

Guide to Chugim/Extra-Curricular Activities at RKYHS



<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Student Leaders or Faculty Adviser</u>
AIPAC	The mission of AIPAC is to strengthen, protect and promote the U.S.-Israel relationship in ways that enhance the security of the United States and Israel. AIPAC's staff and citizen activists educate decision makers about the bonds that unite the United States and Israel and how it is in America's best interest to help ensure that the Jewish state is safe, strong and secure. Students plan and discuss different ways to advocate on behalf of Israel and promote stronger relations between Israel and the United States.	Student Leader: Abigail Rosenfeld & Nate Savitz Faculty Adviser: Rabbi Kirsch
American Sign Language (ASL)	Learn how to communicate with your hands and connect with the deaf community	Student Leader: Naomi Rosenbluth
Apparel Design Committee	Come help create new apparel for the school! We love the creativity and input of the student body!	Student Leader: Sofi Ehrlich
Art	This club is designed for students who are seriously interested in the practical experience of art. Students will work on developing an array of artistic skills and enhancing their artistic expression.	Faculty Adviser: Ms. Biechler
Ask the Rabbi	This club is an opportunity for students to ask any questions on Torah or Judaism that they have on their minds!	Faculty Adviser: Rabbi Mintz
Auto Mechanics Club	The Auto Mechanics Club gives students the opportunity to learn about the inner workings of automobiles. Opportunities will include basic knowledge of auto repairs.	Student Leaders: Shaul Biniamanov Faculty Adviser: Rabbi Kirsch
BC2M	This student led club allows students to think deeply about the change they want to see in their generation	Student Leaders: Anna Margolin & Shoshana Zeiger

Bike Mechanics	The bike mechanics club teaches students the fundamentals of troubleshooting and fixing bikes. The bikes that are repaired are sold and a portion of their funds goes to the charity of their choice	Student Leaders: Avi Wagner & Sammy Artman
Blood Drive Committee	The RKYHS Blood Drive Committee runs two blood drives a year, saving hundreds of lives. Students work together to plan and execute the blood drive and ensure that the maximum number of donations are collected. Even if you are too young to donate blood, you can still participate.	Student Leaders: Mari Kaufman & Maya Weisberg Faculty Adviser: Rabbi Kirsch
Career Club	The career club is for students who want to learn about a variety of different career options and professional opportunities. Meetings, guest speakers, and trips give students exposure to different career options that they may want to pursue in the future	Student Leader: Sofi Ehrlich Faculty Adviser: Rabbi Kirsch
Chess Club	Perhaps the most widely known strategy game, the game of chess has strengthened and challenged the human mind for hundreds of years. Under the guidance of Rabbi Dr. Sacha Pecaric, the RKYHS chess program has become one of the best in the Yeshiva League.	Student Leaders: Avi Grad, Amit Bitansky & Matthew Mendelsohn Faculty Adviser: Rabbi Pecaric
Choir	Under the direction of Craig Resmovits, a member of Six13 and other Jewish acapella groups, the RKYHS choir performs regularly at school functions. Participants are divided into four vocal parts and learn beautiful arrangements to Jewish and contemporary songs.	Student Leader: Sammy Cohen & Sara Zarny Faculty Adviser: Dr Madsen
College Bowl	College Bowl is a trivia team testing students in their knowledge of an array of academic and cultural topics. Matches take place throughout the year against teams from other Jewish day schools.	Student Leader: Roey Novick Faculty Adviser: Dr Hering
Criminology Club	A club where we discuss Criminal Law, past criminal cases and their verdicts, and we also discuss current events regarding criminology. We are planning to have speakers such as criminal defense attorneys and prosecutors, over zoom. Overall, it's meant to be a friendly environment where people can discuss their opinions and have open conversations with others about criminology.	Student Leader: Ethan Braunstein
Debate team	Students on the debate team compete against other Jewish day schools in their ability to argue a specific point of view concerning relevant issues. Participating students learn public speaking and persuasion skills, in addition to understanding how to view current issues from multiple perspectives.	Student Adviser: Matthew Mendelsohn Faculty Adviser: Dr Hering

Digital Art Chug	Digital Art Club is a club composed of 3 different types of art; Animation, Graphic Design, and Interior Design. It is a place where you can express yourself with a more uncommon art style whilst being with the people with similar interests!	Student Adviser: Tara Cantor
Environmental Club	Students discuss issues related to the environment and fundraise to help relevant causes.	Student Adviser: Sophia Eisenberg & Hannah Koppel
Envision Shakespeare	Students will rehearse and plan to compete in an inter-yeshiva Shakespeare performance competition.	Student Adviser: Dani Bank and Matthew Mendelsohn Faculty Adviser: Ms. Orens
Habitat for Humanity	<p>Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. Habitat has been devoted to building "simple, decent, and affordable" housing, and has addressed the issues of poverty housing all over the world. Upperclassmen have the option of participating in a Habitat for Humanity mission in the spring semester.</p> <p>Although you must be at least 16 years old to participate at a construction site, freshmen can still participate in meetings and prepare for eventual leadership roles.</p>	Student Advisers: Azaryah Foger, Rebecca Dranikoff Faculty Adviser: Rabbi Kirsch
Hair Drive	Students at RKYHS donate their ponytails each year to form wigs for young women and adults enduring chemotherapy. Not only do students donate, but they run the entire program!	Student Adviser: Elizabeth Rubin
Hip Hop culture chug	This club will be about music, or specifically about rap music and the various messages and ideas that are spoken in these songs. This art, which has been around for almost 40 years, is popular while presenting a picture of the history of the conditions of the African American communities. We will discuss the art, and listen to a specific song each week, and then we will dissect the lyrics while contextualizing the content in the music. This will be a popular club for all to join as well as participate while understanding the history of their favorite art form, rap music.	Faculty Adviser: Mr. Cipriani

