

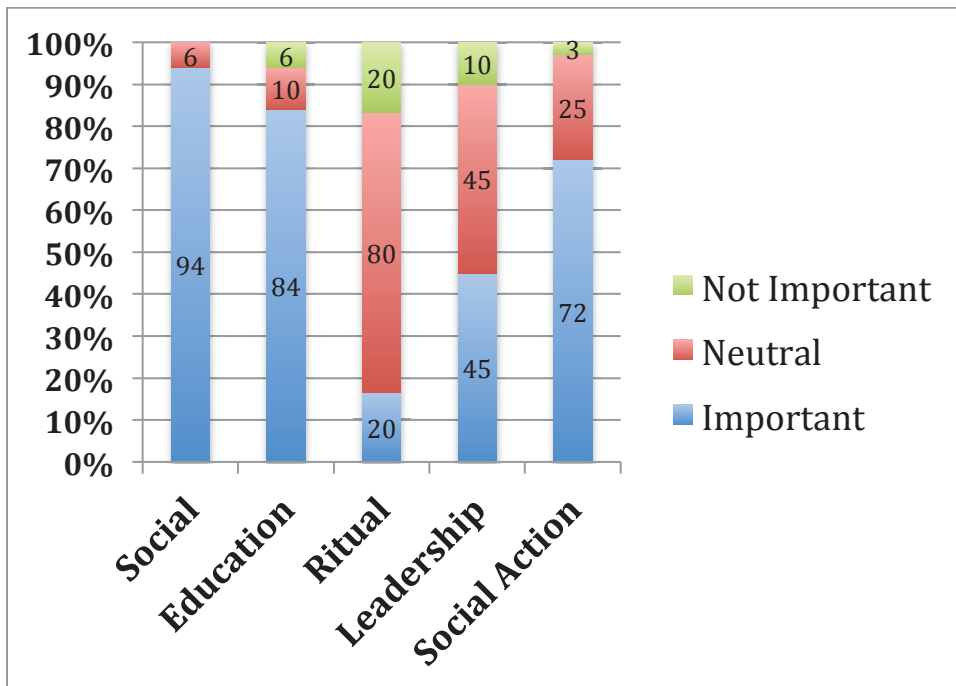
APPENDIX I: Summary of results from Teen Survey

Families with children in Middle and High School during the 2013-14 academic year were sent a short on-line survey to assess interest in various Teen activities, motivation for attending, and potential obstacles to participation. 60 families were sent the link, and both parents and children were encouraged to fill complete the survey. Thirty-four individuals started the survey and about 31 completed it. About 60% of respondents were middle school (6th -8th grade) families.

Question 1 asked respondents to establish **how important** Social, Education, Ritual, Leadership, and Social Action were to their teen experience.

The top three Activity Interests for Teens are 1) Social, 2) Education, and 3) Social Action

Figure 1: Importance of Teen Activities



Question 2 asked respondents to rank 16 activities in order of importance/interest. The highest numeric score indicates the most interest in an activity (possible range: 30-480). Responses are also broken out by type (Social, Education, Ritual, Leadership, Social Action), so some activities are presented more than once because they could fall into more than one category.

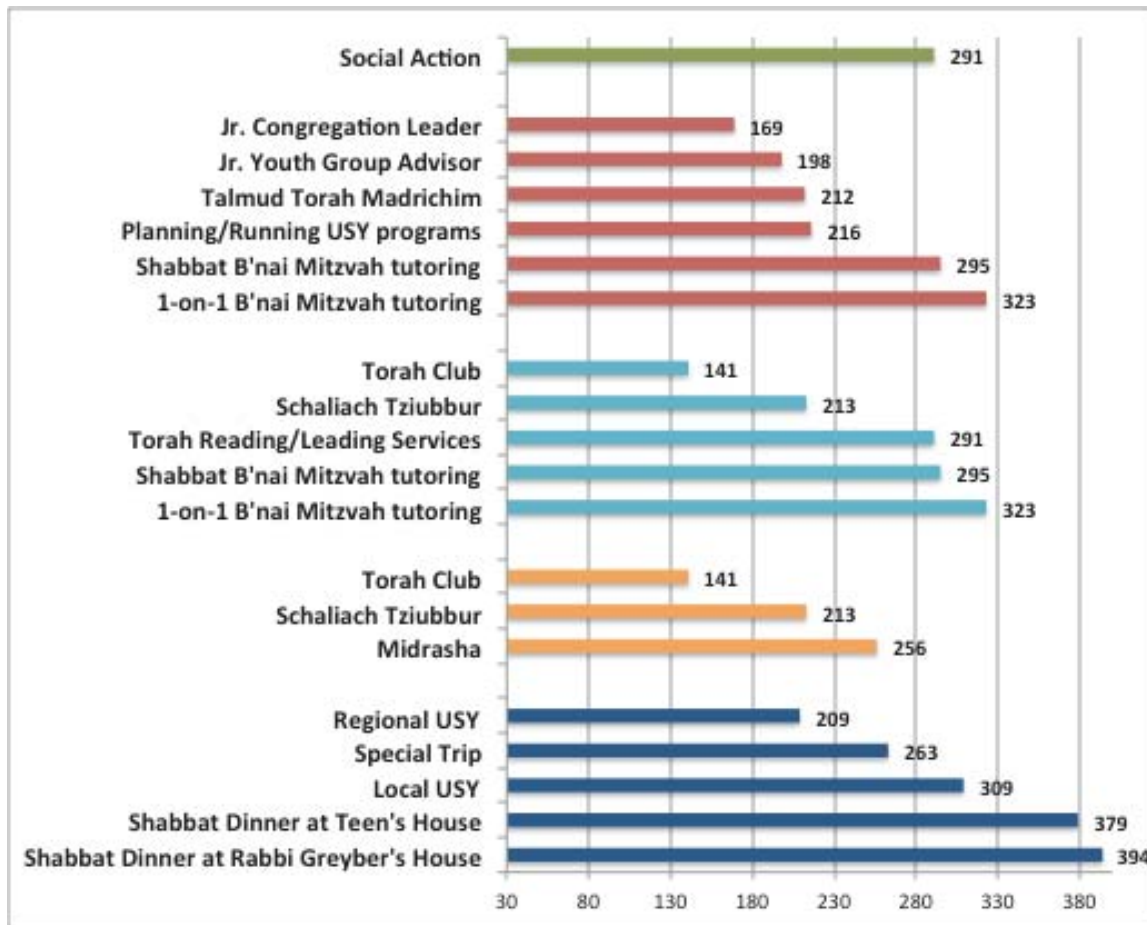
Table 1: Activities Ranking (High to Low within category)

