

Adult Education

2018-2019 CURRICULUM

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*Illuminating the Future
Since 1867*

These and these are the words
of the living God

Eilu v'eilu divrei Elohim chayim hen

אלו ואלו דברי אלהים חיים הן



ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
אשר קדשנו במצותיו וציונו
לעסוק בדברי תורה

PRAISED ARE YOU, OUR ETERNAL GOD, SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO MAKES US HOLY WITH YOUR COMMANDMENTS AND WHO COMMANDS US TO ENGAGE IN MATTERS OF TORAH.

At Temple Sholom, we understand *Torah* in its broadest sense to encompass all Jewish learning. Please join us in the adventure and *mitzvah* of the study of Jewish texts, Hebrew, history, theology and the arts.

Usage

This course and event catalogue provides an overview of offerings for the 2018–2019 academic year. The following course listings are organized by date and by subject matter, followed by detailed course descriptions.

Cost

Courses and events are free to members, and \$50 per course for non-members, except as noted.

Textbooks

Required textbooks are listed by course. Students are responsible for purchasing their own books. Bring your textbook on the first day of class.

Registration

Please register on our website at sholomchicago.org/adult-education or contact us at **773-435-1554** or rebecca@sholomchicago.org.

Please note that some courses require additional online registration. These links are available at sholomchicago.org/adult-education.

To register, visit sholomchicago.org/adult-education.

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Sundays

TIME	LOCATION	KICK-OFF SEPT. 30	FALL OCT. 14, 21, 28, NOV. 4, 11	YOM EILU V'EILU NOV. 18	WINTER A DEC. 2, 9, 16	WINTER B JAN. 20, 27, FEB. 3, 10	WINTER C FEB. 24, MAR. 3, 10	SPRING A MAR. 24, 31, APR. 7	SPRING B APR. 28, MAY 5, 12	SIYYUM MAY 19
1 ST PERIOD 9:30– 10:30 AM	Moadon	These and These are the Words of the Living God: How to Thrive in an Age of Conflict with Rabbi Goldberg	Genesis 3: The Rise & Fall of Adam & Eve	Ezra, Nehemiah and the Return from Exile	Judaism, #metoo, and the Ethical Imperative	Prayer & Worship 101	Judaism's Great Debates	Ethical Leadership According to Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav	Turning Points in Jewish History	
	Room 415		Introduction to Biblical Hebrew		Introduction to Biblical Hebrew					
	Mezz.									
	Gallery		The Biblical Tale of Joseph – Genesis Chapters 37-50							
2 ND PERIOD 10:45– 11:45 AM	Moadon	Three Books, One Sholom: Looking at Identity and Identity Politics Through Three Different Lenses with Rabbi Conover	Guest Scholar Series	Why Judaism Matters	Miracles of the Ordinary	Tikkun Middot		Jewish Mindfulness Meditation	Jewish Mindfulness Meditation	
	Room 415		The Jewish American Songbook		Hebrew Prayer and Text Reading					
	Mezz.		Short Stories		Short Stories					
	Gallery		Conversational Hebrew							
	BPH		Bremontown Klezmer Musicians - Maxwell Street Klezmer Band (monthly)							

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Mondays

TIME	LOCATION	FALL OCT.	WINTER NOV. – APR.	WINTER JAN. – MAY	SPRING APR.
6:45–8:45 PM	Beit Midrash	Clergy / Education team: Taste of Judaism	Clergy / Education team: Introduction to Judaism		Clergy / Education team: Taste of Judaism
	Clonick Youth Lounge (CYL)		Clergy / Education team: Taste of Judaism	Clergy / Education team: Introduction to Judaism	
TIME	LOCATION	OCT. – MAY			
7:00 PM	Bettie Port Hall	Cliff Scott-Rudnick: Monthly Film Series			

Tuesdays

TIME	LOCATION	OCT. – DEC.	DEC. – MAR.	MAR. – MAY
8:30–9:30 AM	Beit Midrash	Rabbi Gellman	Rabbi Goldberg	Rabbi Conover
TIME	LOCATION	NOV. – MAY		
2:00 PM	Bettie Port Hall	Barbara & Maxine Durst: Montly Film Series		

Wednesdays

TIME	LOCATION						
10:30–11:30 AM	Clonick Youth Lounge (CYL)	Rabbi Goldberg: Bible Meets the New York Times	Rabbi Conover: Israel in the Headlines	Rabbi Gellman: Origins of Reform Judaism	Cantor Ben-David: Prayer & Worship 101	Jay Rapoport: Eilu v'eilu (This and That)	Karen Titus: Summer Book Discussion

