

TEMPLE SHOLOM

TEMPLE SHOLOM OF CHICAGO 2009/2010 ADULT EDUCATION/LIFELONG LEARNING CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS AND SPEAKERS

Summer vacation is over and it's time to go back to school!!! Now is the chance to stretch your mind – Jewishly – with classes in our Adult Education/Lifelong Learning program. Our programming this year includes returning favorites like Introduction to Judaism, Hebrew Aleph and Yoga and new offerings such as The Merchant of Venice, Shakespeare and the Jews.

New this year, Temple Sholom – in partnership with the University of Illinois Program in Jewish Culture and Society – is able to offer a unique opportunity to study with two of Illinois' preeminent scholars in Jewish studies: Professor Gary Porton and Professor Michael Shapiro.

Look through the brochure and find a class or two that excites you. Join other adult students in our yearly journey into Jewish learning.

SIGN UP NOW!

**ADULT EDUCATION FALL SEMESTER CLASSES BEGIN
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4TH.
SPRING SEMESTER CLASSES BEGIN
THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10TH.**

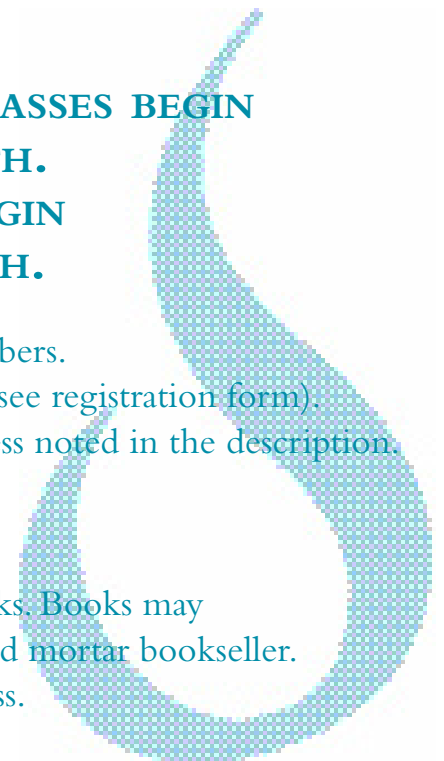
Classes are free for all Temple Sholom members.

A nominal fee is charged for each course for non-members (see registration form).

All classes will meet during both the fall and spring semesters unless noted in the description.

Textbooks

- Required textbooks are listed by class.
- Students are responsible for purchasing their own books. Books may be ordered from your favorite cyber-space or brick and mortar bookseller.
- Be sure to bring your books with you to your first class.



SUNDAY

FIRST PERIOD: 10 AM TO 10:45 AM

Introduction to Judaism

Instructors: Rabbi Taron Tachman, Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

Required Textbooks: *Living Judaism*, Wayne Dosick; *The Jewish Holidays*, Michael Strassfeld; *Settings of Silver*, Stephen Wylen;

Suggested Resources: *Tanakh: A New Translation of the Holy Scripture*, JPS Edition or *The Jewish Study Bible*, Oxford Press

Explore life cycle events, unique holidays, festivals and events of the Jewish calendar and Jewish life and discover the meaning, theology and Torah that underlie them all.

****Special High Holiday Session on September 13th****

Meeting Midrash: An Exploration of Major Jewish Ideas

Instructor: Gary Shapiro

Midrash – a rich literary tradition of biblical commentary and interpretation which started with 1st century rabbis that continues to the 21st century. Explore rabbinical views on Jewish ethics, theology and spirituality. Discuss central themes of the character of God, justice, forgiveness, the Messiah, the ‘chosenness’ of Israel and the meaning of suffering from 1st century through modern rabbinic perspectives.

Adult Choir

Instructors: Cantor Aviva Katzman & Aaron Johnson

First and Second Period

Share your love of singing. Connect with other music lovers. Raise your voice with other choir members and the congregation for special Shabbat Services and events during the year.

Abraham Lincoln & the Jews

Instructor: Roberta Schwartz

Fall Semester ONLY

Textbook: Handouts

In honor of the Lincoln bicentennial, take this opportunity to study documents from this era including correspondence from Jews to Lincoln on a variety of topics, and his replies. The question of a Jewish chaplaincy for Civil War soldiers and related issues will also be part of the syllabus.

Hellenistic Influence in Palestine

Instructor: Roberta Schwartz

Textbook: Handouts

Spring Semester ONLY

Using Jewish texts and contemporary scholarship, this course will focus on Hellenistic influence on Jewish life, and the response of rabbis, teachers and scribes to the “other culture.”



