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.

Guided by, and grounded in, our sacred Jewish texts and traditions, we are committed to teaching and learning that embraces, inspires, and matters to our congregation and community at every age and level. At Temple Sholom, we:

• instill Jewish values
• further the development of a strong and positive Jewish identity, and
• cultivate an appreciation for Jewish history, culture and language

resulting in deep resilience, empathy for others, and a meaningful spiritual context for our modern lives not only as Jews, but as humans. Through our engaging and inclusive approach, our education program aims to create and deepen the connection of members to their lifecycle events, the synagogue, each other, and to the broader Jewish community.

Usage

This course and event catalogue provides an overview of offerings for the 2019 – 2020 academic year. The following course listings are organized by date and by subject matter, followed by detailed course descriptions.

Textbooks

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

Cost

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

Registration

Please register on our website at sholomchicago.org/adult-education or contact lori@sholomchicago.org or 773-435-1531.

Please note that some courses require additional online registration.

These links are available at sholomchicago.org/adult-education.
# Adult Education Schedule

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Sunday Class Series

**Focus on the Holidays**
Rabbi Don and Fran Rossoff

*SUNDAYS*
- **DEC. 15 | 9:30 AM | Chanukah**
- **MAR. 1 | 9:30 AM | Purim**
- **MAR. 29 | 10:45 AM | Passover**
- **MAY 17 | 9:30 AM | Shavuot**

**Sacred Symphonies: Music As Midrash**
Rabbi Don Rossoff

*SUNDAYS | JAN. 26, FEB. 2, 9 | 9:30 AM*

The Bible has inspired creative midrash (interpretation) not just by ancient rabbis but by musicians, artists and poets throughout the ages, including modern Jewish classical composers. In this three-part class, we will listen to and analyze three Biblically based modern compositions: Bloch’s Shelomo Rhapsody, Bernstein’s Jeremiah Symphony and his Chichester Psalms.

*No musical background necessary.*

**Writing as a Spiritual Practice**
Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

*SUNDAY | OCT. 20 | 11 AM*

We will explore how poetry writing can be an outlet for our creativity and spiritual connection gathering inspiration from Psalms.

**Reproductive Rights and Jewish Values Brunch**
Hosted by Women of Temple Sholom
Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

*SUNDAY | FEB. 9 | 10:45 AM*

“Two Books, One Sholom.” Book Discussions
Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

- **An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago** by Alex Kotlowitz
  *SUNDAY | NOV. 3 | 9:30 AM*
  Alex Kotlowitz visits Temple Sholom Friday, January 17!

- **Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor, 2nd Edition** by Yossi Klein Halevi
  *SUNDAY | MAR. 1 | 11 AM*

**I’m Cold, Put On A Sweater - What Americans Get Wrong About Israel**
Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

*SUNDAYS | APR. 26, MAY 3, 10 | 9:30 AM*

Eavesdrop on a fascinating and enlightening conversation from July 17, 2019, with two Israeli thought leaders from the Shalom Hartman Institute. As we listen, we will reflect on what we want to get right when it comes to Israel.

**Prayer & Worship 101**
Cantor Sheera Ben-David

*SUNDAYS
- NOV. 3, 10, 17 | 11:00 AM*
- **MAY 3, 10, 17 | 9:30 AM**

*TUESDAYS
- MAR. 3, 10, 17 | 4:30 PM*

**WEDNESDAYS
- NOV. 6, 20, DEC. 4, MAR. 4, 11, 18 | 6:30 PM**

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.

To register, visit sholomchicago.org/adult-education.
A Tale of Love and Darkness
Roberta Schwartz
SUNDAY | OCT. 20, 27, NOV. 3, 10, 17, 24
10:45 AM
A recent New York Times selection of the 50 best memoirs written within the last half century included Amos Oz’s reflection on his early life, A Tale of Love and Darkness. The text is easily available in used & unused copies & at your local library. Please read the first 50 pages in advance of the opening session.

Reform Responsa
Cliff Scott-Rudnick
SUNDAYS | DEC. – MAY | 10:45 AM
Is it kosher to eat dinosaur meat? Is it kosher to eat fish in the shape of a shrimp? Jewish status and the Ten Lost Tribes. We will review Reform Responsa by discussing contemporary Jewish issues in an open forum and then review the findings of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR).

Guest Scholar Series

My Iran: Memories, Mysteries, & Myths
Isaac Yomtovian
SUNDAY | OCT. 20 | 9:30 AM
Covering his life in Iran, Israel, and the U.S., Yomtovian has much to tell about being one of the few Jews living among a Muslim majority. His book describes the power of Muslim religious authorities on the majority population, the author’s life in the U.S., and illustrates the combination of his Americanization with the retention of certain Iranian traits.