Fridays

TIME	LOCATION	OCT. – MAY
12:00–1:00 PM	Hyatt Center 71 S. Wacker, Floor 19	Rabbi Goldberg: Monthly Downtown Talmud Study

Shabbat Morning

TIME	LOCATION	
9:00–10:30 AM	Beit Midrash	Clergy team: Weekly Shabbat Morning Minyan & Torah Study (year-round)

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Sunday Jewish Studies

Adult Education Kick-off Session

These and These are the Words of the Living God: How to Thrive in an Age of Conflict

Rabbi Edwin Goldberg

SUNDAY | SEPT. 30 | 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Three Books, One Sholom: Looking at Identity and Identity Politics Through Three Different Lenses

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

SUNDAY | SEPT. 30 | 10:45 – 11:45 AM

Sunday Class Series



Genesis 3: The Rise & Fall of Adam & Eve

Rabbi Edwin Goldberg

**OCT. 14, 21, NOV. 4
9:30 – 10:30 AM**

Jews and Christians read this story in wildly different ways. We will examine

both Jewish and Christian classic sources of interpretation and make our own decisions.

Judaism's Great Debates

Rabbi Edwin Goldberg

FEB. 24, MAR. 3, 10 | 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Over the centuries Jews have argued over great ideas such as who has authority to speak on behalf of God and what is the role of religion in our lives. We will learn, discuss and decide.

Turning Points in Jewish History

Rabbi Edwin Goldberg

APR. 28, MAY 5, 12 | 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Many moments in history have defined us as Jews and human beings. Maybe we are at such a moment now. Come learn from our past and try to understand our present, while considering our future!



Judaism, #metoo, and the Ethical Imperative

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

DEC. 2, 9, 16 | 9:30 – 10:30 AM

As we struggle with the issues of power, oppression and safety in our day, we sometimes find incredible wisdom in the most

unlikely places. Join us for an exploration of an ancient midrash whose relevance on women's issues makes it seem as though it was written yesterday. All are welcome—no experience in Hebrew text study required.

Ethical Leadership According to Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

MAR. 24, 31, APR. 7 | 9:30 – 10:30 AM

How do we cultivate leadership in ourselves and others? What do we expect of our leaders? Does it matter what they do in private as long as they are effective in public? One of the 18th Century's great Hassidic rebbes, Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav provides incredible insights that will bring dynamism into conversations about contemporary leadership inside and out of the classroom.



Prayer & Worship 101

Cantor Sheera Ben-David

**JAN. 20, 27, FEB. 3, 10
9:30 – 10:30 AM**

Deepen your understanding of the main Jewish prayers and Sacred Music within our Shabbat services and Jewish Liturgy. Cantor

Ben-David will spend time delving into worship, prayer comprehension and the choreography that guides us when we pray.

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Tikkun Middot

Cantor Emerita Aviva Katzman

**JAN. 20, 27, FEB. 3, 10
10:45 – 11:45 AM**

Tikkun Middot, often referred to as *Mussar*, is an ancient form of Jewish spirituality dating to the 11th century which focuses on

the development of character traits to attain personal and communal holiness. In this course we will discuss how this practice explores the connections between our Judaism and everyday values and allows us to focus on taking stock and self-improvement.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation

Cantor Emerita Aviva Katzman

**MAR. 24, 31, APR. 7 AND APR. 28, MAY 5, 12
10:45 – 11:45 AM**

Medical research has confirmed the physical benefits of meditation. In Jewish Meditation, Aryeh Kaplan describes meditation as “thinking in a controlled manner. It is deciding exactly how one wishes to direct the mind for a period of time, and then doing it.” Mindfulness is a practice that helps us to look beyond our particular lives to see the reality of all life – and respond more fully to it. We will explore differing modes of meditation including concentration on the breath, on a blessing, focusing on a Hebrew word or letter, and walking meditation, all framed within the context of Jewish ritual, practice and texts.



The Biblical Tale of Joseph – Genesis Chapters 37–50

Roberta Schwartz

**OCT. 14, 21, 28, NOV. 4, 11
9:30 – 10:30 AM**

We will read and discuss the above using *Genesis Translation and Commentary* by

Robert Alter (Norton, 1996). Feel free to bring your own copies of any edition of the biblical text. We will have handouts of the Alter translation.



