
- Requirements: no background in formal Jewish education required; diverse participants

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.

Camp JRF

Sponsor: Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF)

Denomination: Reconstructionist

Location: Pennsylvania

Grades 4–10

- Activities: overnight camp
- Schedule: 3-, 4-, and 7-week sessions
- Cost: \$4,125/\$3,450/\$7,075

Entering grade 12

- Activities: Staff in Training (SIT) Program
- Schedule: 4-week session and 7-week session
- Cost: \$2,000/\$2,300

Camp Shai

Sponsor: Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center

Denomination: Pluralistic

Location: Denver East

On the Road

Grades 6–9

- Activities: day camp; adventures include camping trips, whitewater rafting
- Schedule: 3-week sessions
- Cost \$850 per session

Counselor in Training (CIT)

Grades 8–10

- Activities: teens serve as assistants in day camp cabin groups and mentors through camp
- Schedule: 3-week sessions
- Cost: \$415 per session

Ramah Outdoor Adventure

Sponsor: Ramah Outdoor Adventure

Denomination: Conservative

Location: Deckers, Colorado

Grades 6–10

- Activities: overnight camp; combines outdoor adventure activities at rustic base camp plus extended wilderness excursions in the back country
- Schedule: 1-, 2-, or 4-week session
- Cost: \$800/\$2,100/\$3,900
- Participants: 40–60

Summer Camps

JCC Ranch Camp

Sponsor: Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center

Denomination: Pluralistic

Location: Black Forest, Elbert, Colorado

ATID (Future)

Grades 9–10

- Activities: overnight camp leadership program
- Schedule: 19-day session
- Cost: \$2,920

Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing

Grades 6–12

- Schedule: once a week during summer camp
- Cost: included in camp fee

Rock 'n Ride

Grades 7–8

- Activities: overnight camp; combines mountain biking, rock climbing and camping throughout Colorado
- Schedule: 14-day session
- Cost: \$2,131

Staff in Training (SIT)

Entering grade 11

- Activities: live with campers at overnight camp and learn basic elements of being camp counselor or specialist
- Schedule: 7-, 14-, or 19-day session
- Cost: \$370/\$747/\$1,133

Teen Adventure and Service Corps (TASC)

Grades 9–10

- Activities: overnight camp, whitewater rafting, backpacking, service project, outdoor trek
- Schedule: 14- or 19-day session
- Cost: \$2,131/\$2,920

Teen Village

Entering grade 10

- Activities: overnight camp
- Schedule: 4-week program throughout Colorado; nomadic journey
- Cost: \$3,742

Wrangler in Training (WIT)

Entering grade 11

- Activities: live with campers at overnight camp, learn basic elements of being corral staff member, develop safe horsemanship practices
- Schedule: 7-, 14-, or 19-day session
- Cost: \$70/\$747/\$1,133



The Maurice B. Shwayder Camp

Sponsor: Temple Emanuel

Denomination: Reform

Location: Mount Evans, Idaho Springs, Colorado

Grades 2–10

- Activities: overnight camp
- Cost: varies by length of session and whether or not member of Temple Emanuel
- Participants: 125

Entering grade 11

- Activities: Staff-in-Training (SIT) program
- Cost: pay for one 2-week camp session (member of Temple Emanuel \$1,350; nonmember \$1,795) and stay for all four 2-week camp sessions
- Requirements: previous Shwayder Camp participant

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.



At the Western Wall,
Jerusalem

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO)

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO)
- Activities: travel to Central America, Europe and Israel
- Schedule: March of the Living to Poland, Germany and Israel in the spring; other travel during the summer
- Cost: varies by trip selection
- Denomination: Pluralistic

Israel Study Tour (IST)

Entering grade 12

- Sponsor: Colorado Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE); promoted by numerous synagogues
- Activities: one week in Poland and four weeks in Israel
- Schedule: summer
- Cost: \$8,400
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Participants: 60

North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY)

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY); promoted by Reform synagogues
- Activities: travel to Israel
- Schedule: summer
- Cost: varies by trip selection
- Denomination: Reform

Student Interfaith Peace Project (SIPP)

See listing on page 8.

