

# CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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Dear Parents and Students:

Some of the most exciting and educationally enriching aspects of one's high school experience take place outside the classroom and after regular school hours. Yeshivat Frisch encourages each of our students to explore and develop his/her talents in the areas of artistic creativity, journalism and writing, athletics, community service and Chessed, scientific discovery, politics and so much more.

Each year as the adults at Frisch interact with our students, we are impressed by their accomplishments, leadership, spirit and initiative. We invite and encourage you not only to be involved in some of the activities described in this co-curricular guide but also to come to us with ideas for new activities and endeavors. Some of the best, most successful activities are initiated each year by students.

Please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Joshua Schulman, Director of Co-Curricular Activities, with new ideas or to ask for help or advice to get yourself involved in one or more of these wonderful opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Eli Ciner', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Rabbi Eli Ciner  
Principal



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# ARTS & MUSIC

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## ART CLUB: STUDIO ART AND SCULPTURE

The Frisch Art Club gives students a forum to express their artistic talents. Students can study media which include: acrylic paint and canvas, pastels, charcoal, pencil, watercolor, mixed media wire and other two and three-dimensional media. The instructor helps students develop and refine their techniques as well as their personal means of artistic expression. Instruction is individualized and based on student interest. Technical skill development in realistic drawing, perspective and advanced color theory is also available.

*Advisor:*  
*Mrs. Mira Levy*  
*Fee Required*  
*Meeting Time:*  
*Weekly*

## BEADING

In the Beading club, students learn different beading techniques, and implement them to create jewelry and other items.

*Advisor:*  
*Mrs. Ahuva Winslow*

## CHOIR

The Frisch School Choir provides the opportunity for students to sing and exhibit musical talents. The students learn songs from a variety of genres, including: contemporary, Jewish, Israeli and Broadway. Students also learn about their respective parts in the choir - soprano, alto, tenor, bass - and how to sing in harmony. The Choir performs at venues such as: The Frisch School Annual Dinner and Evening of the Arts.

*\* Criteria for Membership: No prior musical experience is necessary. However, students must demonstrate an ability to sing at an audition.*

## DRAMA SOCIETY

The Drama Society is famous for its annual spring production. During the school year, students study acting methodology, script/character analysis, directing techniques, set/light design, theatrical protocol, mime and improvisation. Auditions are held and committees are formed. Publicity, lighting/sound, set/props, production assistants, and tech staff are just some of the essential committees needed to ensure the success of the play.

*\* Criteria for Membership: Audition Required.*

*Advisor:*  
*Mr. Danny Hoffman*  
*Meeting Time:*  
*Weekly*

# ARTS & MUSIC

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## FILM CLUB

Students study and critique films. Each year, students choose a few themes to study. Film techniques, genre, character and plot development, social commentary and specific directors and producers are studied. Students arrange to watch the movies at home and analyze them in a group discussion.

*Advisor:*  
*Dr. David Winkler*  
*Meeting Time:*  
*Monthly*

## FILMMAKING CLUB

The Beginners' Filmmaking Club introduces students to film production. Every role in the pre- and post-production of a film, cinematography, sound, lighting and editing, are explored.

*Advisor:*  
*Mrs. Randi Wartelsky*  
*Time: Weekly*

## GLEE CLUB

Work on a performance piece of your choice alone or with a group, centered around a theme. Learn vocal technique, breath control, and all the elements needed for strong vocal expression. Performance Showcase (for girls) takes place approximately every six weeks.

*Meeting Time:*  
*Bi-Monthly*

## JAZZ BAND

The Jazz Ensemble helps students develop the skills necessary to perform jazz and blues music. At practices, students develop an appreciation for the jazz art form by listening to jazz recordings and studying jazz history. Jazz theory is also taught to help students develop the skills necessary to solo on jazz tunes. The advisor and the students work on arrangements for the music, and take home sheet music to prepare songs for the following week. The Jazz Ensemble performs at Evening of the Arts and at other events.

*\* Criteria for Membership: Students must exhibit musical competency. Auditions required.*

*Advisor:*  
*Mr. Steve Bill*  
*Meeting Time:*  
*Weekly*

## KNITTING CLUB

Join us at breakfast to explore knitting, crocheting and more. Come to learn, improve and grow your skills in a fun and relaxed environment.

*Advisor:*  
*Mrs. Ahuva Winslow*  
*Time: Weekly*

# ARTS & MUSIC

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## PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLE

Students who enjoy classical music and play a musical instrument may perform in the Frisch Performance Ensemble. The Ensemble performs music from the Baroque, Classical, and Romantic eras. During each rehearsal, students gain experience working with and performing with other student musicians. Students are expected to practice each week at home. Students showcase their talent at the Frisch Evening of the Arts.

\* **Criteria for Membership:** Students must audition. Students must show competency on their instruments, currently take lessons with an approved teacher, and be able to come to each practice session.

