

Union County HaMakom Q & As:

TBAY Teens! Thinking about HaMakom, the Union County Jewish community teen program?
Have questions? Here are answers!

Q: Which synagogues participate?

A: HaMakom is a joint effort of the member synagogues of the Union County Va'ad haRabbanim (Board of Rabbis). In addition to TBAY, this includes Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, Temple Beth Or/Beth Torah, Temple Emanu-El, Temple Sha'arey Shalom, and Temple Sholom.

Q: How does it work?

A: HaMakom meets weekly on Tuesday nights from 7:00-9:00. There are four mini-mesters. Teens pick the classes they want - two per mini-mester.

Q: What are examples of classes?

A: Here are some that were taught last year:

- Stars of David: Jews on Broadway
- Heroes You've Never Heard Of
- Environmentalism in Judaism
- Jews in Comedy
- A History of Israel & Zionism
- Who Wrote the Torah
- Beginning Conversational Hebrew
- When Can I Break the Law: Civil Disobedience, Tzedek and Tikkun Olam
- Funny, You Don't Look Jewish: Jewish Diversity

Q: How much does it cost?

A: \$150/mini-mester or \$500/whole year.

Q: What is the first day?

A: September 20th

Q: Can I miss the first mini-mester and join in the second?

A: Absolutely! You can attend 1, 2, 3 or all 4 mini-mesters depending on your schedule.

Q: Can I come to a special event if I am not enrolled in that mini-mester?

A: Yes. If you are enrolled at all, you are welcome to a one-off event.

Q: If I have something I want to learn, can I request a class?

A: Yes! Just ask, and we will try to make it happen.

Q: If I know a great teacher, should I tell you?

A: Please! And a teacher can be anyone with specialized subject knowledge (even a parent!).

Q: Is there food?

A: Yes – we start with dinner and there are quarterly celebrations of learning (with food!), too.

Q: How do I register?

A: Go to <https://form.jotform.com/221675539146159>.

Q: Where can I find more information?

A: Go to <https://www.unionhamakom.org/>.

Q: If I have more questions, who is the person to contact?

A: Start with Rabbi Rubin (609-577-642, rabbirubin@tbaynj.org). You can also contact the HaMakom Director, Samara Schwartz (908-858-6401, sschwartz@tewnj.org).