<p>Homelessness Awareness</p>	<p>Homelessness is an issue that unfortunately does not get the attention that it deserves. The good news is that there is much that we can do to improve the situation of the homeless. If you're interested in changing someone's life for the better, this is the perfect club in which to do so. Participants have the option of distributing food and clothing at Newark's Penn Station on a monthly basis</p>	<p>Student Adviser: Ariel Hammerman, Michaela Feiler & Moriah Needle. Faculty Adviser: Rabbi Kirsch</p>
<p>Interfaith Exchange Committee</p>	<p>The Interfaith Exchange Committee engages in discussion and dialogue with students from other schools on a number of important interfaith topics.</p>	<p>Faculty Adviser: Rabbi Kirsch</p>
<p>Investment Team</p>	<p>The Investment Strategy Club educates students about the financial markets, accounting, economics, and marketing to prepare them to develop an investment strategy. Teams of students will write their strategies and present them (virtually). Teams will then invest "fake" money following their strategy and write and present the results. The competition will include teams from across the country.</p>	<p>Student Advisers: Gabe Nelson & Matthew Mendelsohn</p>
<p>Japanese Language Club</p>	<p>The Japanese Language Club focuses on introducing students to the world of Japanese language and culture.</p>	<p>Student Adviser: Shoshana Zieger & Kayla Greenstein Faculty Adviser: Rabbi Kirsch</p>
<p>Jewish Life Committee</p>	<p>The Jewish Life Committee works together to create special programs that promote Torah learning and spirituality at RKYHS.</p>	<p>Student Adviser: Ellie Minsky & Dani Bank Faculty Adviser: Ms Gerson</p>
<p>Jewish Medical Ethics</p>	<p>The medical ethics chug will explore key ethical questions and their intersection with Halacha. Students will discuss organ donation, end-of-life issues, elective surgery, and more.</p>	<p>Faculty Adviser: Ms Bochner</p>
<p>Kids Against Cancer Club</p>	<p>The Kids Against Cancer club, founded by co-presidents Sivan Elisha and Rebecca Dranikoff, focuses on both raising awareness and money for various types of cancer. The members of the club conduct monthly fundraising opportunities throughout the year, including partnering with Sharsheret for Breast cancer awareness month and speaking about the dangers of vaping for Lung cancer awareness. KAC also volunteers for and helps organize the Dranikoff's March Fourth 5k for Colorectal Cancer Prevention as well as the Elisha's Catwalk 4 Cancer for Pediatric Cancer.</p>	<p>Student Adviser: Sivan Elisha & Rebecca Dranikoff Faculty Adviser: Ms. Gerson</p>

Knitting	Come together with a few friends for knitting chug! Learn the basic stitches: knit and purl. When our time's over, your friends will be well on their way to having a hand knitted piece!	Faculty Adviser: Ms. Stiefel
Krav Maga	Learn Israeli self defence with a Krav Maga instructor	Adviser: Michael Shapiro
Literary Magazine	The RKYHS Literary Magazine allows students to share their personal thoughts, stories, and essays with the entire student body. Our magazine is a beacon of free speech, giving full literary expression to our students.	Student Leader: Matthew Mendelsohn Faculty Advisers: Ms. Crater
Math Team	The Math Team competes both within RKYHS as well as against other schools in formal competition. The Math Team provides a unique opportunity to explore mathematical skills in depth outside of the formal classroom setting.	Student Leaders: Gabe Nelson & Matthew Mendelsohn
Mock Trial	Students participating in mock trial portray attorneys and witnesses in a “mock” case. The Mock Trial team is a great way to learn public speaking and analytical skills, as well as attain a deeper understanding of the legal system. The mock trial team competes against other schools and practices regularly.	Student Leader: Roey Novick Faculty Adviser: Mr. Bryant
Model UN	At Yeshiva University’s Model United Nations competition, participating schools represent different countries in a full-fledged simulation of the United Nations, including the General Assembly, Security Council, along with other committees. Sign up and participate in this enjoyable and enlightening program.	Student Advisers: Miriam Bash & Matthew Mendelsohn
Muslim-Jewish Exchange Program	This group of 11th graders engages in dialogue and conversation with their peers in a local Muslim school. Participation includes preparatory meetings, visits to the Muslim school, and hosting Muslim students at RKYHS.	Faculty Advisers: Rabbi Kirsch
RKYHS Student Newspaper (The Voice)	The RKYHS Voice is an important source of information, updates, and happenings at RKYHS. Join the newspaper and become an integral part of this student initiative.	Student Leaders: Rebecca Arian and Avi Wagner Faculty Advisers: Ms Bohs
Pinataing	Piñating is an inner school league based sport where students will be put in groups and lined up with individual piñatas. Each student will be blindfolded and take a hit at the piñata turn, the team to open the piñata first wins!	Student Leaders: Haily Singer, Jasmine Halpren & Scarlett Mandil