Short Stories: More Wandering Stars

Cliff Scott-Rudnick

OCT. – MAY | 10:45 – 11:45 AM

We will sample short stories from *Wandering Stars, An Anthology of Jewish Fantasy & Science Fiction*, 1974, Edited By Jack Dunn.



The Jewish American Songbook

Mitchell Brown

**OCT. 14, 21, 28, NOV. 4, 11
10:45 – 11:45 AM**

One of the bedrocks of American culture is its popular song. What has come to be known as “The Great American Songbook” is a body of songs which were written roughly between 1915 and 1960. They were written for vaudeville, musical theater, film and radio. The composers and lyricists for this most American of artforms were predominantly Jewish. In this class we will examine the history and development of the Songbook, as well as try to ascertain just how Jewish it actually is.

Israeli Elections 2019

with Mike Hollander

JAN. 13, 10-11 AM

With elections imminent this year, what are the issues, who are the personalities, and how does the system work?



Nearing Home: Navigating Life’s Transitions

hosted by Dan Schubring

**FEB. 3, 10, 24, MAR. 3, 24 |
10:45 – 11:45 AM**

It’s not always easy to plan ahead, but as a congregation we want to offer support to seniors who are going through transitions and thinking about the next step. Sessions will feature professionals and congregants addressing estate planning (wills and trusts), senior health, when it’s time to move, funeral planning, and other life issues. Participants are encouraged to suggest topics and congregants are invited to contribute in their area of expertise.



What is Jewish Art?

with Lindy Rubin

FEB. 24 & MAR. 3 | 10:45 – 11:45 AM

An overview of Jewish art history and what makes art “Jewish,” followed by a guided tour and discussion of Temple Sholom’s stained glass and other artwork.

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Guest Scholar Series



The Holocaust On Film: An Overview

Andrea Gronvall

SUNDAY | OCT. 14
10:45 – 11:45 AM

In anticipation of Temple Sholom's trip this fall to Poland and Germany to commemorate the 80th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*, this class offers a concise overview of cinematic representations of the *Shoah*. From Carol Reed's *Night Train to Munich* (1940) to Chris Weitz's *Operation Finale* (2018), we will survey the diverse ways in which American and European directors of both fictional features and documentaries have approached the challenges of filming the Holocaust. We will also touch upon the controversies that some of those efforts have generated, part of a cultural debate that is still ongoing.



Americans and the Holocaust

Daniel Greene

SUNDAY | OCT. 21
10:45 – 11:45 AM

Northwestern University history professor Daniel Greene recently curated an exhibition on American's response to the Holocaust for the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The exhibition examines what Americans knew about the persecution and murder of European Jews as it occurred, and it prompts visitors to think about Americans' responsibilities to refugees and persecuted peoples abroad. Greene will discuss the exhibition and lead a discussion about the issues the exhibition seeks to raise.



Becoming A Cosmopolitan: What It Means to Be a Human Being in the New Millennium

Jason D. Hill

SUNDAY | OCT. 28
10:45 – 11:45 AM

DePaul University philosophy professor Dr. Hill will explain how it is possible to re-socialize the self from its tribal origins in race, ethnicity, and nationality to one that is thoroughly oriented towards the universe at large. The cosmopolitan self is a self that finds affiliation and commonality with humanity and fulfills its ethical obligations to repair a broken world. Taking him or herself to be a citizen of the word and a lover of humanity, the cosmopolitan man or woman engages in a lifelong process of moral becoming with his or her fellow human-being.

Veteran's Day Program: Jewish Identity & Military Service

SUNDAY | NOV. 11
10:45 – 11:45 AM



Ezra, Nehemiah and the Return from Exile

Rabbi Steven Bob

SUNDAY | NOV. 18
9:30 – 10:30 AM

The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah tell the story of the return from the first exile in ancient Babylonia. They contain the foundational ideas for our modern sense of Jewish identity. Living after the modern return from the second exile we will explore the meaning of Jewish existence in light of these texts from the early Second Temple period. As Jews we tend to focus on the sacred texts we read during services: *Torah*, *Haftarah*, *Megillot* and Psalms. In this session we will explore the important contemporary lessons found in these less familiar sacred texts.