United Synagogue Youth (USY)

Grades 8–12

- Sponsor: United Synagogue Youth (USY); promoted by Conservative synagogues
- Activities: travel within North America as well as travel to Israel and Europe
- Schedule: summer
- Cost: varies by trip selection
- Denomination: Conservative

Tzedakah refers to the obligation to perform charity and philanthropic acts.

B'nai Tzedek

Grades 6–12

- Sponsor: Colorado Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE)
- Activities: participants explore giving of time and money; learn about agencies and manage a personal endowment fund
- Schedule: three times a year during the school year
- Cost: \$125 to establish personal endowment fund
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Boulder and Denver
- Participants: 30

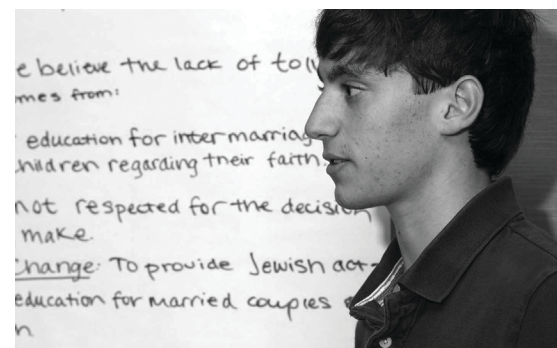
Rose Youth Foundation

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Rose Community Foundation
- Activities: learn about strategic grantmaking by deciding how to distribute \$60,000 in grants to Denver-area organizations
- Schedule: twice a month, during the school year, Sunday early evening (dinner included)
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 23
- Requirements: online application at rcfdenver.org/RYP between June and October
- Leadership Opportunities: elected officers

See also Service Learning on pages 8 and 9.

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.



Worship Participation

High Holidays

High Holiday Teen Discussion Group

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Congregation Bonai Shalom
- Activities: discussion group
- Schedule: each day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Conservative
- Location: Boulder
- Participants: 15–20

Yom Kippur Service

Grades 7–12

- Sponsor: Temple Micah
- Activities: teen service; also opportunities for chanting and reading Torah during High Holidays
- Schedule: Yom Kippur
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Denver North



Shabbat

Friday Night Lights

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Friedman Club at Temple Emanuel
- Activities: service
- Schedule: once a month on Friday nights, during the school year
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 10–20

Rodef Shalom Youth Coalition

Grades 8–12

- Sponsor: Congregation Rodef Shalom
- Activities: teens are “in the spotlight” during services, allowing the rest of the community to see and hear from them
- Schedule: quarterly on Shabbat during the school year
- Denomination: Conservative
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 55

Torah Service

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Congregation Bonai Shalom
- Activities: teen-led service
- Schedule: once every few months during the school year
- Denomination: Conservative
- Location: Boulder
- Participants: 10

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.

Youth Groups

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO)

Mission: More Jewish teens, more meaningful Jewish experiences

Founded in 1924

Independent, international organization

Pluralistic

Teen Connection

Grades 6–8

- Activities: social, recreational, athletic and cultural activities
- Schedule: once a month during the school year, once or twice during summer on weekends or during school breaks
- Locations: at members' homes or commercial location
- Cost: per program, no membership fee
- Participants: 200 in region, which includes Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs and Albuquerque

BBYO

Grades 8–12

- Activities: eight fraternity- and sorority-like chapters: Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) for boys, B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG) for girls; Judaic, social, educational and community service activities
- Schedule: two to four times per month during the school year
- Cost: \$75/year membership fee (or \$149 for all four years of high school)
- Location: Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center
- Participants: 530 in region, which includes Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs and Albuquerque
- Leadership Opportunities: elected teen leaders at the chapter, regional and international levels

Bnos

- Sponsor: Beth Jacob High School of Denver
- Activities: Shabbat and non-Shabbat programs during the school year; affiliated with Bnos Agudath Yisroel (worldwide)
- Cost: small, but not required
- Denomination: Orthodox
- Location: Denver West
- Participants: 100
- Leadership Opportunities: high school students lead programs for middle school students

North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY)

Mission: To secure and perpetuate a strong, meaningful and enjoyable Reform Jewish youth experience

Founded in 1939

Affiliate of the Union for Reform Judaism

National organization with international programming

Boulder Temple Youth (BTY)

