



BNEI AKIVA SCHOOLS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you are all enjoying your summer.

As part of our English program, each student is required to read at least one book per grade from our summer reading list. We believe reading is an essential life skill that should be practiced year-round and want our students to have a shared reading experience. We have chosen a variety of interesting, worthwhile novels, many of which take place in times or parts of the world to which our students have not necessarily been exposed.

Our summer reading list is below; students are expected to read at least one of the books listed for his or her grade.

The deadline for reading the novel is October 13th, on which date students will be quizzed to show they have read the book. There will be a written assignment distributed to students as well.

Students in grades 9 and 11 will participate in our annual literary evening on October 19th at 7pm, with book club-style discussion groups. Attendance for the students is mandatory; parents who have read the same novel as their son or daughter are encouraged to attend as well. This evening is always enjoyable for students, parents and staff facilitators - we look forward to rich discussions.

Happy reading!

The English Department
Bnei Akiva Schools

SUMMER READING LIST:

Grade 9: Teen Jewish Experience

Cry of the Giraffe
The Chosen
The Book Thief

Julie Oron
Chaim Potok
Markus Zusak

Grade 10: Dystopia

Candor
Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep
1984
Uglies
The Chrysalids

Pam Bachorz
Philip K. Dick
George Orwell
Scott Westerfeld
John Wyndham

Grade 11: World Settings

Purple Hibiscus
The Secret Daughter
Cry, the Beloved Country

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Shilpi Somaya Gowda
Alan Paton

Grade 12: Racism

The White Tiger
A Lesson Before Dying
The Invention of Wings
The Help

Aravind Adiga
Ernest J. Gaines
Sue Monk Kidd
Kathryn Stockett