Why Judaism Matters: Letters of a Liberal Rabbi to his Children and the Millennial Generation

John Rosove

SUNDAY | NOV. 18
10:45 – 11:45 AM

Presented in the form of letters from a rabbi to his sons, Rabbi Rosove's book "*Why Judaism Matters*" is common sense guidance and a road map for a new generation of young men and women who find Jewish orthodoxy, tradition, issues, and beliefs impenetrable in 21st Century society. By intimately illustrating how the tenets of Judaism still apply in our modern world, Rabbi John Rosove gives heartfelt direction to the sons and daughters of reform Jews everywhere.

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“One Couple Two Faiths: Stories of Love and Religion” A Program Addressing Interfaith Couples and their Families

Dr. Marion Usher

MONDAY | NOV. 19 | 6:45 PM

Dr. Marion Usher joins us to discuss her new book *One Couple Two Faiths: Stories of Love and Religion*, a guide to interfaith relationships. Dr. Usher, creator of “Love and Religion: An Interfaith Workshop for Jews and their Partners,” has worked with over 700 interfaith couples in the past 25 years. She will share her observations of the changes occurring in our Jewish community and the work that still needs to be accomplished to be considered an inclusive community. Co-sponsored by Interfaith Family Chicago.



Miracles of the Ordinary

Rabbi Michael Zedek

**SUNDAYS | DEC. 2 & 9
10:45 – 11:45 AM**

You may have noticed a rather peculiar phenomenon in the Hebrew Bible; namely every time a so-called miracle occurs, none of the characters seem to draw the “correct”

lesson – which must be the lesson. We will take a look at what that circumstance suggests for biblical times and, even more importantly, for our own moment.



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Mike Hollander

**SUNDAY | JAN. 13
10:00 – 11:00 AM**

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Rooted Cosmopolitans: Jews and Human Rights in the Twentieth Century

James Loeffler

**SUNDAY | JAN. 27
10:45 – 11:45 AM**

The year 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of two momentous events in twentieth century history: the birth of the State of Israel and the creation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Both remain tied together in the ongoing debates about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, global antisemitism, and American foreign policy. Yet the surprising connections between Zionism and the origins of international human rights are completely unknown today. In his riveting book, James Loeffler explores this controversial history through the stories of five remarkable Jewish founders of international human rights, following them from the prewar shtetls of eastern Europe to the postwar United Nations, a journey that includes the Nuremberg and Eichmann trials, the founding of Amnesty International, and the UN resolution of 1975 labeling Zionism as racism. The result is a book that challenges long-held assumptions about the history of human rights and offers a startlingly new perspective on the roots of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



History of Jewish Chicago: Jews and the Irish

Jim Barrett

**SUNDAY | MAR. 10
10:45 – 11:45 AM**

Historically, Irish Catholics and Jews have had their conflicts – on the streets of Chicago and other cities. But beginning with vaudeville and Tin Pan Alley song and dance teams and climaxing in a series of spectacularly successful plays in the 1920s, the Jewish/Irish pairing was extremely popular. Why? What did two groups who might seem so different from one another have in common and what did this tell us about living together in a diverse city like Chicago?”



City Congregations JUF Event: “Antisemitism: Here and Now”

Dr. Deborah Lipstadt

**TUESDAY | MAR. 12
7:00 PM**

Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt, professor of Holocaust Studies at Emory University and the author of six books, will share her insights on today’s virulent antisemitism of the political right and left, and what can be done about it. Her newest book, *Antisemitism: Here And Now* will be published in early 2019.

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Sunday Hebrew

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Mitchell Brown

SUNDAYS | OCT. – MAY | 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Learn to read Hebrew and the basics of the Hebrew language. The class will focus on the rudiments of grammar, supplementing our studies with texts from *Torah* and the *Siddur*. The class is recommended for the absolute beginner as well as those who have some knowledge of Hebrew grammar.

Class Textbook: *The First Hebrew Primer* (Simon, Resnikoff and Motzkin, eds.). We also suggested getting the accompanying answer book. Please try to familiarize yourself with the *Alef-Bet* (pages 3 – 12) before the first class.

Hebrew Prayer and Text Reading

Mitchell Brown

SUNDAYS | DEC. – MAY | 10:45 – 11:45 AM

This class is intended for those who can read and have some basic understanding of Hebrew grammar. We will build on this knowledge by reading and translating prayers and sections of Torah. In previous years we have studied the prayers of Friday night service as well as various sections of the Torah, including the Ten Commandments. In-depth knowledge is not required, as we will use the texts to become more familiar with Biblical and Prayer Book Hebrew.



