

ELECTIVES SPRING 2008

*Students must choose a different elective than they took first semester! Please mark your first, second, and third choices (using numbers, not check marks!). Please fax to 202.362.1860 or email to religiousschool@adasisrael.org

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

NEW!

_____ **What's your style?**

In this elective we will explore the lives and artistic styles of different Jewish artists, including Modigliani, Chagall, and Peter Malkin (Israeli artist/master spy). We will examine how Jewish themes are found (or not found) in their art and why these themes were chosen. Students will create artistic pieces that recreate the style of the artist.

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_____ **Israel through the Lens of Film (In honor of Israel's 60th Birthday)**

In this course we will review Israeli films and discuss what we can learn about Israeli culture, society and values by examining the themes presented in the films. Some of the films we will watch are: Salach Shabbati, Times of Favour, and Eysh Zara.

_____ **Taking the MTV Challenge**

How many hours do you spend each day watching video images or listening to music? Do you ever think that your favorite TV shows express Jewish values? During this semester, we will watch commercials, music videos, and parts of various TV programs with a Jewish lens in front of our eyes. We will discuss the messages that we see and hear from the perspective of Judaism.

_____ **The Real World: Adas**

Have you ever considered auditioning for the "Real World"? Now is your chance. In "**The Real World: Adas**," we'll debate and discuss Jewish perspectives on the most important issues of the day. That includes cultural issues like movies and music; social issues like the death penalty, poverty, and abortion; and political issues like Israel, terrorism, and the War in Iraq. If you like a good debate and have

strong opinions, this is the class for you. Stay tuned to find out the cast of "**The Real World: Adas**."

_____ **Jews in the News**

Do you enjoy a good debate? Do you like to argue? Do you try to keep up with the news? If you've answered "yes" to these questions, then this is the elective for you! We will discuss the hot topics of the day, from President Bush's foreign policy to the death penalty. We will be debating not only political issues but ethical, moral, and cultural topics as well. Be there!

_____ **You Be the Judge**

The cashier at the grocery store gives you too much change; do you return it? In this course, we will take different real-life situations and through the use of Jewish texts examine how we would act and how Judaism teaches us to act. Each week we will have one case and students will be assigned to a side before our "trial". We will decide as a class what action to take and examine how Jewish law teaches us to respond.