

# High School Confirmation



Are you ready to  
take your place in  
Emanu-El  
history?



"My experience taught me that I should not be afraid to stand up for those suffering around me."

- Abby, Class of 5772



"To study Jewish teachings and to perform actions that help other people... that is what being a Jew is all about."

- Cayla, Class of 5772



"Confirmation is so much deeper and more focused than the process of becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Now I really know what it means to be a member of the Jewish community."

- Alexandra, Class of 5774



"Thanks to Confirmation, I am now able to more fully appreciate the blessings that I have and how I can use those blessings to help others - all in the context of my Jewish beliefs."

- Alex, Class of 5774



"By studying for Confirmation, I have taken responsibility for making sure Judaism will be around in the future. I also have to take responsibility for the present by volunteering and helping my community."

- Max, Class of 5769

# High School Confirmation 5776

Engage in a year-long journey guided by the travels of our Israelite ancestors. Leave Egypt, slavery and childhood behind as you learn from the journey through the desert what it means to be an adult and a leader. Confronted by the challenges of the wilderness, consider what God means in your life. The journey brings you to the foot of Mt. Sinai as you prepare to accept Jewish adult responsibility. Co-taught by Senior Rabbi Joshua Davidson, our new Assistant Rabbi Allison Tick, and Program Director of Youth Learning and Engagement Missy Bell, the curriculum includes intellectual text study, meaningful discussion, a wilderness hike, and other experiential learning activities. As a class, you will pick an enduring challenge facing society and then respond to it through the lenses of Torah, Avodah and G'milut Chasadim.

The year culminates with the magnificent **Confirmation Ceremony** in our Fifth Avenue Sanctuary on Shavuot evening. You will lead the congregation in worship and study, reconfirming your commitment to Jewish learning and to the Emanu-El community. Standing on the pulpit and sharing your beliefs and values with the congregation is a rite of passage you will remember for the rest of your life.

## **Registration Information**

All high school students whose families are members of Congregation Emanu-El may participate in the High School Confirmation Program. To receive a registration form, please contact the Religious School office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226. Tuition for Confirmation is \$1225. Scholarships are available on a need-basis.

## **Program Calendar: All classes include lunch or dinner.**

**Students are expected to commit to the program by attending all classes.**

### **Unit 1: Escape from Egypt**

#### **Learning about Ourselves as Leaders**

**Sundays, 5:00-7:00PM**

September 20

October 4

November 15

December 13

### **Unit 2: Wandering the Desert**

#### **Finding God in Our Lives**

**Mondays, 6:00-7:30PM**

January 4

January 11

February 1

February 8

February 29

### **Special Unit 1 Events**

**Saturday, October 17, 9:00AM-4:00PM**

Class Hike

**Sunday, December 6, 12:00-2:00PM**

Teen Leadership Lunch

### **Unit 3: Encamped at Sinai**

#### **Assuming Adult Responsibility**

**Sundays, 5:00-7:00PM**

March 6

April 3

April 17

May 1

**Confirmation Family Dinner:** Thursday, June 9, 6:00 –7:30pm

**Confirmation Ceremony:** Saturday, June 11, 6:00pm

*For more information, contact Missy Bell, Program Director of Youth Learning and Engagement, at 212-507-9529 or [mbell@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:mbell@emanuelnyc.org).*