Conversational Hebrew

Cantor Miriam Eskenasy

**OCT. 14, 21, 28, NOV. 4, 11
10:45 – 11:45 AM**

Learn the basics of conversational Hebrew in five easy sessions on Sunday mornings! Many languages that were spoken thousands of years ago are extinct today. But not the

Hebrew language! It has been taken off the shelf where it lay dormant, and has been infused with new life, becoming the unifying symbol of our new nation of Israel with our rich history. Come and explore this miracle and whet your appetite for more! Basic Hebrew reading skills needed.

Meet the Team!

Selichot: Learning with your Temple Team: Exploring Jewish Views of Labor and Justice in the Torah, and Beyond

Rabbi Goldberg, Rabbi Conover, Rabbi Gellman, Cantor Ben-David and Jay Rapoport, MARE

SATURDAY | SEPT. 1 | 8:00 PM

Learn with Your Temple Team and Prepare for the High Holy Days!

Walking with the Rabbi

Rabbi Edwin Goldberg

SEPT. 30 & OCT. 21 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The English poet Wordsworth wrote of learning spiritual lessons from a “vernal (springtime) wood.” We in Chicago can learn from nature and we don’t have to go far from the Temple. Join Rabbi Goldberg for a spiritual walk and the chance to clear our heads and feed our spirits.

Three Books, One Sholom: Book Discussions

Rabbi Conover

- ***Becoming A Cosmopolitan: What It Means to Be a Human Being in the New Millennium* by Jason D. Hill**
SUNDAY | SEPT. 30 | 10:45 – 11:45 AM
- ***Why Judaism Matters: Letters of a Liberal Rabbi to his Children and the Millennial Generation* by John Rosove**
SUNDAY | NOV. 11 | 9:30 – 10:30 AM
- ***Rooted Cosmopolitans: Jews and Human Rights in the Twentieth Century* by James Loeffler**
SUNDAY | JAN. 20 | 10:45 – 11:45 AM



From Left-to-right:
Assistant Rabbi Scott Gellman, Associate Rabbi Shoshanah Conover,
Cantor Sheera Ben-David, Senior Rabbi Edwin Goldberg

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Regular Study Groups

Monthly Film Night

Cliff Scott-Rudnick

FIRST MONDAYS | OCT. – JUNE | 7:00 PM

Join us for the screening and discussion of movies with a Jewish theme.

Daf Shevui: A Weekly Study of a Page of Talmud

Rabbi Goldberg, Rabbi Conover and Rabbi Gellman

Laws & Legends of Appreciating & Repairing Our Relationship with God

TUESDAYS | OCT. – MAY | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

OCT. 2 – DEC. 4 | Rabbi Gellman

DEC. 11 – MAR. 12 | Rabbi Goldberg

MAR. 19 – MAY 28 | Rabbi Conover

Join our Rabbis to study a page of *Talmud* each week in *Tractate Ta'anit* from the Babylonian *Talmud*. Over this year-long course, we will explore the stories and meaning within the pages and sharpen our *Talmud* skills that will culminate in a *Siyyum* (a celebration of conclusion) as we will finish the tractate in one year.

Monthly Classic Films

Barbara & Maxine Durst

**FOURTH TUESDAYS | NOV. – MAY
2:00 PM**

Join us for the screening and discussion of classic movies with a Jewish theme.

Weekly Wednesday Morning Study Group

Rabbi Goldberg, Rabbi Conover, Rabbi Gellman, Cantor Ben-David, Jay Rapoport, MARE & Karen Titus

WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Topics:

- **Bible Meets the New York Times**
Rabbi Goldberg
- **Israel in the Headlines**
Rabbi Conover
- **Origins of Reform Judaism**
Rabbi Gellman
- **Prayer & Worship 101**
Cantor Ben-David
- **Eilu v'eilu... (This and That...)**
Jay Rapoport



- **Summer Book Discussion**
Karen Titus

Monthly Downtown Talmud Study Topic: Civil Law – Worker & Employee Rights

Rabbi Goldberg

SECOND FRIDAYS | OCT. – MAY | 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Meets the second Friday of each month, Oct. – May, at the offices of TradeLink LLC in Hyatt Center, 71 South Wacker, 19th Floor.

Make *Talmud* study a fixed habit.