*Advisor:*  
*Mr. Steve Bill*  
*Meeting Time:*  
*Weekly*

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

In the Photography Club, students study the process of photography, camera technique, composition, light, color contrast and harmony, space, texture and other artistically useful perceptions. Students are introduced to digital cameras and computer manipulation of photographs. They also study various genres of photography including photojournalism, black and white, portrait, landscape, nature and cityscape. Photographs are exhibited throughout the school.

*Meeting Time:*  
*Weekly*

## SEWING CLUB

Learn to sew professional looking clothing in no time. Beginners will learn sewing skills that establish a solid foundation on which to build. First projects include designing and constructing a skirt and t-shirt using knit fabrics. Advanced students are introduced to woven fabrics, are taught to create darts, put in invisible zippers, set in sleeves and create a variety of hems, among other skills. Individual projects are chosen with guidance, and essentially, students are given the skills to bring their designs to life and produce quality garments. Their broad spectrum of skills will take them to limitless heights in their sewing careers and provide a solid foundation for entry into the world of fashion.

*Advisor:*  
*Mrs. Vivian Burns*  
*Fee Required*  
*Meeting Time:*  
*Weekly*



# ATHLETICS

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The Frisch Athletics Program includes 24 teams, 12 clubs and 4 intramural programs. All teams and some clubs require tryouts, while other clubs and intramural programs are open to all students. Due to scheduling needs, each student must decide which one team or club is his or her priority and let the coaches know at the beginning of the season. Practice sessions are after school, prior to and during the season. Official games take place in the evenings and on Sundays

*Athletic Director:  
Mr. Aron Coren*

## TEAM SPORTS

The fall season for teams runs from September through March (7 months). The spring season runs from March through June (4 months). Most teams practice twice per week. All teams compete in a league, with the exception of girls swimming and wrestling. Varsity teams include players from 11th and 12th grades. Junior varsity teams include players from 9th and 10th grades. All teams conduct mandatory tryouts at the beginning of the season.

Students are allowed to play on one team per semester.

Current teams include:

<b>Baseball:</b>	Boys
<b>Basketball:</b>	Boys and Girls JV and Varsity
<b>Hockey:</b>	Boys JV and Varsity, Girls Varsity
<b>Ice Hockey:</b>	Boys
<b>Soccer:</b>	Boys and Girls JV and Varsity
<b>Softball:</b>	Boys JV and Varsity, Girls Varsity
<b>Swim:</b>	Girls
<b>Tennis:</b>	Boys and Girls
<b>Track:</b>	Boys and Girls
<b>Volleyball:</b>	Girls JV and Varsity, Boys Varsity
<b>Wrestling:</b>	Boys JV and Varsity

# ATHLETICS: CLUBS & INTRAMURALS

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## CLUBS SPORTS

Club sports have a short season, and do not compete in a league. The Boys and Girls Outdoor Soccer clubs hold tryouts; other clubs and intramural programs are open to all students. Clubs meet once or twice per week.

Current clubs include:

<b>Bowling:</b>	Boys and Girls
<b>Dance:</b>	Girls
<b>Fencing:</b>	Boys and Girls
<b>Ice Hockey:</b>	Girls
<b>Lacrosse Club:</b>	Boys and Girls
<b>Outdoor Soccer:</b>	Boys and Girls
<b>Track:</b>	Boys and Girls

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Frisch currently offers intramural leagues for boys basketball (FBI), boys JV and Varsity football (IFL) and boys hockey. All of the various intramurals combine intensity and fun, competition and sportsmanship. They are also a great way to make new friends and create long-lasting memories.

*IFL Advisor:  
Rabbi Jonathan  
Schachter  
FBI Advisor: Rabbi  
Yosef Weinberger*

# COMMUNAL SERVICE

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## **CHESSD SOCIETY**

The Chessed Society provides a way for Frisch students to enhance the lives of others in the wider community. The Society organizes various initiatives throughout the year, including, but not limited to, Thanksgiving and Pesach food drives and a Chanukah toy drive.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi Yoni  
Pollock  
Meeting Time:  
Monthly*

## **DISCOVERY READ ALOUD**

The goal of Discovery Read Aloud is to improve literacy throughout the world. Students record and create videos of themselves or their friends reading children's books, and post the videos to the club's Youtube channel. The club was initially created to help mitigate the issue of young children falling behind during the Coronavirus-induced shutdowns. The club partners with schools inside and outside of our community to help bolster literacy.