SECOND PERIOD: 10:50 AM TO 11:35 AM

Sneak Peek at the Weekly Torah Portion

Instructors: Rabbi Taron Tachman, Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

Textbook: Chumash provided

Join us for lively and interactive discussions on the Torah portion of the week. Sessions will be led by Rabbis Tachman and Conover in English—and requires only inquiring minds.

Ethics

Instructor: Rabbi Avi Finegold

Textbooks: *I and Thou*, Martin Buber; *The Sabbath*, Abraham Joshua Heschel; *The Lonely Man of Faith*, Joseph B. Soloveitchik; *Jewish Philosophy As A Guide to Life*, Hilary Putnam

(Limited copies of many of these books are available in Temple Shalom's library. You may also find copies of them at your local public library.)

This course will use various texts from the history of Jewish philosophy as a starting point for exploring the relationship between Jewish ideas and ethical living. We will be studying the works listed as well as selections from other Jewish philosophers and examining them for relevance to contemporary Jewish life.

Jewish Yoga

Instructor: Michele Dremmer

Spend time working on balance, flexibility and downward-facing-dog with a Jewish flair. Appropriate for all levels of yoga practice. Bring your own yoga mat, towel, and block.

Contemporary Jewish Literature

Instructor: Cliff Scott Rudnick

Discuss contemporary and 20th century literature from a Jewish perspective. Explore a sampling of short stories, essays, magazine articles, criticism, novellas and novels written by an international array of authors. Be prepared for lively, interactive sessions.

THIRD PERIOD: 11:40 AM TO 12:15 PM

The Talmud: Berachot

Instructor: Gary Porton, PhD

Meeting Dates: Oct 4, 18, 25, Nov 1

See if you agree with rabbis of the Talmud. Take this opportunity to start to understand the ins and outs of Talmud. Focus will be on Berachot using English translations of the Jerusalem and Babylonian Talmud along with other texts.

The Merchant of Venice Shakespeare, and the Jews

Instructor: Michael Shapiro, PhD

Meeting Dates: Nov 8, 15, 22 and Dec 6

What did Shakespeare really know about the Jews of Venice? Is the Merchant of Venice an anti-Semitic play? Did Shakespeare simply communicate contemporary British views and attitudes towards Jews? Had he experienced any relationships with the Jews of his time? And can the Merchant be rewritten to incorporate modern sensitivities and still be a valid piece of literature?



Ask the Prof's: Question and Answer Session

Instructors: Professor Gary Porton, Professor Michael Shapiro

Meeting Date: Dec 13

Find out everything you ever wanted to know about Jews throughout history but were too afraid to ask. Seize this great opportunity to ask two Jewish scholars anything and everything about the Jewish people, our history, and our texts.

Nazi Germany and the Jews, 1933-1945

Instructors: James Baird (featuring a mini-course with Rabbi Aaron M. Petuchowski – *see details below*)

Textbook: *Nazi Germany and the Jews, 1933-1945*, by Saul Friedlander

Spring Semester ONLY

The struggle to understand the Holocaust continues to plague Jews and non-Jews in facing the question of why. This is an opportunity to look at the Holocaust from a very personal level – from people who lived through it and survived – and from an academic look based on a Pulitzer Prize winning book. Guest speakers include a woman who, as a young teenager, was part of the Kinder Transport, a man who, at the age of three, escaped Nazi Germany with his mother, and a man who, as a 19 year old soldier, participated in the liberation of the Buchenwald concentration camp.

The Psychology of the Holocaust

Instructor: Rabbi Aaron M. Petuchowski

Meeting Dates: March 14, 21, 28 and April 18

The impact of the Holocaust on personal levels extends beyond the dwindling numbers of survivors. Take this opportunity to study the psychological literature of survivors and their children. In this four week mini session Rabbi Petuchowski will guide students through some of this literature and reflect on his own experiences as a child of German Jewish immigrants who escaped Nazi Germany in 1939.

Prayer, Culture and Music

Instructors: Cantor Aviva Katzman, Maxwell Street Klezmer Musicians, Guest Lecturers & Musicians

How does music impact the relationship with liturgy? What are the differences between Ashkenazic and Sephardic music? What do they say about the different cultures in which Jews live? How have they changed? Explore the mosaic of Jewish music from liturgical to rock...from spiritual to Jewish rap.

