



The M.O.T.T. Club
Member of the Tribe
Family Handbook

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Goals & Objectives

The M.O.T.T. Club is a POST Bar/Bat Mitzvah program that seeks to prepare young men and women to be more informed, involved and responsive members of the Jewish community. Our brand new and innovative curriculum will use trigger films to launch timely and relevant discussions on the Jewish perspective of issues facing individuals in today's society.

Through informal classes and group discussion, we hope to create a healthy and valuable outlook on a meaningful Jewish life.

Enrollment

The M.O.T.T. Club is open to Jewish boys and girls from 8th-12th grades (post Bar/Bat Mitzvah). Class size will be limited at our discretion. The M.O.T.T. Club is set up to educate the children throughout their high school years.

Class Schedule

We will be offering one class for 8th through 12th graders. If there are 10 students from 11th and 12th grade, we will split the group into two age groups.

Wednesday from 7:15 – 8:40 pm
In the Jewish Teen Center at Aish Denver
(9550 E. Belleview Ave., Greenwood Village, CO 80111)

Classes are scheduled for the following dates:

January 6, 13, 20, 27

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24

April 14, 21, 28

May 5, 12



Weekly Classes

Each class will consist of a short, 25-40 minute trigger film, followed by interactive discussion with Rabbi Yaakov Meyer. Light refreshments will be provided.

Films shown will delve into the following topics:

1. Anti-Semitism Today
2. Prejudice in Judaism
3. Homosexuality in Orthodox Judaism
4. Jewish Attitude to Drugs
5. Jewish Attitudes to Dating and Sexual Ethics
6. Individual Needs or Community Needs – Which takes precedence?
7. Parents and Children: Responsibilities and Respect
8. The Jewish Attitude to Wealth and Money
9. Learning how to do Chesed
10. Getting Pregnant to Abort and Using Stem Cells to Heal Illness
11. Euthanasia: The Jewish View
12. Which Needy Recipient Deserves Liver Transplant More?
13. Jewish View of Tattoos and Burial
14. Why Remember the Holocaust
15. The State of Israel: Modern Orthodox vs. Charedi Views
16. Children's Questions about G-d
17. Fear of Death and the Jewish Attitude to Death
18. Is Murder or Revenge Ever Justified?
19. When to tell and not to tell the Truth
20. Misleading People and Genaivat Daat
21. Honesty
22. Defining a Human Being – what Makes Him Unique?
23. Jewish Concepts of Kaddish and Minyan

The teens will hear from Rabbi Meyer (or an occasional worthy guest lecturer) Judaism's interpretation and perspective on the situation that was presented. The teens will then have an open forum to develop their opinions and express themselves. This schmooze session will encourage the teens to speak their minds and articulate their ideas.



Code of Conduct

We expect the participants to observe an appropriate level of conduct during all activities. Our definition of appropriate level of conduct is listed below.

- 1) Students understand that making irrelevant and or inappropriate comments as well as, making comments at inappropriate times during the class session is unacceptable!
- 2) Students must respect the belongings and feelings of the other students and teachers!
- 3) Students must respect the Jewish Teen Center, leaving it as they found it.
- 4) Students who are dropped off for the MOTT Club must attend the MOTT Club in its entirety.
- 5) Swearing and all foul language or gestures is forbidden.
- 6) No cell phones during class.

If anyone cannot behave in a respectful manner or disrupts the class, he or she may at the discretion of the teachers, coordinator and Rabbi be asked to leave the program.

Our policy is to do whatever we can to ensure that no Teen is ever asked to leave the program. Due to specific past circumstances we have been forced to take a more proactive formal approach to the Code of Behavior.

If a student is disruptive to the extent that they have been asked to leave the class session or the socializing time, the parents will be informed that week. If the unacceptable behavior continues and the student is asked to leave three times during the year, they will then be asked to leave the program. No refunds will be given to students that have been asked to leave the program.

Please detach the following form and include it with your application.

We have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its rules. We also understand the three strikes your out policy and agree to accept the consequences.

Teen's Signature & Date

Parent's Signature & Date