*Advisor:  
Dr. David Sclar  
Meetings Time:  
Weekly*

## **FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**

Frisch hosts Friendship Circle events every week after school, with Frisch students leading Jewish special needs children through a host of activities geared toward their needs and interests. Working with Friendship Circle children deepens Frisch students' sensitivity and strengthens our community of kindness.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi Joshua  
Schulman  
Meetings Time:  
Weekly*

## **GIFT OF LIFE**

The Gift of Life Marrow Registry is a stem cell and bone marrow registry that saves lives through matching blood cancer patients with potential marrow donors. Participants in this club help set up the annual bone marrow testing drive at Frisch, where participants get swabbed and join the registry.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi Josh  
Wald*

## **iSHINE**

iShine is a project affiliated with the organization Chai Lifeline. In this club, Frisch students serve as "big brothers" and "big sisters" to children who have a family member suffering from a terminal illness or who has passed away. Frisch students help with homework, play games with the kids, and eat dinner with them on Mondays and Wednesdays after school.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi Joshua  
Schulman*

# COMMUNAL SERVICE

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## KAHAL

Kahal promotes Jewish life at Frisch and sponsors activities to benefit Jewish causes and organizations. Each year, Kahal runs a “three-on-three” basketball tournament and organizes other fundraisers whose proceeds go to tzedakah. Students select which Jewish tzedakah fund the proceeds will benefit.

*Advisor:*  
*Rabbi Eli Ciner*  
*Meeting Time:*  
*Monthly - Additional*  
*meetings as needed*

## KOOKIES FOR KINDNESS

Kookies for Kindness is a student run group which bakes cookies and sells them in beautifully packaged platters for Shabbat. Student leaders research and select worthy causes as beneficiaries of the sales. Students plan, advertise, bake, package, and sell the wildly popular cookies. Bake sales take place multiple times throughout the school year.

*Advisor:*  
*Mrs. Ahrona*  
*Indyk Amar*  
*Meeting Time:*  
*Monthly*

## PEER TUTORING

Peer Tutoring is a program where a student who needs help in a particular subject is paired up with someone who has successfully completed that subject and feels competent providing help. Students who wish to be peer tutors, as well as students who need peer tutoring, may contact the faculty advisor (Dr. Blanck) to get involved. The faculty advisor will then match up two students appropriately with the input of the Guidance Department and email both parties. It is then up to both parties to email each other and arrange a convenient time to meet.

*Advisor:*  
*Dr. Jennifer*  
*Blanck*  
*Meeting Time:*  
*As needed*

## STRINGS FOR S.A.R.A.H.

Strings for S.A.R.A.H. creates woven jewelry and other items, with proceeds from sales going to benefit Project S.A.R.A.H. (Stop Abusive Relationships at Home). Project S.A.R.A.H. works to support victims of domestic violence and is affiliated with Jewish Family Services in NJ.

## YACHAD

Yachad, the National Jewish Council for Jewish Disabilities, promotes inclusion for all people in our community. Students who volunteer with Yachad go on Monday nights to the Mendel Balk Yachad Center in Teaneck, where they socialize, form friendships, and take part in programs with individuals who have disabilities and special needs.

*Meeting Time:*  
*Weekly*

# COMPETITIONS

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## CHESS TEAM

Students play chess against their peers in an organized setting. During meetings, students learn strategies that will help them improve their chess game. The Chess Team competes as part of the Metropolitan Yeshiva Chess League.

Advisor:  
Ms. Diana Tulman  
Meeting Time:  
Weekly  
League contests -  
monthly

## COLLEGE BOWL

Students possessing a wide range of knowledge enjoy answering questions in a fun-filled, educational framework. The team competes against students from other yeshivot from the tri-state area. Various schools in the league host the four annual meets.

*\* Criteria for Membership: There is a written test of forty questions on information ranging from calculus to entertainment. The students who score the highest on the written exam are invited back for the second cut, in which they compete with buzzers against other prospective team members. The best prospects are chosen to go out there and make us proud.*

Meeting Time:  
As needed

## DEBATE TEAM

The varsity and junior varsity Debate Teams are composed of students who learn to research, think, and speak effectively on serious topics. Students participate in competitions for which they research and prepare arguments on an assigned topic. Public speaking skills, working with a partner, meeting deadlines and reasoning abilities are strengthened through participation on the Debate Team. Mock debates are held after school to prepare for the tournaments. At the mock debates, returning team members help new members formulate plans and sharpen skills. The Debate teams are members of the North Jersey Debate League.

*\*Criteria for Membership: Students must try out. They must demonstrate the abilities to do research, think on their feet and orally express themselves in a clear and concise manner.*

*PLEASE NOTE: Students may try out for all teams but can only participate in either Debate, Mock Trial or Model UN.*

Advisor:  
Ms. Nina Cohen  
Meeting Time:  
Bi-Monthly  
Maximum Number  
of Members:  
Varsity: 14 debaters  
and 8 judges. /  
Junior varsity: 18  
debaters and 8  
judges.  
Fee Required

## ENVISION SHAKESPEARE

Envision Shakespeare is a competitive Yeshiva League club that provides an opportunity for students to act and direct an assigned scene from a

Advisor:  
Ms. Lauren  
Burstein

# COMPETITIONS

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Shakespeare play. Participation culminates in a day of competition, where students not only perform their scene, but also engage in interactive workshops and acting classes with students from the other competing schools.

