



**Create positive change...  
Earn community service credits...  
Become part of a larger community of teens doing *Gemilut Chasidim*...  
Join TELEM!!!**

What is TELEM?

TELEM is the Boston Jewish Community's service learning initiative. Each class has two parts: **LEARNING AND DOING**. There are four different tracks that students will be able to take part in:

**Literacy Corps: Become a mentor to a school child in the city...**

**LEARNING:** Students will take a one period training course on Sunday mornings. This class will focus on the following topics:

- a. Building community (*kehillah*) through service
- b. Understanding Literacy and basic tutoring skills
- c. Jewish values of education
- d. Building a mentoring relationship
- e. Compassionate action & justice
- f. Current social policy issues
- g. Leading a life of service

**DOING:** One day during the week (After school), class will travel as a Literacy Team to a Boston Public Elementary School to work with students. (See back for more details)

**Dor L'Dor: Generations in Action**

**LEARNING:** Jewish service learning is a way to integrate learning, reflection and opportunities to make real social change (*tikun olam*). As *Pirke Avot* says, "The world stands on three things: Torah (study), *Avodah* (worship), and *gemilut hasadim* (acts of loving-kindness)," In this class, students will live out this ideal by learning in class and forming connections with the elderly by making frequent visits to elderly housing facilities. The critically-acclaimed SPARK: HeartAction curriculum will be used.

**DOING:** Once or twice a month during class plus break, students will visit an elderly housing facility via bus.

**Hunger & Homelessness: Learn to be responsive to those in need**

**LEARNING:** We will focus on text study on how Judaism dictates treatment of the poor and vulnerable.

**DOING:** Twice a month after Prozdor, our class will travel together to a food pantry or homeless shelter to help. On those days, we will leave Prozdor a bit early (1:15) and return to Hebrew College later in the afternoon.

**Gateways (Training for 2008 - 09: Grade 10 ONLY) SPRING SEMESTER '09**

*Train to be an assistant in helping students with special needs*

**LEARNING:** Students will begin to learn about the experience of working with a special needs student. Students will come face to face with a broad spectrum of learning needs and issues. This class will be in preparation for volunteer work at *Gateways* in 2008-09. Taking this class does not guarantee a spot but is highly recommended if you want to take part in *Gateways*.

**DOING:** Students will have the opportunity to "work" at *Gateways* and visit other learning sites on either a Sunday morning or a Thursday afternoon.



## TELEM Interest form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following courses. When putting my schedule together for 2008-09, please do not schedule me for Core for that period. I understand that all courses are on a first come, first serve basis.

### **Literacy Corps**

Volunteering takes place after school once a week.

#### **A. Please rank your choice of days to volunteer:**

     Monday         Tuesday         Wednesday         Thursday

**B. Name of Secular High School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dismissal Time** \_\_\_\_\_

(If we have minimum number of students at a particular high school, we are hoping to provide transportation)

### **Dor L'Dor: Generations in Action**

Volunteering takes place during class time and during break on Sundays (5-6 times during semester)

### **Hunger & Homelessness**

Class will travel together to shelter in Boston on two Sunday afternoons per month.

Students will usually arrive back at Hebrew College late afternoon.

### **Gateways**

All students will be assigned a specific time to come to Gateways to "shadow" a current volunteer. This will take place either on Sunday mornings or Thursday afternoons. Students will be given the opportunity to apply for a volunteer position for 2008-09.

     **Currently TELEM classes are only offered on Sunday mornings. If you would be interested in participating in a TELEM class at your branch, please check here and indicate which classes and which branch:**

(circle as many as you like) Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Literacy            Spark            Hunger & Homelessness            Etgar L'Noar

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PROZDOR OFFICE BY JULY 24, 2008.**

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**Questions?**

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