Be a Blessing:
Raise Your Jewish Consciousness and Encounter the Infinite
Tzivia Garfinkel
SUNDAYS | OCT. 27, NOV. 3, 10 | 9:30 AM
We will examine the essential meaning of the idea of “bracha” or blessing when it is first introduced in the Torah. We will then examine the structure and design of the basic bracha formula, and how it is part of formal and informal prayer.

The Book of Jeremiah:
a novel in stories
Julie Zuckerman
MONDAY | OCT. 28 | 7:00 PM
We will discuss the inspiration and research behind The Book of Jeremiah, touching on themes of family, forgiveness and hope, as well as questions of her characters’ Jewish and American identities. She will read from her work and share thoughts about the writing life.

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The Moment Judaism Began
Rabbi Steven Bob
SUNDAY | NOV. 10 | 9:30 AM
Books of Ezra and Nehemiah describe a dynamic period in the narrative of our people. We will look closely at key verses from Ezra and Nehemiah which reveal the emergence of new rituals and the birth of Judaism.

“The Schmear” Podcast: Exploring Your Jewish Identity Through Jewish Food
Beth Schenker
SUNDAY | DEC. 8 | 9:30 AM
Join Beth Schenker for an exploration of all the richness and history that make the subject of Jewish food so enticing. Beth, the host and Executive Producer of The Big Schmear, will share excerpts and stories from her podcast episodes, providing interesting anecdotes with a behind the scenes look how her podcast came to life.

What Are We Doing When We Say “Amen”? 
Sanford C. Goldberg
SUNDAY | DEC. 8 | 10:45 AM
Using tools from the philosophy of language to explore the significance of saying “Amen.” Let’s seek to understand not only why this word is apt in religious contexts (i.e., after prayers) but why there has developed a secular usage as well. This approach will be contrasted with leading theories from the rabbincic tradition.

Life Stories & Legacy: Our Jewish Journeys
A Three-Part Series on Faith & Writing
Ellen Blum Barish
SUNDAYS | JAN. 26, FEB. 2, 9 | 10:45 AM
Part I: The Legacy Letters
In this workshop, we will read excerpts from older texts to get a feel for how values and ethics have been articulated over the years. We will identify some of our own values and get some thoughts onto the page. You will leave the workshop with prompts to help you explore them on your own.

Part II: Faith Formation
Our children have their own idea about God, Torah, the soul and the people in their lives. We will look at examples of children’s writing and talk about ways we can support and guide children on their Jewish spiritual journeys.

Part III: Before I Go
An ethical will helps us pass along stories and wisdom that create a spiritual legacy. They address questions that may not come up during daily conversation such as, What makes a good life? What are sources of hope in your life? Or how do you see God? We’ll talk about the potency of unearthing significant spiritual memories and shaping them into words for generations to come.

Jewish History of Chicago:
Jews, Housing and the Contract Buyers League
Rabbi Aryeh Bernstein
SUNDAY | FEB. 23 | 9:30 AM
Learn from Rabbi Aryeh Bernstein, Director of the Justice Fellowship in Chicago & Educational Consultant for the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, about the complicated role Jews have had in shaping Chicago neighborhoods and housing policy.
Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month
Presentation: History of Jewish Chicago – Friedman Place

Alexander Brown
SUNDAY | FEB. 23 | 10:45 AM
Come learn about the history of Friedman Place and how it changed – along with its Jewish character – over nearly nine decades to its current incarnation as a modern nonprofit specially designed to serve the needs of people who are disabled and blind.

Twisted Scriveners of the Tribe: Just How Jewish Is Cartooning?
Ken Krimstein
SUNDAYS | MAR. 15, 22, 29
10:45 AM
Beyond Superman’s creators, Jews have a rich history with comics. Think The New Yorker covers since the 1920’s. And then there was Maus, the memoir that defined a new genre of graphic novels. Together, we’ll explore what exactly it is about the Yiddisher Kop (and hand) that has helped create what Art Spiegelman describes as, “the art of turning time back into space.”

Book Launch! Remix Judaism: Preserving Tradition in a Diverse World
Roberta Kwall
SUNDAY | APR 19 | 9:30 AM
“Remix Judaism,” Kwall’s new book, illustrates the process of “remix” by discussing selection, rejection and modification of Jewish rituals and encourages readers to find their own personal meaning in Judaism by broadening their understanding of how law, culture and tradition fit together.