## HISTORY BOWL

In History Bowl, students who are passionate about history have the opportunity to test their knowledge as a team in a competitive league. Our History Bowl team competes regularly against other schools, both public and private. Competitions are multi-round and focus on various categories of historical knowledge.

*Advisor:  
Dr. Yaelle  
Frohlich  
Meeting Time:  
As Needed*

## MATH LEAGUE

Outstanding math students participate in state and national math contests and competitions such as: The New Jersey Math League; The American High School Mathematics Examination (AHSME); and the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME).  
*\* Criteria for Membership: Students in grades 9-12 who have advanced math ability are invited to compete.*

*Advisor:  
Mrs. Sabrina  
Bernath  
Meeting Time:  
Weekly  
Six contests per  
year*

## MOCK TRIAL

The Frisch Mock Trial team consists of students who are interested in learning about and being trained in our nation's judicial system. Positions on the team include: lawyers, witnesses, and jurors. Lawyers are responsible for creating and organizing their cases and preparing their witnesses, based on a set of facts about a hypothetical case. The Mock Trial team participates in a statewide competition sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Association. Students compete against other schools in a court case before a judge in a local courthouse. The Frisch Mock Trial team, in addition to its teacher advisor, has a trial lawyer who helps to prepare students for their cases.

*\* Criteria for Membership: Students must try out. Students will be chosen based on their ability to express themselves orally in a clear, concise manner, and on their ability to analyze and assess specific situations.  
PLEASE NOTE: Students may try out for all teams but can only participate in either Debate, Mock Trial or Model UN.*

*Meeting Time:  
Weekly*

# COMPETITIONS

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## MODEL CONGRESS

Model Congress allows students who are interested in politics and public policy to research important, hot-button issues facing United States lawmakers and propose how best to address them. Students have the opportunity to debate proposed policy in a competition against other schools.

*Advisor:  
Mrs. Elana  
Lefkovitz*

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Students learn about the function and operation of the United Nations, as well as the intricate workings of the various groups and committees of the UN. At meetings, students research and familiarize themselves with the country they have been appointed to represent. The culmination of this club is a three-day trip to the Yeshiva University-sponsored Model United Nations. At this exciting and stimulating event students use skills such as negotiating, crisis management and public speaking.

*\*Criteria for Membership: This club is open to all 10th, 11th and 12th grade students. Students meet with the faculty advisor who will assess the student's ability to summarize and then defend or oppose an opinion from a New York Times Op-Ed article. Students are also evaluated on their expression, articulation, confidence, and motivation.*

*PLEASE NOTE: Students may try out for all teams but can only participate in either Debate, Mock Trial or Model UN.*

*Advisor:  
Mr. Eitan Kastner  
Meeting Time:  
Meets weekly  
during lunch,  
and evenings  
during the  
weeks preceding  
the Model UN  
convention*

## POETRY CLUB

The Poetry Club meets monthly and is geared toward students who would like to learn more about poetry and practice their poetry skills. Club members read a selection of contemporary American poetry and discuss it. Those students who would like to flex their poetry writing and recital skills are also invited to read during the meetings and receive critical feedback on their work. Students are also invited to participate in poetry competitions that occur against other yeshivot three times during the academic year.

*Meeting Time:  
Monthly*

# COMPETITIONS

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## **TECHNION RUBE GOLDBERG**

The Technion invites high school students (grades 9-12) from around the world to participate in its Annual Rube Goldberg Machine contest. Frisch can field multiple teams that are tasked with creating a themed Rube Goldberg machine. Students are to use out-of-the-box problem-solving skills and teamwork to build a multi-step, chain reaction machine, and creatively incorporate the themed elements into their machine. A video conclusion of the process is sent to the Technion to be judged. Winners gain world-wide recognition by the Technion and a chance to win a one-year full scholarship to the Technion. This club will meet weekly starting after winter break and leading up to the contest deadline, which is usually in early May.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi Tzvi  
Pittinsky*



# POLITICAL ACTIVISM

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## ANTI BULLYING

The Anti-Bullying club is a student-led club dedicated to the value of our community of kindness. The club involves both education and activism.

## COUGARS FOR ISRAEL (AISAC)

Cougars for Israel promotes Israel awareness within the Frisch community and the Jewish community-at-large. Media Watch, an important committee of Cougars for Israel, sponsors letter-writing campaigns to help refute inaccurate reporting. Cougars for Israel writes and distributes a newsletter entitled Acheinu, and a bulletin board is maintained to keep students and faculty informed. Information from CAMERA, current news, and a focused topic are posted. Cougars for Israel members help arrange rallies when issues arise. Cougars for Israel members have also attended the Cougars for Israel Mission to Washington, DC. Monthly meetings of Cougars for Israel take the form of a debate where two members choose opposing sides, research their positions and debate the issues.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi David Sher  
Meeting Time:  
Weekly meetings  
during school,  
monthly meetings  
after school*

## ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

The purpose of the Environmental Club is to raise awareness of environmental issues in our school and wider community, and take action. For example, the club is responsible for the dedicated paper recycling bins and water bottle refilling stations around the school. Many students participate in local communal events, such as clean up and protest events.