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Congregation Har HaShem
- Schedule: once a month (Thursdays) during the school year; plus other events and overnights including regional NFTY Chavurot* weekends
- Cost: per event
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Boulder
- Participants: 40
- Leadership Opportunities: program leading

Frankel Club

Grades 6–8

- Sponsor: Temple Emanuel
- Activities: social, educational and social action activities; plus Chavurot* at one NFTY regional gathering per year
- Schedule: once or twice a month on Saturday nights and Sundays, during the school year, plus occasional summer activities
- Cost: \$10–\$20; no additional membership dues
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 30
- Leadership Opportunities: program planning

* A *chavurah* or *havurah* (plural *chavuroth* or *chavurot* or *havurot*) is a small group of Jews who assemble for the purposes of facilitating Shabbat and holiday prayer services and for sharing communal experiences, such as lifecycle events and Jewish learning.

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.

Youth Groups

North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) *continued*

Friedman Club

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Temple Emanuel
- Activities: Jewish worship, culture and history, modern political views, Israel, social, educational, and social action activities; plus Chavurot* at multiple NFTY regional gatherings per year
- Schedule: several times a month on weekends, during the school year
- Cost: \$10–\$20 per program plus yearly dues of \$40
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 50
- Leadership Opportunities: board membership; event planning

Gesher Program

Grade 8

- Sponsor: Temple Emanuel
- Activities: social action and getting out into community as part of the formal religious school program
- Schedule: one Sunday morning and one Wednesday evening per month
- Cost: included in religious school tuition
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: entire eighth grade class

Jew Crew Youth Group

Grades 7–12

- Sponsor: Temple Micah
- Schedule: once a month during the school year
- Cost: \$23 per year, NFTY dues
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Denver
- Participants: in formation

Junior Youth Group (JYG)

Grades 7–8

- Sponsor: Congregation Har HaShem
- Schedule: two-hour meetings at various times during the school year; plus one overnight program and one weekend trip per year
- Cost: per event
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Boulder
- Participants: 30

Junior Youth Group (JYG)

Grades 6–8

- Sponsor: Temple Sinai
- Schedule: once a month during the school year
- Cost: \$50 per year; additional fees for events
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Denver South
- Participants: 50

Temple Sinai Youth Group (TSYG)

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Temple Sinai
- Schedule: two to three times a month during the school year; monthly lounge nights on Wednesday; plus Chavurot* at NFTY regional gathering (scholarships available for Temple Sinai members)
- Cost: \$50 per year; additional fees for events
- Denomination: Reform
- Location: Denver South
- Participants: 80–100
- Leadership Opportunities: program leading; boards; leadership development team

(End of NFTY listings)

** A chavurah or havurah (plural chavuroth or chavurot or havurot) is a small group of Jews who assemble for the purposes of facilitating Shabbat and holiday prayer services and for sharing communal experiences, such as lifecycle events and Jewish learning.*

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.



Youth Groups

Rodef Shalom Youth Coalition

Grades 8–12

- Sponsor: Congregation Rodef Shalom
- Schedule: quarterly on Shabbat during the school year
- Denomination: Conservative
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 55
- Leadership Opportunities: community service projects

Teen Experience

Post-Bar Mitzvah experience

- Sponsor: The Jewish Experience
- Activities: discussion of current events from a Jewish perspective, general Judaism, what it means to be a Jewish adult
- Schedule: once a week, evenings, plus monthly trip (evenings or Sundays), during the school year
- Cost: \$450 per year plus cost of monthly field trip
- Denomination: Pluralistic
- Location: Denver South
- Participants: 15–20 (this program is currently all boys; depending on interest, a girls-only program could be created similar to the boys program)