Hebrew Aleph

Instructor: Erez Solomon

Textbook: *Aleph Isn't Tough: An Introduction to Hebrew for Adults-Book 1*

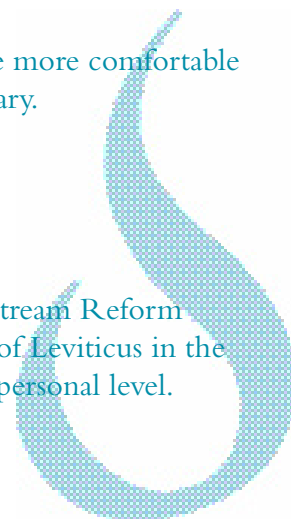
Learn the basics starting with the Hebrew alphabet, pronunciation and vocabulary. Become more comfortable with the prayer book and Service participation with new knowledge and Hebrew vocabulary.

In Search of Holiness

Instructor: Daniel Swartzman

Textbook: Handouts

Explore the experience of holiness. Study and discuss a variety of texts that focus on mainstream Reform Judaism's view of holiness. Test modern and ancient concepts based on the Holiness Code of Leviticus in the Tanakh. Examine the relationship between concept and religious practice of holiness on a personal level.



Israel Beyond the Headlines

The Politics of Israel Advocacy (October 12 through November 9)

- Why Does a Religion Need a Land?: An Interactive Text Study
Instructor: Rabbi Yehiel Poupko, Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago
- Local Resources for Israel Advocacy in Chicago and College Campuses
Instructors: Steve Dishler, Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago; Lindsay Folkerth, JCRC/Hillel Israel Initiative
- The View from AIPAC, America's Pro-Israel Lobby
Instructor: TBA
- The View from Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace
Instructor: Aliza Becker, Executive Director of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom
- The View from the Association of Reform Zionists of America
Instructor: Rabbi Alex Cicelsky, Founder of Kibbutz Lotan

Human Rights and Democracy in a Jewish State (January 4 through February 1)

Instructor: Amos Gil, First Executive Director of Ir Amim: For an Equitable and Stable Jerusalem with an Agreed Political Future

- Can Israel be both Jewish and Democratic?
- Human Rights in a Country with No Constitution
- Jerusalem in the Context of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- Where is Israel Going?

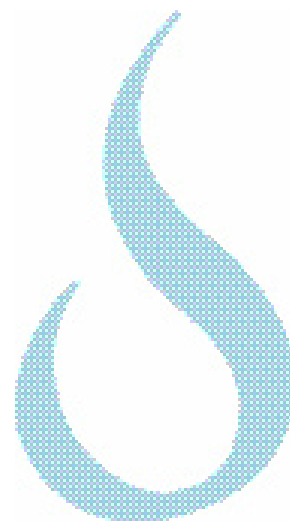
Israel, Jews and Christians (February 8 through March 1)

Instructor: Rabbi David Sandmel, PhD, Temple Sholom's Director of Life Long Learning

- Will the Real Israel Please Stand Up – Covenant and Land in early Jewish and Christian Sources
- Classical Christianity and Land – Carnal Vestige or Sacrament?
- Christians, Jews and Zionism Before 1967: Early Christian Zionism, the Holocaust, the Six-Day War
- Christians, Jews, and Zionism After 1967: Divestment, Christian Zionism

Jewish Pluralism in the Jewish State (April 19 through May 10)

- Orthodox Judaism in Israel
Instructor: Rabbi Yehiel Poupko
- Conservative Judaism in Israel
Instructor: TBA
- Reform Judaism in Israel
Instructor: TBA
- Dynamic Panel Discussion on Jewish Pluralism in Israel with Lakeview Clergy



MONDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES 7PM

Movies are selected that have a Jewish theme, author, director, actor or other Jewish connections. Most movies will be shown in their entirety, but the class will not be longer than 2 hours. The movie scheduled for the upcoming Monday evening will be posted inside the Temple by the Stratford entrance the week before or you may call Kevin Gladish at (773) 435-1536 or e-mail Cliff Scott-Rudnick at scottrud@att.net. to find out.

Movie line-up for this year:

Frisco Kid (USA) 1979

Judgment at Nuremberg (USA) 1961

Live and Become (France) 2008

The Singing Blacksmith (Yiddish) 1937

The Visitor (USA) 2008

Weapons of the Spirit (France USA) 1989

Yoo Hoo Mrs. Goldberg (2009)

FIRST TUESDAYS AT NOON

Monthly Downtown Study Group

Instructors: Members of the Temple Sholom Clergy

Location available upon registration.

WEDNESDAY—10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Wednesday Morning Study Group

Instructors: Rabbis Tachman and Conover and Guest Instructors

Enjoy an exciting year of learning with our two Associate Rabbis.