RSVP needed in advance to be on security list.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Rabbi Goldberg, Rabbi Conover and Rabbi Gellman

SATURDAYS | 9:45 – 10:30 AM

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Introduction to Judaism Classes

A Taste of Judaism

Rabbi Goldberg, Rabbi Conover, Rabbi Gellman, Cantor Ben-David and Jay Rapoport, MARE

MONDAYS | 6:45 – 8:45 PM
OCT. 8, 15, 22
or DEC. 3, 10, 17
or APR. 15, 22, 29

A free, 3-session class for beginners – Jewish or not – that explores the topics of Jewish spirituality, ethics and community values that will be offered three times this year, in fall, winter and spring. This class is designed for those who would like to explore or re-explore the foundations of our tradition and are looking for an entry into Jewish life. Note: this course is offered in conjunction with the Union for Reform Judaism.

Register online at reformjudaism.org/learning/judaism-classes

Introduction to Judaism

Rabbi Goldberg, Rabbi Conover, Rabbi Gellman, Rabbi Reni Dickman, Cantor Ben-David, Cantor Miriam Eskenasy and Jay Rapoport, MARE

MONDAYS | 6:45 – 8:45 PM
NOV. 5 – APR. 8
or JAN. 7 – MAY 20

Introduction to Judaism is an 18-week overview of Judaism, which we will offer twice this year, providing a more extensive opportunity to learn about Jewish history, traditions, holidays and life cycle ceremonies. Participants will gain comfort and familiarity with the symbols, liturgy, music, traditions and Hebrew blessings that accompany Jewish celebrations in the home and synagogue. Introduction to Judaism is designed for individuals and couples wishing to explore Judaism, as well as for those considering becoming Jewish. Partners in interfaith relationships are encouraged to enroll together. Note: this course is offered in conjunction with the Union for Reform Judaism. Tuition is \$310 for individuals and couples, and includes books. Scholarship funds are available for those for whom the tuition is a hardship – please contact Jay Rapoport.

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Scholar-in-Residence



Proving the Existence of Biblical Characters

Lawrence J. Mykytiuk, PhD

MAR. 29 – 31

“Thanks to a unique research system, 53 individuals in the Hebrew Bible have been proven as genuine historical characters

through material evidence of their existence. The system’s creator, Lawrence Mykytiuk, an associate professor of library science at Purdue University, calls it “a way to develop historicity.”

It sounds like an unlikely project: a professor in the Midwest verifying ancient names from the Mideast. Yet Mykytiuk’s training as a librarian and interest in the Bible help him do what he says on-the-scene archaeologists are too busy to – pore through journals and books, scrutinize inscriptions discovered on digs and attempt to match names in the historical record with names in the Bible” – The Times of Israel, August 2017.

timesofisrael.com/researcher-gives-seal-of-approval-to-53-biblical-characters-existence

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The Rabbi Frederick C. Schwartz Library

Visit Our Online Library Catalog!



Daniel Stuhlman,
Temple Sholom Librarian

The Rabbi Frederick C. Schwartz Library on the fourth floor of Temple Sholom is a resource for both the congregation and the wider community. The Library houses a collection of about 6,000 book titles for adults and 2,000 titles for children, and is open during Religious School and Temple weekday business hours.

The Temple Library online catalog is available on sholomchicago.org on the library tab under “learn.” There are links to other Judaica reference sources, Jewish RSS news feed, and online resources for early childhood. The direct link is: tsc.hl.scoolaid.net/bin/home.

Contact our librarian, Daniel D. Stuhlman, at librarian@sholomchicago.org or visit him on Wednesday mornings in the library!

Adult B’nai Mitzvah

Interested in Becoming an Adult *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*?



For those who did not have the chance to celebrate becoming *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* at 13, we offer the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary to read from the *Torah* and to write a *d’var Torah* and reflect on the *Torah* portion as an adult. Our program is tailored to the needs of the individual, but consists of the following components:

- **An Introduction to Judaism or Other Adult Education Course**
- **Hebrew Training**
- **One-On-One Study with a Clergy Member**
- **Periodic Seminars with Other Adult “*Bar/Bat Mitzvah*”**

Technically a Jew becomes *Bar / Bat Mitzvah* simply by turning 13 (traditionally, 12 for girls). Nevertheless, the thrill of being called to the *Torah* for the first time as a *Bar / Bat Mitzvah* is a right that anyone can earn any time with guided preparation and a commitment to study.

The clergy of Temple Sholom would love to help make this happen for you! We plan to begin a new cohort after the High Holy Days, pending sufficient interest. Please contact rebecca@sholomchicago.org to add your name to the interest list.

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