Teen Shabbat FUNdamentals

Grades 7–12

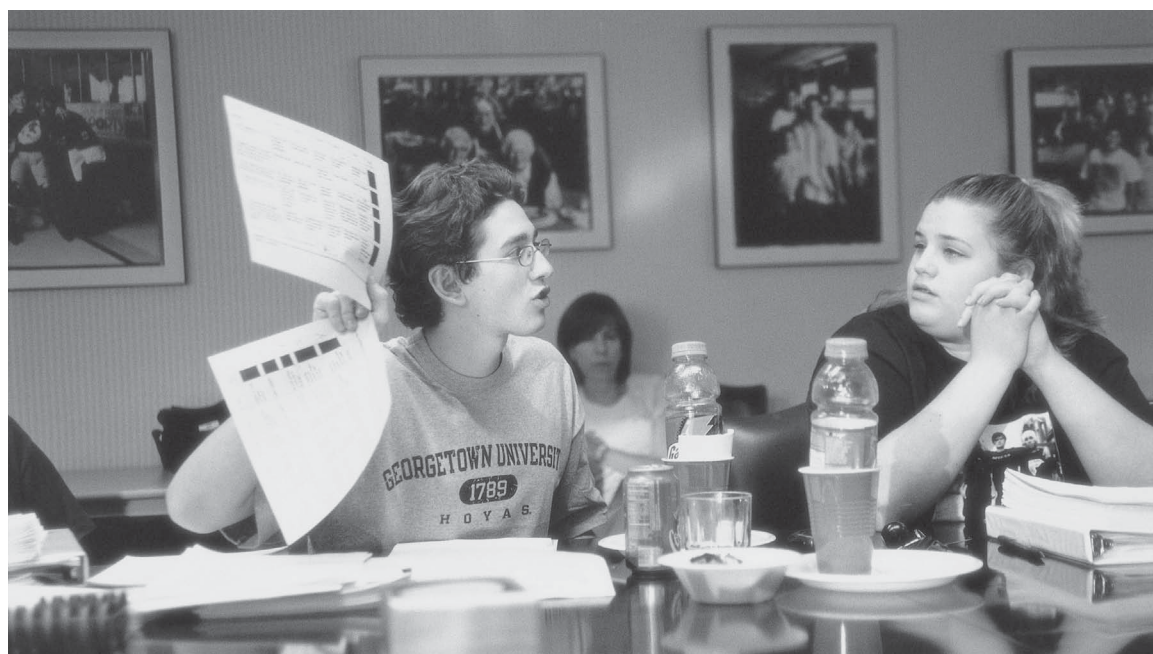
- Sponsor: BMH-BJ Congregation
- Schedule: once a month on Saturday mornings plus participation in various BMH-BJ events and group projects, during the school year
- Denomination: Modern Orthodox
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 20–25

Teen Youth Group

Grades 7–12

- Sponsor: BMH-BJ Congregation
- Activities: centralized youth group with multiple programming options; open to anyone in community
- Denomination: Modern Orthodox
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: in formation

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.



Youth Groups

United Synagogue Youth (USY)

Mission: Duty, mitzvot* and commitments

Founded in 1951

Affiliate of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

International organization

KADIMA (Congregation Rodef Shalom)

Grades 6–8

- Sponsor: Congregation Rodef Shalom
- Schedule: once a month plus quarterly community service projects
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Conservative
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 20

KADIMA (Hebrew Educational Alliance)

Grades 7–8

- Sponsor: Hebrew Educational Alliance
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Conservative
- Location: Denver South

USY (Congregation Rodef Shalom)

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Congregation Rodef Shalom
- Schedule: once a month plus quarterly community service projects
- Cost: none
- Denomination: Conservative
- Location: Denver East
- Participants: 45

**Hebrew for commandments.*



USY (Hebrew Educational Alliance)

Grades 9–12

- Sponsor: Hebrew Educational Alliance
- Activities: Shabbat dinners, Saturday night programs, service projects, lounge nights (every other Wednesday)
- Schedule: five to six times a month
- Cost: \$45 for USY dues per year
- Denomination: Conservative
- Location: Denver South
- Participants: 35

See page 18 for sponsoring organizations' contact information.

