BRUSY

B'nai Torah Congregation &
Congregation Shaarei Kodesh

Gesher Council Application Packet

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Chapter elections will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30pm at Congregation Shaarei Kodesh

Dear Candidate and Parents,

Congratulations on your decision to seek a position on the BRUSY Gesher Council for the 2026-2027 programming year. The success of our chapter depends on committed young people to take on leadership roles.

Being on our Gesher Council is a serious commitment. You will be working as a member of a team and will have particular responsibilities, specifically for your position. This may include planning large-scale programs, creating advertising (ie. flyers), and assisting with administrative tasks. Although school and family responsibilities will remain your first priority, you must be prepared to balance the expectations of your role with the other activities with which you will be involved.

Next year, it's my expectation that Gesher Council members will shoulder more responsibility than they have in the past. For those of you who have held a position in the past, please note that the time commitment and specific responsibilities will be greater. Failure to meet these expectations may result in removal from the board.

Parents: we need your help, as your child considers running for a position on Gesher Council. As stated above, the time commitments and expectations will be greater. If you are concerned about the commitment of council members, then perhaps a job on the council may not be suited for your child.

In addition to programming tasks, each board member will be expected to maintain a regular presence in their synagogue, attend sub-regional and regional programs, and demonstrate a commitment to Conservative Judaism.

Should you have any further questions, I can be reached by email at CSKBTCyouth@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Allyson Frimet, Interim Youth Directo

Duties of BRUSY Gesher Council Members

President (1 member);

****works directly with USY Board President**

1. Attends all meetings of the organization
2. Act as a spokesperson for the chapter in their respective synagogue, community, and region
3. Act as overseer and organizer of the Gesher Council, being ultimately responsible for the outcome of council duties
4. Responsible assisting Membership and Communications council member with membership recruitment, retention, and encouragement, such as participation
5. Oversees all in-house programs

Religious/Education (Rel. Ed.) (1 member) and Israeli Affairs (1 member);

****works directly with the USY Board Rel. Ed. and Israeli Affairs Vice President**

1. Responsible for organizing and/or leading all the religious or religious education portions of events
2. Responsible for providing assistance in the teaching of religious rituals and services
3. Responsible for promoting religious education clubs and projects
4. Responsible for Israeli programming and promoting Israel awareness in the chapter
5. Responsible for providing education about Israel

Social Action/Tikun Olam (SATO) (1 member);

****works directly with SATO Vice President**

1. In charge of fundraising for programs, especially for Tikun Olam projects
2. Responsible for the participation of the chapter in all regional SATO projects
3. Responsible for promoting all SATO clubs and projects
4. Responsible for at least one ongoing SATO project for the year
5. Responsible for informing the chapter about community situations which require attention, including community service

Membership and Communications (1 member);

****works directly with the Membership and Communications Vice President**

1. Responsible for membership recruitment, retention, and encouragement, such as participation
2. Responsible for reaching out and checking in with non-active Gesher members
3. Helps maintain weekly membership and attendance log
4. Take pictures at every program
5. Responsible for all chapter correspondence

Duties/Roles of all BRUSY Board Members

1. Attends all meetings/programs of the chapter; will inform Youth Director, Advisors, and other board members before the program if they will not be in attendance (cannot miss more than 3 meetings)
2. Responsible for organizing and leading programming including creating a flier and creating a program write-up; flyers are due one week prior to the program, and write-ups are due 5 days prior to the program
3. Expectation to maintain a regular presence in your synagogue
4. Attend sub-regional (ARVOT) and regional (Ha'Negev) programs, as much as possible
5. Demonstrate a commitment to Conservative Judaism

*You will be running for Gesher Council, not a specific position. You will let the Youth Director know (in your application packet) which position on the council you would prefer, however the USY Board will choose which council member will hold each position, based on your strengths.

*You will have three minutes to speak.

*Any candidates running must have one person nominate them, and a second person to confirm the nomination. The second nomination must be a verbal confirmation that is encouraged to be done in a song parody format.

Application

A copy of this application (pages 5 & 6) must be submitted either in person or via email at CSKBTCyouth@gmail.com by 8:00pm on **April 19** (or earlier)

Name:_____

Grade as of August 2026:_____ Phone:_____

Position you would like to serve as:_____

I have read the BRUSY/CSK Gesher Council Responsibilities and have an understanding and a sense of commitment to my position. I agree to enthusiastically participate in my leadership position on the BRUSY/CSK Gesher Council.

Gesher
Signature_____Date_____

I have read the BRUSY/CSK Gesher Council Responsibilities and have an understanding and a sense of commitment to my child's position. I agree to support and encourage my child's commitment to a leadership position on the BRUSY/CSK Gesher Council.

Parent
Signature_____Date_____

Please answer the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be on the BRUSY Gesher Council?

2. What position would you like to serve and why have you chosen it?

3. What does teamwork mean to you?

4. Provide a list of goals that you would like to accomplish.

5. List the positions you have held on Gesher Council (if applicable).