



## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF GESHER LEKESHER?

To create caring, vibrant communities of learners where mitzvot, rituals, teachings, values, and culture of Judaism are experienced, respected, and integrated into the lives of young people.

## WHO PARTICIPATES?

### *Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Mercer County*

(Coordinators of Gesher)

**Advisors** (Instructors) educators and social workers trained in guiding a peer-leadership model

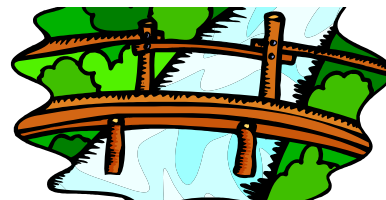
**Madrichim** are students entering 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade in September 2018

(Peer Leaders)

**Talmidim** are students entering 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades in September 2018 (Learners)



Gesher LeKeshet Leadership Retreat



Gesher LeKeshet Family Night

# GESHER LEKESHER

## BRIDGE TO A CONNECTION

PRINCETON MERCER BUCKS



A High School  
Peer Leadership Program  
for Jewish Adolescents

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**“[Gesher is] an opportunity for me to learn things about myself and my peers and [for me] to guide others in opening up to each other.”**

Adam

### **HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?**

*Madrichim* (peer leaders) begin training with a fall retreat

*Madrichim* continue to attend training sessions two Monday nights a month throughout the school year to socialize and learn new skills (6:30-8:30 p.m., with light dinner provided)

Working in small groups *Madrichim* use their newly mastered skills to plan and lead outreach sessions with *Talmidim* and *Madrichim* up to 6 times during the school year.

### **WHAT ARE BENEFITS TO MADRICHIM?**

- ◆ Development of a broad new Jewish peer group from the Princeton Mercer Bucks County area
- ◆ Increased opportunity to act as Jewish role-models within the community
- ◆ Increased self-confidence
- ◆ Skills to last a lifetime
  - ◆ Improved communication skills
  - ◆ Development of leaderships skills
  - ◆ Problem solving
  - ◆ Critical thinking
  - ◆ Facilitation of group discussion
  - ◆ Public speaking

**“It’s fun! [Gesher is a] time to meet new people, and also great for learning new leaderships qualities.”**

Dan

### **HOW DO I SIGN UP?**

- ◆ Attend one of the information sessions
- ◆ Complete an application form
- ◆ Interview with Gesher staff
- ◆ Sign a contract of commitment to the Gesher LeKeshet program
- ◆ Attend a Fall Retreat

### **WHAT IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?**

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Gesher LeKeshet Outreach