Sponsoring Organizations

Adventure Rabbi

5353 Manhattan Circle,
Suite 103
Boulder CO 80303
adventurerabbi.org
303.417.6200

Beth Jacob High School of Denver

5100 West 14th Avenue
Denver CO 80204
303.893.1333

BMH-BJ Congregation

560 South Monaco Parkway
Denver CO 80224
bmh-bj.org
303.388.4203

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO)

300 South Dahlia Street,
Suite 203
Denver CO 80246
bbyo.org
303.316.6385

B'nai Havurah

6445 East Ohio Avenue
Denver CO 80224
bnaihavurah.org
303.388.4441

Boulder Jewish Community Center (JCC)

3800 Kalmia Avenue
Boulder CO 80301
boulderjcc.org
303.998.1900

Camp JRF

Jewish Reconstructionist
Federation
campjrf.org

Colorado Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE)

300 South Dahlia Street,
Suite 101
Denver CO 80246
caje-co.org
303.321.3191

Community Talmud Torah

560 South Monaco Parkway
Denver CO 80224
303.321.4070

Congregation Beth Evergreen

2981 Bergen Peak Drive
Evergreen CO 80439
bethevergreen.org
303.670.4294

Congregation Beth Shalom

6116 South Pennsylvania Street
Centennial CO 80121
cbssdenver.org
303.794.6643

Congregation Bonai Shalom

1527 Cherryvale Road
Boulder CO 80303
bonaishalom.org
303.422.6605

Congregation Har HaShem

3950 Baseline Street
Boulder CO 80303
harhashem.org
303.499.7077

Congregation Rodef Shalom

450 South Kearney Street
Denver CO 80224
rodef-shalom.org
303.399.0035

Hebrew Educational Alliance

3600 South Ivanhoe Street
Denver CO 80237
headenver.org
303.758.9400

JCC Ranch Camp

21441 North Elbert Road
Elbert CO 80106
ranchcamp.org
303.648.3800

Jewish Family Service of Colorado

3201 South Tamarac Drive
Denver CO 80231
jewishfamilyservice.org
303.597.5000

The Jewish Experience

c/o Robert E. Loup JCC
350 South Dahlia Street
Denver CO 80246
theje.com
303.316.6412

Judaism Your Way

3030 East 2nd Avenue
Suite 107
Denver CO 80206
judaismyourway.org
303.320.6185

Kohelet

428 South Forest Street
Denver CO 80246
kohelet.org
303.321.7729

Limmud Colorado

limmudcolorado.org
303.908.2785

Mizel Arts and Culture Center (MACC) at the JCC

350 South Dahlia Street
Denver CO 80246
maccjcc.org
303.316.6360

North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY)

nfty.org

Ramah Outdoor Adventure

459 South Poplar Way
Denver CO 80224
ramahoutdoors.org
303.261.8214

Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center (JCC)

350 South Dahlia Street
Denver CO 80246
jccdenver.org
303.399.2660

Rose Youth Foundation

Rose Community Foundation
600 South Cherry Street
Suite 1200
Denver CO 80246
rcfdenver.org/RYPF
303.398.7416

Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!

2308 Fossil Trace Drive
Golden CO 80401
roshhodesh.org
303.526.1887

The Maurice B. Shwayder Camp

c/o Temple Emanuel
51 Grape Street
Denver CO 80220
shwayder.com
303.388.4013

Student Interfaith Peace Project (SIPP)

Institute for the Study of Israel
in the Middle East (ISIME)
University of Denver
2201 South Gaylord Street
Denver CO 80208
sipproject.org
303.871.7477

Temple Emanuel

51 Grape Street
Denver CO 80220
emanueldenver.org
303.388.4013

Temple Micah

2600 Leyden Street
Denver CO 80207
micahdenver.org
303.388.4239

Temple Sinai

3509 South Glencoe Street
Denver CO 80237
sinaidenver.org
303.759.1827

United Synagogue Youth (USY)

usy.org

Schools

Beth Jacob High School of Denver

5100 West 14th Avenue
Denver CO 80204
303.893.1333
grades 9–12, girls only

Denver Academy of Torah

6825 East Alameda
Avenue
Denver CO 80224
720.859.6806
datcampus.org
preschool through
grade 12, co-ed

The Denver Jewish Day School

(previously Herzl/
RMHA)
2450 South Wabash
Street
Denver CO 80231
303.369.0663
dcje.org
grades K–12, co-ed

Hillel Academy of Denver

450 South Hudson
Street
Denver CO 80246
303.333.1511
hillelacademyof
denver.com
preschool through
grade 8, co-ed

Yeshiva Toras Chaim

1555 Stuart Street
P.O. Box 40067
Denver CO 80204
303.629.8200
grades 9–12, boys only

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