*Advisor:  
Dr. Meryl  
Feldblum*

## FEMINISM CLUB

In the Feminism club, students learn about feminism - what it is, how it has evolved, and the key arguments and ideas that the movement has brought into focus. Students get to discuss these issues in the context of both general and Jewish society.

*Advisors:  
Mrs. Rachel  
Besser &  
Ms. Nina Cohen*

## OCEAN PRESERVATION CLUB

The Ocean Preservation Club meets weekly to learn about different endangered ocean species and strategies that can help preserve them. The club also raises money for the World Wildlife Fund each year.

*Meeting Time:  
Bi-Weekly*

# POLITICAL ACTIVISM

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## STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council members serve as liaisons to the administration of Frisch and promotes student involvement in major issues arising within the Frisch community and beyond. Student Council also attempts to improve student life at Frisch. At the meetings, minutes are read, issues are debated and decisions are made. Some Student Council activities include: pep rallies, Big Brother/Big Sister programs, Frisch clothing drive, student ID's, student directory, sale of Dunkin Donuts, and the election assembly. Two representatives per grade are elected each year. Four executive officers are also elected for a total of 12 members.

*\* Criteria for Membership: To qualify as a candidate a student must maintain a B average and receive faculty approval. Representatives campaign and are voted in by the students.*

*Advisor:  
Rabbi  
Jonathan Spier  
Meeting Time:  
Monthly*

# PUBLICATIONS

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## BE'ER SHAVUA

Be'er Shavua is a weekly newsletter filled with student and faculty Divrei Torah. Students write Divrei Torah on a wide variety of topics including Parashat Hashavua, Yom Tov, Rosh Chodesh, and halachic issues. Positions at Be'er Shavua include: editors-in-chief, treasurer, editing staff, contributing staff, as well as layout and distribution staff. Be'er Shavua is printed and distributed weekly.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi Yaakov  
Blau  
Meeting Time:  
Weekly*

## COUGAR NATION NETWORK

The Cougar Nation Network is our student-run online broadcasting channel for sporting events across many social networks, including YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram. Students utilize various mediums, including live video, audio and streaming technology, to create compelling broadcasts. They utilize graphic design tools to create logos, overlays, and other visual objects to creatively communicate with their public viewing audience. Students communicate globally via our YouTube channel and our website, <http://cougarnationnetwork.com>, in order to reach a wide audience. They work as a team, assigning various roles including producer, director, camera person, announcer, and statistician. They reach out to experts in professional sports broadcasting to further learn, refine, and revise their product.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi Tzvi  
Pittinsky  
Meeting Time:  
Breakfast on  
Tuesdays*

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE JOURNAL

The Foreign Language Journal is a multi-language journal published once a year. Languages include French, Hebrew and Spanish. Members of the Foreign Language Journal staff revise and edit work submitted for publication. The editorial staff also prepares the format of the publication. All Frisch students are encouraged to submit work for publication.

*\* Criteria for Membership: Members of the staff are juniors and seniors who excel in writing and reading French, Hebrew or Spanish. Students of all levels are encouraged to submit written work*

*Meeting Time:  
As needed*

## FRISCH NEWS NETWORK

New this year, the Frisch News Network produces a regular mini newscast, providing updates on school news, upcoming events, and special features. Students gain experience newswriting, newscasting, conducting interviews, producing, and operating the camera/mic. No prior experience necessary.

*Advisor:  
Mrs. Randi  
Wartelsky*

# PUBLICATIONS

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## FRISCH TORAH JOURNAL

The Frisch Torah Journal is a club which teaches the skills required to create an insightful d'var Torah. It culminates in the publication of an annual collection of original Torah-based articles researched and written by Frisch students. Participants are expected to attend several training sessions on how to properly research a Torah topic. Writers then pick a topic of interest, submit outlines and drafts and, hopefully, end with a product worthy of publication.

*\* Criteria for Membership: Editorial positions are open to juniors and seniors.*

Advisor:  
Rabbi Yaakov  
Blau  
Meeting Time:  
As needed

## ISRAEL JOURNAL

The Israel Journal is a student publication covering news from and about Israel, publishing regular issues throughout the year.

Advisor:  
Rabbi David  
Sher

## KALLIOPE (LITERARY MAGAZINE)

Students are able to participate in Kalliope by contributing original work: short stories, poetry and essays, as well as art and photography that reflect and enhance the literature. Positions on Kalliope include: editors-in-chief, as well as editors for short stories, essays, poetry, art and layout. Each editor has a staff of two to seven members. Cooperating, organizing, planning, designing, proofreading, editing, critiquing and writing are some of the essential skills Kalliope members must possess for the production of the literary magazine.