<p>The Philosophers Chug</p>	<p>“May you live in interesting times,” is allegedly taken from a Chinese curse. Like it or not, we live in interesting times, replete with complex issues.</p> <p>In this a chug, we will debate those complex issues.</p> <p>One might ask, what do we, as members of this society, owe each other?</p> <p>How should policy be made? Who gets to decide?</p> <p>Let’s talk</p>	<p>Faculty Advisers: Ms. Orens</p>
<p>Poetry slam</p>	<p>A cross between rap and poetry, slam poetry is one of the most up and coming forms of expression. Come learn how to write slam poetry, and compete against other schools in the slam poetry competition.</p>	<p>Faculty Advisers: Ms. Crater</p>
<p>Politics Club</p>	<p>The Politics Club is an opportunity for students to delve into the local, national, and international political world through various topics and guest speakers.</p>	<p>Student Advisers: Josh Kirsch, Chandler Shriky, Nathan Pedoeem</p>
<p>Robotics Club</p>	<p>Robotics Club provides an environment for students passionate and/or curious about the worlds of engineering, robotics, and programming. Even students with minimal background in building and programming robots, they will be working alongside supportive peers who will guide and teach them.</p>	<p>Student Leader: Roey Novick Faculty Advisers: Mrs Ziobro and Ms Roth</p>
<p>SADD</p>	<p>Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is an organization whose aim is to prevent accidents from students making potentially destructive decisions. SADD's approach involves young people presenting education and prevention messages to their peers through school and community activities. Projects include peer-led classes and forums, teen workshops, conferences and rallies, prevention education and leadership training, awareness-raising activities and legislative work.</p>	<p>Student Advisers: Roey Novick Faculty Advisers: Rabbi Kirsch</p>
<p>Science Fiction/Fantasy Genre Movie Chug</p>	<p>The science fiction and fantasy chug is a place where we watch films in those genres and engage in discussions about them. It’s a great opportunity to meet with people who share a love for great films.</p>	<p>Faculty Adviser: Mr. Wolff</p>

<p>Sports Management</p>	<p>The Sports Management Club explores the operations and management sides of professional and collegiate sports teams. Weekly meetings explore the inner workings of sports organizations. Trips are available to students who participate regularly.</p>	<p>Student Advisers: Mitch Liebov & Nate Savitz Faculty Advisers: Rabbi Kirsch</p>
<p>Strategy and Ethics Club</p>	<p>In the Strategy and Ethics Club, students will play a tabletop game that is a combination of structured improvisation and strategy. Students will use skills, as well as luck.</p>	<p>Student Advisers: Adam D. Strub</p>
<p>Student Activities Committee</p>	<p>The RKYHS student government, known as student council, consists of multiple committees:</p> <p>The <i>Student Liaison Committee</i> - meets with the RKYHS administration on a monthly basis to discuss matters related to student life and the RKYHS experience.</p> <p>The <i>Student Activities Committee</i> - meets weekly to plan and prepare upcoming programs and activities, such as Sports Night, Shabbaton, and Kushner Night In.</p> <p>The <i>Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Activity Committees</i> plan events for their respective grades.</p> <p>Both committees are open to any students who would like to participate. Leadership positions are available to students who show commitment, enthusiasm, and engagement.</p>	<p>Student Advisers: Miriam Bash, Hannah Koppel, Jack Helprin & Ellie Minsky Faculty Advisers: Ms. Gerson</p>
<p>Students Against Racism and Antisemitism</p>	<p>Participating students will learn about the history of racism and Antisemitism and make an active effort to combat them through innovative programming.</p>	<p>Faculty Advisers: Rabbi Kirsch</p>
<p>The Purple Club/ Shalom Task Force Club</p>	<p>The purple club is a once a month club to help spread awareness about domestic violence and get students interested in working with the shalom task force.</p>	<p>Student Advisers: Leah Jablonka</p>
<p>Torah Bowl</p>	<p>The boys and girls Torah bowl teams compete against their counterparts from other schools answering questions on <i>Chumash</i> and Rashi from specific <i>parshiyot</i>.</p>	<p>Faculty Advisers Rabbi Mintz & Ms. Rosenzveig</p>
<p>Yearbook</p>	<p>Yearbook presents the opportunity to learn a range of skills including writing, photography, layout and design, as well as business skills all while working with the student yearbook committee to document the school year.</p>	<p>Student Advisers Roey Novick & Ellie Minsky Faculty Adviser: Mr. Logan Singman</p>

