

ABRAHAM'S VISION: THE UNITY PROGRAM INTER-GROUP EDUCATION FOR MUSLIM AND JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

During the 2011/2012 school year, PTBE will be the peninsula site for "Abraham's Vision: The Unity Program". This means that 9th-12th grade PTBE students in the Wednesday Night Program (WNP) can apply to be part of this unique course. Students in this program examine issues within Jewish and Muslim communities, the historical relationship between Muslims and Jews, and the relationship between Judaism and Islam. Students come away from this program with a deeper sense of their own identities, and a greater understanding of the other community. Each learning cohort for the program has a Jewish site and Muslim site. Students learn with members of their own group (Jewish students), with members of the other group (Muslim students) in intergroup sessions, and as part of the whole Bay Area Abraham's Vision initiative.

When/Where? - This program will meet on Wednesday evenings within the normal framework of WNP at PTBE. The program will still begin with dinner at 6:00 pm and class will run from 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm so that students can join in *siyyum* (closing circle). Students who are accepted to the program will have this course for the entire year of WNP.

Special Sessions - In the spring there will be approximately 3 Sunday sessions in San Francisco with all of the Jewish and Muslim learning cohorts around the Bay Area.

How do I sign up? - Space will be limited for this course. Please sign up for the regular WNP program and then complete the application on back of this page.

What if I am going to be a Confirmation student next year but I want to do the program? - Register for WNP and complete the application to be part of Abraham's Vision. You will still be part of the Confirmation class, participate in the Confirmation retreat, and help to lead the service. Avenues will be provided to maintain your connection with your Confirmation peers even as you participate in the Abraham's vision program.

What if I am in 11th/12th grade? - Instead of coming every other week, you will come every week to be a part of this class. We will facilitate opportunities for you to stay connected with the rest of the 11th and 12th graders. There will also be a \$260 participation fee that applies since the course meets every week, rather than the bi-weekly 11th/12th grade WNP program.

Please be in touch with Rabbi Micah if you have questions. rabbimicah@ptbe.org
You can also go to www.abrahamsvision.org for more information about AV.

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Name_____

Grade____

School_____

1) Why does a course such as Abraham's Vision interest you?

2) What would you hope to learn about Muslims and what would you want Muslims to learn about Jews?

3) What do you think you can contribute to an interfaith dialogue study group?