*\* Criteria for Membership: Students who are interested in writing and/or art may sign up for Kalliope. Editorial positions are reserved for students with highly-developed literary skills and experience.*

Advisor:  
Ms. Lauren Burstein  
Meeting Time:  
Every two weeks  
after school from  
September –  
March. Additional  
meetings as  
needed

## SCIENCE JOURNAL

The Frisch Science Journal is an annual publication. Students conduct research and write well-referenced articles on topics of interest in various fields of science. Notably, the journal provides an opportunity for students in the Summer Science Research Initiative elective (which involves completing an internship in a lab) to publish their findings.

Advisor:  
Dr. Mindy Furman

# PUBLICATIONS

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## THE BULLETIN

The Frisch Bulletin is the school newspaper, which is published on a weekly basis. The Bulletin is written by a combination of our staff members and student contributors. Busy students need a quick and accurate update on the news, but they also need it to be relevant to their lives. We give students the opportunity to write about the news, both at school and around the world, that most interest them. With this in mind, we invite you to come and write for us and explore the world through journalism. All students are welcome and we hope that you join our staff or contribute a piece!

*Advisor:  
Dr. Anne Berkman*

## THE LAB (STEM JOURNAL)

The LAB, Frisch's STEM Journal, provides an opportunity for students to explore, research, and write about emerging, cutting-edge STEM topics.

*Advisor:  
Mrs. Rifkie  
Silverman*

## YEARBOOK

One way to keep Frisch memories alive is through the yearbook. Students work throughout the year designing, compiling, editing, and revising the yearbook. Positions available include: editors, artists, photographers, historians, writers, layout and advertising staff.

*\*Criteria for Membership: Staff members and seniors that are organized, able to complete tasks in a timely manner, and have the necessary skills required for their positions.*

*Advisor:  
Mrs. Ruth Wang-  
Birnbaum  
Meeting Time:  
Twice a week,  
additional  
meetings as  
needed*

# SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

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## CHEMISTRY

In the Chemistry club, students with a passion for chemistry deepen their knowledge about this scientific discipline beyond the classroom.

*Advisor:  
Dr. Jennifer  
Blanck*

## CIJE ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

CIJE Robotics Challenge is the first Yeshiva Day School robotics league. A team of students will be chosen to participate and compete in the design and construction of robots to meet proposed challenges.

*\* Criteria for Membership: Students must be in the robotics program to be eligible to participate in the challenges.*

*Advisor:  
Mrs. Rifkie  
Silverman  
Meeting Time:  
Weekly*

## CODING CLUB

Students will work with the club advisor and with peer mentors to expand their understanding of current web technologies and the design of modern apps. The club consists of two parts, a learning stage and a project-design stage, with the goal of competing in inter-school coding challenges ("hackathons"). Technologies of interest include Python, Java, HTML5, and iOS/Android app development. No prior experience necessary.

*Meeting Time:  
Weekly*

## COUGARS CREATE

Cougars Create is an opportunity to explore the design of functional objects that may be used in school or at home. Participants come up with design ideas and materials with which to produce their creations, and carry out their projects in the Frisch Fab Lab. Students in Cougars Create will also be working on the sets and props for the Drama Society's annual spring production. Instruction on the safe use of tools is paramount. The club is open to all students, and no prior experience is necessary.

*Advisor:  
Mr. Michael Preston  
Meeting Time:  
Weekly*

## GIRLS WHO CODE

Girls Who Code is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the gender gap in technology. Girls meet with a GWC instructor to learn programming skills in Python, HTML, CSS and Javascript. Girls work in groups to design and develop coding projects, and have guest lecturers and site visits with women in technology.

*Advisor:  
Mrs. Rifkie  
Silverman  
Meeting Time:  
Weekly*

# SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

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## PREMED SOCIETY

PreMed Society is a club geared toward those students who have an interest in medicine. During the course of the year, there are guest speakers from different fields of medicine with whom students can interact. Students may also take part in “practical” sessions (i.e. taking vitals, CPR, etc.) as well as discussions regarding the necessary steps in gaining admittance to Medical School. Each year there is a fundraiser for an agreed-upon charity.

*Advisor:*  
Mr. Evan  
Silberstein  
*Meeting Time:*  
Monthly

## ROBOTICS - BEGINNER AND ADVANCED

Students will be introduced to microcontrollers, programming, sensors, and actuators. The curriculum is project-based. Various projects are assigned to the students who not only have to build robots with sensor attachments, but also have to design algorithms to solve problems and then write computer programs to implement them. Each project highlights a different challenge using different sensors. In addition to programming, the course covers mechanical and structural design, touch sensors, color and light sensors, ultrasonic sensors, gears and power, motors and other actuators, and some computer architecture. The course concludes with a sumobot competition (a robot competition derived from Sumo wrestling) in which the students use all of their accumulated knowledge to build individual sumobots and compete in a class-wide competition. Students will use LEGO Mindstorms as the Robotics platform and ROBOTC as the programming language.

