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**TEEN BATTLE OF THE BANDS
UNIQUE COLLABORATION OF TWO SAN FRANCISCO INSTITUTIONS
BRINGS TEEN TALENTS TOGETHER AGAIN ON MAY 8**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23—On Saturday, May 8, the **Jewish Community Center of San Francisco (JCCSF)** partners once again with the **Contemporary Jewish Museum (CJM)** to present **Battle of the Bands**, a region-wide teen talent competition. The competition pits ten Bay Area high school bands against each other for fame and a \$500 prize. Festivities include three stages – a main stage with competing bands, DJ stage that will rock the intermissions, and new this year, an unplugged acoustic stage where musicians, spoken word artists, and vocalists, will perform “coffee house” style. Doors open at 7 PM and show starts at 7:30 PM. \$10 tickets at the door, or tickets can be pre-purchased by calling **415/292-1233** or online at tickets.jccsf.org. **This event sold out last year.**

The evening will be hosted by teens – both onstage and backstage. Teen DJs are joining from co-sponsor *The DJ Project*, and teens from the Contemporary Jewish Museum’s Teen Art Connect internship program, will MC the evening and manage the three performance stages. Judges from radio stations and a popular record store will narrow the field and audience members will cast the final vote to decide which band wins the \$500 prize.

Competing bands:

1. **The Uncomfortables** (the only returning band) from the East Bay (including Oakland Tech, Head Royce, College Prep and Redwood Day)
2. **Room 19**, also an East Bay band (including Tehiyah Day School and Albany)
3. **The Big Fat Whales**, a SF band (Lick)
4. **Wrath**, a SF band (Balboa)
5. **Rikoche**, a East Bay band (Berkeley High, Piedmont High, Maybeck and College Prep)
6. **The Shes**, a SF band (Urban, Bay, Drew)
7. **Random Warning**, a SF band (Rooftop)
8. **VAT**, an East Bay band (Berkeley High, Albany, Bentley, Cabrillo)
9. **Milo Grey**, a San Francisco band (Lick Wilmeding)
10. **The St. Valentineez**, a Bay Area band (International High School, Patten Academy, Berkeley, Saint Ignatius, Lick)

Presented by Access 18 in partnership with GenSF and The DJ Project.

Access 18 is the Contemporary Jewish Museum’s innovative youth program that provides teens, ages 13 through 18, with free admission to the Contemporary Jewish Museum, a free youth membership program, and special opportunities for engaging with the arts and Jewish life.

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For more information about the Contemporary Jewish Museum, visit www.thecjm.org.

The **JCCSF**, located at 3200 California Street, has been serving the Bay Area since 1877 with programs that transform people's lives – mind, body and spirit. A home away from home for San Franciscans of all faiths and backgrounds, the JCCSF welcomes nearly 5,000 guests each day, presenting them with world-class cultural events, a state-of-the-art fitness center and hundreds of inspiring educational, recreational, social and community service programs. Generous community support enables the JCCSF to provide free and low-cost programs, career courses for those experiencing economic displacement and financial assistance – ensuring that the Center is accessible, welcoming and nurturing to all. **For additional information, visit <http://www.jccsf.org/programs/teen/gensf-high-school/>.**

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