@akiva is a vibrant place for Cleveland teens to explore and grow in their Jewish identity and love for Israel, while fostering everlasting friendships. From Israel Advocacy, Leadership Training and College Prep for Jewish Students, to original Jewish Theater, @akiva offers Hebrew and so much more!

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HEBREW FOR TEENS  Learn modern conversational Hebrew for High School Credit, International Baccalaureate (IB) credit, to speak with Israeli friends, or just for FUN. Teens can choose the unique Shinshun program and engage in 1:1 Hebrew conversation practice with the Cleveland Shin Shinim (young Israelis who are available to work with students on Hebrew skills and to explore Israeli culture). In small classes, or 1:1 with a Shin Shin, learning Hebrew with @akiva will be a great experience!

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ISRAEL.CLEVELAND.NEXT (icnext) is a two-year program that educates Cleveland's Jewish high school students on the core issues of Israeli society and contemporary geopolitics, and includes a 10-day fact-finding trip to Israel. Bringing together a cross-section of Jewish teens from all denominations, this program includes local seminars on issues including Zionism, history, current events, and culture. Students also practice journalism skills, participate in a local mifgash [encounter] with Israeli teens from Beit Shean/Emek HaMayanot, and develop projects ranging from photo exhibits to writing articles for the Cleveland Jewish News and Israel-focused divrei Torah.

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TESTIMONY THEATER CLEVELAND is an educational and dramatic encounter between teens and first, second and third generation Holocaust survivors. The program meets weekly for rehearsals and will culminate in a performance around Yom Hashoah. Teens create inspirational stories of determination and survival documented through interviews with Holocaust survivors, then written and portrayed by community teen actors.

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ZIKARON BA’SALON FOR CLEVELAND

TEENS is a program that sends groups of teens to visit Holocaust survivors and their families in their homes. The visits happen across our community, all on the same date.

THE 2019 PROGRAM DATE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

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REMEMBER AND CONNECT @akiva for teens
ANTISEMITISM HATE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
CONFERENCE (November 10, 2019) Cleveland Jewish
 teens are invited to come together for this day long trip to
Pittsburgh, PA., to attend a conference on Antisemitism,
Hate, and Social Responsibility that will provide them with
a space to explore these topics in partnership with
renowned speakers and scholars, as well as their peers.
Organized by Classrooms Without Borders, high school
students will explore modern Antisemitism, pay tribute to
those who lost their lives at Tree of Life, hear from a
former white supremacist and expert speakers. They will
consider what it means to be a Jewish leader in Cleveland,
and on their future college campuses. Sponsored by The
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THE CIE TEEN ISRAEL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (December 6 – 8, 2019) is hosted by the Atlanta-based Center for Israel Education. Teens who participate in this intensive weekend will enhance their Israel knowledge, connect with college students at Emory University, and will prepare and implement a project based on their experiences and new skills within the Cleveland Jewish community.

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CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS DELEGATION TO AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE (PC) Every year @akiva will lead a community seniors delegation which will attend and participate in the AIPAC Policy Conference.

About: AIPAC PC is the largest gathering of America’s pro-Israel community. By attending AIPAC PC, students will experience a full range of pro-Israel activism in three powerful days: keynote speeches by American and Israeli leaders, inspiring moments on stage, demonstrations of groundbreaking Israeli innovations, and educational sessions.

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BE JEWISH ON CAMPUS – WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP? As your family navigates the college admissions process, we are here to support you through workshops for parents, teens, and families. Join us in synagogues, youth groups, or your own living room to explore questions of making Jewish choices on campus, encountering Antisemitism, and the resources available to you throughout this process.

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JEWISH ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE  Cleveland teens are invited to participate in a unique opportunity to get to the roots of their Jewish identities - literally! By participating in a retreat focusing on the connection between Judaism, nature, and social action, teens will explore the ways to make an impact by getting their hands dirty, thinking outside the box, and connecting via food and activism, all through a Jewish lens. This program will involve learning and leading, with the opportunity to choose how to use funds to bring Jewish environmentalism to the Cleveland community.

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CLEVELAND SHIN SHINIM  Shin Shinim are young Israelis who are participating in a gap year between the completion of high school and their conscription into the Israeli Defense Force. They spend a year serving the Jewish people abroad, and through our partnership with the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Cleveland community is proud to welcome five Israeli emissaries this year. Each Shin Shin comes from a different part of Israel, with individual goals, and a shared vision of volunteering in our community. Our Shin Shinim are working with high school students this year, using the lens of Israel and their experiences as Israeli teens to connect individuals with the Cleveland Jewish community. In addition, each Shin Shin is paired with local synagogues, day schools, and youth movements, where they will volunteer throughout the year teaching Hebrew, bringing Israeli culture, and contributing their unique talents and interests to the community.

The Cleveland Shin Shinim is a project of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland with the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland and the Jewish Agency for Israel. @akiva administers and coordinates the program for the community.
SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE are brought to Cleveland each year by @akiva and the Jewish Education Center. Each scholar spends a week in the community, presenting and teaching at local synagogues, youth movements, and various professional groups. This year scholars are:

- **Matt Bar and the Bible Raps** (October 27–30, 2019) who will rap Jewish texts.
- **Zeev Ben Shachar** (November 13–18, 2019) the master of Israel advocacy,
- **Susan Stein** (January 13–18, 2020) and her one woman play based on the diaries and letters of Etty Hillesum.
- **Elliot Glassenberg** (February 7–14, 2020) who will deliver a fresh Jewish reading of the Israeli Declaration of Independence.
- **Freedom Song Team** (February 23–28, 2020) which will bring a Jewish conversation about the threat of addiction.

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