

## Agenda Committee Proposal

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### **Chesed Proposal**

**Preamble:** The current Chesed system at Shalhevet does not reflect the values intended by the Chesed hours requirement. Students often do all of their hours at once, resulting in a lack of Chesed participation throughout High School. Students also often get excessive hours from volunteering at school events, and are credited with more hours than they worked on Chesed trips. The goal of this proposal is to ensure that the Chesed experience for students is one in which Chesed is consistently done throughout their high school career, and where they must commit to an organization to strengthen their relationship with Chesed.

#### **Proposal:**

1. Definitions
  - a. Let 'out of school Chesed' be defined as any Chesed approved by the Chesed Committee that is not done in school.
  - b. Let 'Just Community Chesed' be defined as volunteering for Shalhevet events approved by the Chesed Committee.
2. Let a Chesed Committee be formed
  - i. Let the committee be comprised of 3-5 appointed by leaders of the Just Community for its first year of existence. Every time a Chesed Committee member graduates, they will appoint a new member.
  - ii. The chesed committee will help promote and approve chesed opportunities within Shalhevet, as well as chesed programs outside of Shalhevet.
  - iii. All chesed opportunities proposed by students need to be approved by the Chesed Committee.
    - a. If the Chesed Committee does not approve the chesed, no hours will be received for said chesed.
    - b. The Chesed Committee may review chesed that has already been done, as long as it was done within thirty days of the review.
  - iv. A list of pre-approved chesed opportunities will be accessible to students
3. Each student must complete 80 hours of chesed by the end of high school.
  - v. Up to 15 of said hours can be Just Community hours.
  - vi. Each student must complete at least 10 hours of chesed per year.

4. All students must commit 10 hours to one Chesed organization (as defined by the Chesed Committee) during their senior year even if they have already done this prior to senior year.
5. Chesed trips will be credited for the exact amount of hours done on the trip.
6. Let this be applied to all graduating classes after 2021