*Advisor:*  
Mrs. Rifkie  
Silverman & Mr.  
Travis Merritt  
*Meeting Time:*  
Weekly

*\* Criteria for Membership: No prior experience needed for the beginners group. Advanced group requires prior participation in the robotics program or strong coding skills.*

*Advisor:*  
Dr. Jennifer Blanck  
*Meeting Time:*  
As needed

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Science Olympiad is an academic club in which students train for various science-oriented team events and compete against other Yeshiva High School students in a tournament held in March. The Students compete in events from a wide range of disciplines including biology, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. Emphasis is placed on problem solving techniques, lab work and group participation.

# SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

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## **TECH TO THE FUTURE**

The Tech to The Future club aims to broaden the audience base and application of technology in different fields by showing students that technology is apparent in every career. Students hear from professionals who work in a variety of different fields, and learn about cutting-edge technology and its impact in various realms of life today.

*Advisor:  
Mrs. Rifkie  
Silverman  
Meeting Time:  
Bi-Monthly*



# SPECIAL INTERESTS

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## **AFC: ALLERGY FRIENDLY COMMITTEE**

The Allergy Friendly Committee is a club dedicated to discussing different allergies, as well as allergy-friendly recipes and ingredient substitutions.

## **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB**

The ASL Club focuses on teaching vocabulary based sign language to help people get involved in this beautiful language. Using frequently-used signs and songs with easy vocabulary, we work to help provide a basic understanding of American Sign Language.

*Meeting Time:  
Bi-Monthly*

## **ARABIC CULTURE AND LANGUAGE**

The Arabic Club provides members with an authentic window to the Arab world. Students learn about the complex and fascinating Arabic Culture, as well as learn the Arabic language. Meetings consist of a culture tour, where students explore different, unique aspects of the Arab world, a language lesson, where they learn the alphabet and the spoken language, and even munch on delicious Arab delicacies!

*Advisor:  
Rabbi Yair  
Shahak  
Meeting Time:  
Bi-Monthly*

## **BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club is a way for students to connect over literature outside of class. The club selects works by contemporary authors, and meets every two weeks at breakfast to discuss the books.

*Advisor:  
Ms. Lauren  
Burstein  
Meeting Time:  
Bi-Monthly*

## **BRACKETOLOGY**

The Bracketology club follows college sports games throughout the year, assessing and predicting who will be victorious. It peaks in March with March Madness.

## **BUSINESS**

The Business club brings together different students who seek success in the world of business one day. Students hear from different members of the business community, about their careers and trajectories

*Advisor:  
Ms. Esther Gewirtz  
Meeting Time:  
Bi-Monthly*

# SPECIAL INTERESTS

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## CRIMINOLOGY

*Advisor:  
Dr. Meryl Feldblum*

The Criminology club learns about this field from various experts, such as lawyers, judges and other professionals involved in the justice system.

## CROSSWORD CLUB

In the Crossword club, students meet to complete - or create - a weekly crossword puzzle together.

## DIGITAL MEDIA

The Digital Media club is the place for students who are interested in learning the basics of Adobe Illustrator, even if they aren't in the class!

## E-SPORTS MEDIA

In the E-Sports club, students meet to play competitive video games.

## FASHION & TRENDS

In the Fashion & Trends club, students meet to discuss the latest trends in the world of fashion.

## FINANCE CLUB

Students will learn about the world of finance, market trends, and how the economy is influenced by consumer spending. Students will participate in mock competitions, and will prepare for the Stock Market Tournament that is hosted by Yeshiva University in the Spring.

*Advisor:  
Mr. Matthew  
Horowitz  
Meeting Time:  
Bi-Monthly*

## FRISCH FARM

The Frisch Farm is an 800-square-foot organic vegetable farm located on campus. The Farm Club meets weekly to grow vegetables, tend to the compost, and enjoy the fruits of their labor! We learn Farm Torah too, helping us connect to Hashem through the earth.

*Advisor:  
Mr. Yosef Gillers  
Meeting time:  
Every Thursday*

# SPECIAL INTERESTS

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## GET FIT@FRISCH

In Get Fit@Frisch, students hear from different speakers about health, nutrition, and exercise.

*Advisor:  
Mrs. Alyssa  
Kirsch*

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

The Mental Health Awareness club is for students who want to break stigmas around mental health, as well as learn and educate others on the difficulties of mental illness and how to engage sensitively with others who may face these struggles.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi Simcha  
Willig*

## PHILOSOPHY

In the Philosophy club, students discuss moral and existential questions that have been debated for centuries, utilizing classic philosophical texts and concepts.

*Advisor:  
Ms. Nina Cohen  
& Dr. Ethan  
Zadoff*

## PING PONG

In the Ping Pong club, students meet weekly to have fun by playing ping pong.

## PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology club exposes students to the varied roles that exist in the field of psychology. Speakers include professors, clinicians, and others.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi Eli Ciner*

## SOCIAL MEDIA

The Social Media club is a place for students to discuss how to be effective at marketing yourself or a product on social media.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi  
Jonathan  
Schachter*

## SPORTS MANAGEMENT

The Sports Management Club gives students who are interested in sports management an opportunity to hear and learn from different professionals working in the industry. Topics range from the logistics of the business to the experience of being Jewish in the world of sports.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi  
Jonathan Spier  
Meeting Time:  
Weekly*

# SPECIAL INTERESTS

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## **STAG: STUTTERING AWARENESS**

The Stuttering club creates awareness of what stuttering is, why it happens, and how to be sensitive to those who experience it.

## **VENTURE CAPITAL**

The Venture Capital Club takes an in-depth look at what venture capital is, how private equity firms work, and examines the most successful venture capitalists using slide shows, youtube videos, and guest speakers. Students also explore their own company ideas.

*Advisor:  
Ms. Rivki Silverman  
Meeting Time:  
Bi-Monthly*

## **WOMEN IN FINANCE**

In the Women in Finance club, students learn about and discuss specific issues of relevance to women in the world of business.

## **YOUNG ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB**

The Young Entrepreneurship Club teaches basic business principles to students while preparing and guiding them through various national entrepreneurship competitions.

*Advisor:  
Mr. Christian  
Balevski*

## **YOUNG POLITICIANS CLUB**

Students who are interested in politics meet to discuss and debate various political issues.

## **YOUNG PROGRESSIVES CLUB**

Students interested in progressive political issues meet to discuss and debate various topics.

*Advisor:  
Dr. Meryl Feldblum*

## **ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

The Zoological Society focuses on the investigation and experience of the animal world. Students are exposed to and become familiar with interesting and exotic creatures, and develop an appreciation of technology and unique adaptations found in nature. They also learn about individual and collective responsibility with regard to the environment. Over the course of the year, the society aims to take a number of trips to different zoos and animal parks, as well as share information about upcoming exotic animal expos.

*Meeting Time:  
Weekly*

# TORAH

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## **BAYRISH SCHREIBER Z"L MISHMAR PROGRAM**

Thursday evening Mishmar attracts 600+ students on a weekly basis. Students pick a shiur to attend from a variety of topics such as Parsha, Letters of the Rambam, Nature & Torah, and many more.

*Meeting Time:  
Weekly*

## **CHIDON HATANACH**

Students prepare to compete in the regional and national Chidon HaTanach (National Bible Contest).

*\*Criteria for Membership: Students must demonstrate an understanding of Tanach*

*Advisor:  
Rabbi Asher  
Bush  
Meeting Time:  
As needed*

## **MODEL BEIT DIN**

In Model Beit Din students prepare, investigate and formulate halachic responsa addressing a current issue. Students explore how the halachic approach differs at times from the secular-legal approach. Examples of issues that have been studied in the past include: Can you torture a terrorist for information? Who has the authority to make end-of-life medical decisions? The research culminates in a symposium with other schools at which the team presents their research before the Beit Din of America.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi Gedaliah  
Jaffe  
Meeting Time:  
Weekly*

## **NIGHT SEDER**

Night Seder is a student-led Torah learning program that takes place after school during the week. Chavruta learning is capped off by shiur, delivered by different faculty members. Various topics are covered.

## **SHNAYIM MIKRA**

In the Shnayim Mikra club, students engage in a longstanding Jewish tradition: learning the weekly parsha with Rashi. Learning is paced by the sedra.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi  
Jonathan  
Schachter*

# TORAH

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## TEHILLIM CLUB

The Tehillim Club meets once a week during breakfast to recite the entire Sefer Tehillim. Each person takes a small part and the whole book is completed in minutes. Students can add the names of people who need tefillot.

*Advisor:  
Mrs. Randi  
Wartelsky  
Meeting Time:  
Weekly*

## TORAH BOWL

Students compete against other high schools and demonstrate their expertise in Torah knowledge. Various schools host the four yearly competitions.

*\* Criteria for Membership: Students must try out and demonstrate an understanding of Chumash.*

*Advisor:  
Rabbi  
Gedaliah Jaffe  
& Ms. Adina  
Rosenberg  
Meeting Time:  
As Needed*

## YU BEKIUT PROGRAM

Students learn a Masechet of Gemara along with students from other participating schools in this program organized by Yeshiva University.

*Advisor:  
Rabbi  
Jonathan  
Feldman*

## YU PROGRAM/GIRLS NIGHT OUT

These programs take place once every month and provide a way for Frisch students to engage in additional Torah learning outside of class. In the YU Program for Boys, boys travel to Yeshiva University in Manhattan to learn with Frisch alumni in the YU Beit Midrash. They also hear from a YU Rosh Yeshiva and get dinner at one of the local kosher restaurants. In Girls Night Out, girls have the opportunity to learn, followed by a fun activity. Past activities have included Torah-themed paint nights, kumzitzes and challah baking.

*Boys Advisor:  
Rabbi Sheldon  
Morris  
Girls Advisor:  
Mrs. Leora  
Moskovich and  
Mrs. Randi  
Wartelsky*



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