Taking God Seriously
Rabbi Michael Zedek
SUNDAYS | APR. 19 & 26 | 10:45 AM
What are the options for God ideas that are other than a literal notion of what seems to be in the Bible or an embrace of atheism?

What It Means To Be Wise
Janet Belsky
DATE AND TIME TBD

Sunday Hebrew

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
Mitchell Brown
SUNDAYS | SEP. – MAY | 9:30 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 suggest getting the accompanying answer book. Please try to familiarize yourself with the Aleph-Bet (pages 3 - 12) before the first class.

Hebrew Prayer and Text Reading
Mitchell Brown
SUNDAYS | SEPT. – MAY | 10:45 AM
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 including Friday night service prayers, and the Ten Commandments. In-depth knowledge is not required, as we the texts to become more familiar with Biblical and Prayer Book Hebrew.

To register, visit sholomchicago.org/adult-education.
Regular Study Groups

Monthly Film Night
Cliff Scott-Rudnick
1ST MONDAYS, NOV. – 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
Laws & Legends of Appreciating & Repairing Our Relationship with God
Rabbis Rossoff, Conover and Gellman
TUESDAYS OCT. 15 – MAY | 8:30 – 9:30 AM
OCT. 15 – DEC. 31 | Rabbi Rossoff
JAN. 7 – APR. 7 | Rabbi Gellman
APR. 14 – MAY 26 | Rabbi Conover
Join our Rabbis to study a page of Talmud each week in Tractate Brachot from the Babylonian Talmud. Over this year-long course, we will explore the stories and meaning within the pages and sharpen our Talmud skills.

Shabbat Morning Minyan and Torah Study
Rabbis Rossoff, Conover and Gellman
SATURDAYS | 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Weekly Wednesday Morning Study Group
Rabbi Rossoff, Rabbi Conover, Rabbi Gellman, Cantor Ben-David, Jay Rapoport, RJE and Karen Titus
WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 – 11:30 AM
Topics:

• Focus on Holidays
  Rabbi Rossoff

• Jews, God, and History
  Rabbi Conover

• Origins of Reform Judaism
  Rabbi Gellman

• Prayer & Worship 101
  Cantor Ben-David

• Hineih Mah Tov (How Good It Is)
  Jay Rapoport

• Summer Book Discussion
  Karen Titus

Monthly Downtown Talmud Study
Topic: Civil Law: Worker & Employee Rights
at TradeLink LLC | 71 S. Wacker Dr. | Ste. 1900
Rabbi Rossoff
1ST FRIDAYS, NOV. – JUNE | 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Make Talmud study a fixed habit.
RSVP needed in advance to be on security list.

To register, visit sholomchicago.org/adult-education.
Introduction to Judaism Classes

A Taste of Judaism

Rabbi Rossoff, Rabbi Conover, Rabbi Gellman, Cantor Ben-David and Jay Rapoport, RJE

MONDAY EVENINGS

NOV. 4, 11, 18 | 6:45 - 8:45 PM
OR JAN. 27, FEB. 3, 10 | 6:45 - 8:45 PM
OR APR. 6, 13, 20 | 6:45 - 8:45 PM

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. This class is designed for those who would like to explore or re-explore the foundations of our traditions 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 Rossoff, Rabbi Conover, Rabbi Gellman, Cantor Ben-David, and Jay Rapoport, RJE

MONDAY EVENINGS

DEC. 2 – MAY 4 | 6:45 - 8:45 PM

This 18-week overview to Judaism provides an 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.

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 nearly 6,000 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.

For more information, contact Daniel D. Stuhlman at librarian@sholomchicago.org (or visit him on Wednesday mornings in the library!).

Adult B’nai 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:

We offer the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary to read from the Torah, 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 adults “Bar/Bat Mitzvah”

The clergy of Temple Sholom would love to help make this happen! Pending sufficient interest, a new cohort may begin in 2021.

Please contact lori@sholomchicago.org to add your name to the interest list.

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

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

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NAME OF REGISTRANT(S)

PHONE EMAIL

We will communicate with you via email in the event of a class cancellation, or to occasionally forward materials from your teacher.

☐ I am a member of Temple Sholom

☐ I am NOT currently a member of Temple Sholom. I have included my $50 tuition fee for each Sunday morning course for which I am registered

ADDRESS OF REGISTRANT(S) - If not a member of Temple Sholom

Please make checks payable to Temple Sholom of Chicago.

PLEASE REGISTER ME/US FOR THE FOLLOWING COURSE(S) OR EVENT(S):

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