Social
 Education
 Ritual
 Leadership
 Social Action

Activity	Score	Comments
Shabbat Dinner at Rabbi's House	394	30% of respondents ranked this as #1 choice
Shabbat Dinner at Teen's House	379	20% of respondents ranked this as #3 or higher
Local USY	309	63% of responses were above the midpoint
Special Trip	263	20% top two/60% middle 12/20% bottom 2
Regional USY	209	60% of responses were at the midpoint or lower
Midrasha	256	very polarizing
Schaliach Tziubbur	213	34% of respondents ranked this #15 or #16/remainder neutral
Torah Club	141	low ranking
1-on-1 B'nai Mitzvah tutoring	323	40% of respondents ranked this in the top 4
Shabbat B'nai Mitzvah tutoring	295	40% of respondents ranked this in the middle
Torah Reading/Leading Services	291	60% of responses were above the midpoint
Schaliach Tziubbur	213	34% of respondents ranked this #15 or #16/remainder neutral
Torah Club	141	
1-on-1 B'nai Mitzvah tutoring	323	40% of respondents ranked this in the top 4
Shabbat B'nai Mitzvah tutoring	295	40% of respondents ranked this in the middle
Planning/Running USY programs	216	
Talmud Torah Madrichim	212	37% of responses in the bottom (#14-16)
Jr. Youth Group Advisor	198	
Jr. Congregation Leader	169	
Social Action	291	Most responses in the middle to high range

Figure 2: Activities Ranking (shown low to high in each category)

■ Social
 ■ Education
 ■ Ritual
 ■ Leadership
 ■ Social Action



Top Activities

1. Teen Dinners
2. B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring
3. Local USY events
4. Social Action
5. Special Trip

Programs with least interest

Torah Club (52% would never participate)

Jr. Youth Advisor (50%)

Talmud Torah Madrich (39%)

Regional USY (37%)

Shaliach Tziubbur (32%)

Question 4 asked respondents to indicate how frequently they were likely to participate in an activity.

Teens seem to want to participate in activities about once/month. Teens with interest in Midrasha, Madrichim, and B'nai Mitzvah tutoring understand that these are weekly commitments.

Table 2: Likely Frequency of Participation in Teen Activities

Social
 Education
 Ritual
 Leadership
 Social Action

Activity	Frequency	Comments
Shabbat Dinner at Rabbi's House	once every other month	20 plus respondents
Shabbat Dinner at Teen's House	once every other month	20 plus respondents
Local USY	monthly or every other month	18 respondents
Special Trip	once/year	20 plus respondents
Regional USY	once/year	50% response rate (14 respondents)
Midrasha	65% weekly or 2/month	25% never
Shaliach Tziubbur	monthly or every other month	50% response rate (14 respondents)
1-on-1 B'nai Mitzvah tutoring	weekly or 2/month	20 respondents
Shabbat B'nai Mitzvah tutoring	weekly or 2/month	20 respondents
Torah Reading/Leading Services	50% monthly or every other month	
Schaliach Tziubbur	monthly or every other month	50% response rate (14 respondents)
1-on-1 B'nai Mitzvah tutoring	weekly or 2/month	20 respondents
Shabbat B'nai Mitzvah tutoring	weekly or 2/month	20 respondents
Talmud Torah Madrichim	weekly (54%)	< 50% response rate (13 respondents)
Social Action	monthly or every other month	20 plus respondents

Questions 3, 5, and 6 tried to assess the reasons for participation. Responses are summarized below:

- *Teens would participate in programs if ...*

Their schedule allowed (time and homework)

Their friends attended

- *Teens did not participate in programs because (could give more than one answer)...*

Their schedule didn't allow (88%)

Friends did not attend (59%)

They weren't interested (76%)

- *Teens are **not** interested in credit/certificate, awards, or honors.*
- *Some interest in trip as reward for participation*