

MADRIKHIM INSTITUTE

for teens!

Dear Prospective *Madrikh/Madrikhah* -

This year we're excited to add training for your position, which will help you work with students, including those who might have additional needs, to find success in the classroom.

The "*Madrikhim* Institute for Teens" highlights the various differences that you might encounter in today's classroom, and will give you the added knowledge, as well as techniques, to handle those differences.

Any teen who signs up to be a *Madrikh/Madrikhah* is required to attend five training sessions, to be held from 12noon-1:00 p.m., on the following Sundays*:

Sunday, November 3

Sunday, January 26

Sunday, February 2

Sunday, March 1

Sunday, May 3

*Lunch and a stipend (\$25 per session) will be included. Students who miss a class will need to set up a time with Dr. Gejman to go over the material that was missed.

In these sessions, students will explore such topics as:

- Trained teen assistants can help make our community more inclusive for all students
- Everyone in our community has something to offer
- There are things only you can do
- The work you do as *Madrikh/Madrikhah* is important
- Teens already have skills that can be helpful
- Some people need support or changes in order to learn well
- By being on the lookout for problems and thinking creatively, you can help everyone to learn more
- *Madrikh/Madrikhah* can do different things than teachers can do – and that is a good thing
- For *Madrikh/Madrikhah*, trouble-shooting and strategies are more important than diagnoses
- Learn to recognize developmental milestones that children typically reach at certain ages, and use those to set expectations for interacting
- Disabilities can affect certain areas of development and not others; learn to work with children with various disabilities