SATURDAY—9:00 AM TO 10:30 AM

Shabbat Morning Study Minyan

Join us for this unique combination of a brief and meaningful worship experience with Torah study. Engage in thoughtful prayer as well as lively discussion, study and interpretation. All levels of learners and seekers are welcome to share ideas as the group reviews the weekly portion and looks at traditional and modern commentaries that helps bring Torah to life.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009—1:00 PM

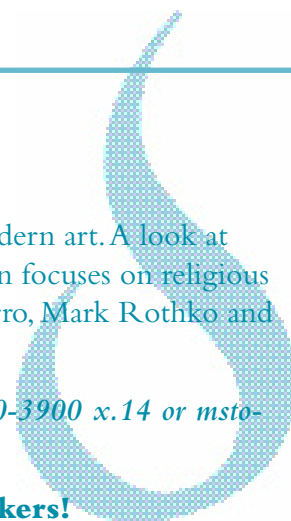
Tour of Jewish Artists in the Art Institute of Chicago

Instructor: Judith Joseph

Examine how Jews fit into world culture at large and the impact of Jewish heritage on modern art. A look at Jewish artists in the collection of the Art Institute offers a fascinating perspective. Discussion focuses on religious and social issues concerning Jewish artists, the impact of Jewish artists such as Camille Pissarro, Mark Rothko and Franz Kline among others, and their influence and fingerprint on modern art.

Advance registration is required online at www.cfje.org or contact DSI/CFJE office at 847-410-3900 x.14 or mstobias@cfje.org. This special event has a fee associated with participation.

Watch for more information about Special Events and Speakers!



BIOGRAPHIES—VISITING INSTRUCTORS

Aliza Becker is Interim Executive Director of Brit Tzedek v' Shalom, a Jewish alliance for justice and peace. She has been in advocacy, education and non-profit management for over 25 years and a founding member of Brit Tzedek.

Alex Cicelsky is a founding member of Kibbutz Lotan – one of two Reform kibbutzim in Israel. His dynamic speaking style and passion for Reform Judaism, Israel, and the environment make him one of the most sought after speakers by Jewish groups in Israel and the Diaspora.

Steve Dishler is currently Senior Program Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council – the umbrella body for 46 major Jewish organizations in the Chicago area and the community relations arm of the JUF of Chicago.

Rabbi Avi Finegold received his ordination from Rabbi Yeshua Tzvi Shmidman at Yeshiva Noam HaTorah in Montreal, and is a graduate student at the University of Chicago Divinity School. He has taught high school Talmud and Philosophy, and was a Teaching Fellow at the Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Institute in Boston. Rabbi Avi currently works as an educator at various Hillels in Chicago, and is the co-chair of Limmud Chicago.

Lindsay Folkerth works for the Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago as the Director of the Hillel Israel Initiative.

Amos Gil is a lifelong advocate for human rights in Israel. He served as Executive Director of Ir Amim from 2004 to 2008 – an Israeli non-partisan organization focused on Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian Relations. Gil has also served as Executive Director of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel from 1993 to 1999.

Judith Joseph is a Chicago area artist and educator who exhibits her work widely. She has created hundreds of commissioned works for individuals and public institutions. Her specialty is the Ketubah.

Gary Porton, PhD is professor emeritus of religious studies, history and Comparative Literature at the University of Illinois. He is co-founder for the University of Illinois Program in Jewish Culture and Society. He specializes in the history of religions with a focus on Judaism and is the author of many books and publications.

Rabbi Yehiel Poupko is a Judaic Scholar at the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. He has focused on the relationship between Christians and Jews with an emphasis on Evangelicals.

Gary Shapiro is Director of Jewish Learning at the Community Foundation for Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago. Gary comes to Temple Sholom with 11 years experience at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem and curriculum development for the Melton program. He holds an M.A. in Divinity from the University of Chicago where he is currently working toward a PhD.

Michael Shapiro, PhD is professor emeritus from the University of Illinois. He is an innovative leader who started the Program in Jewish Culture and Society in 1981 with Gary Porton. He specializes in Shakespeare and modern Jewish literature.



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ADULT EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM

FAMILY MEMBER #1

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Classes: _____

FAMILY MEMBER #2

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Classes: _____

Remember...all adult education classes are free for Temple Sholom members.
Non-member fee: \$50 per course.

**** IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING SUNDAY MORNING CLASS SCHEDULE ****

Adult Education classes will not meet on the following dates:
October 11, November 29, December 20, December 27, January 3, February 28, April 4, and April 11.
The last day of class is May 9.

SIGN UP NOW!

Lots of ways to register for classes:

- Call Kevin Gladish at 773-435-1536 or
- email him at kevin@sholomchicago.org or
- Fax this form to Kevin at 773-525-4710 or
- Mail it to Kevin Gladish at Temple Sholom,
3480 Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60657 or
- Drop it in Kevin's mailbox at Temple Sholom

