

# Adult Education 5780 (2019-20)

## *Learning through the Week*

### Monday

***Talmud with Rabbi Sarra Lev, PhD***

**11:45 AM-12:45 PM**

The rabbinic prohibitions against shaming another often lie in stark contrast to stories of shaming and competition among those very same rabbis. This class asks the overarching question – what is the Talmud trying to tell us about shame/shaming?

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***Wisdom of the (S)Ages: Moral Instruction from the Bible to the Rabbis with Dr. Ely Levine***

**1:00-2:00 PM**

Wisdom Literature aims to provide its readers with practical and often moral instruction. Jewish Wisdom literature includes the Biblical books of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes, the Wisdom of Ben Sira, and Pirkei Avot. We will explore selections from this Jewish wisdom, trying to understand the moral sensibilities of our ancestors and looking for tidbits useful in our own lives.

**HZAD - 6:30 or 7 PM - each week (see section below)**

### Tuesday

***D'var T'filah with Hazzan Vogel***

**After 7 AM Minyan** – Hazzan Vogel will offer brief insights into the spiritual dynamics of prayer focusing each time on why prayer is difficult and what we can do about it. Congregants are invited to continue our exploration of this subject over breakfast in the Rudofker Library.

***Experience the Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector***

**February 11, 25; March 17, 31; April 14, 28; May 12, 26; June 9**

**10 AM**

You do not have to be able to speak or understand Yiddish to experience the Joys of Yiddish culture. Enjoy Yiddish literature, poetry, folk songs, art songs, theater songs, opera, drama, comedy, movies, and incidentally learn the language.

**Coming in April...**

**Ancestral Journeys: Ancient Biblical Myth and End-of-Life Wisdom in Torah and Midrash  
- Part II**

**with Simcha Raphael**

**April 21, May 5, 19 and June 2, 10-11:30 AM**

*A four-part mini course exploring sacred moments of transition in the lives of our Biblical ancestors. Through study of texts, conversation and reflection we shall discover helpful guidelines for dealing with end-of-life transitions and challenges in our times.*

## **Wednesday**

**Tisch with Rabbi Shawn**

**After 7 AM Minyan** – Join Rabbi Shawn for breakfast and inspirational learning. In this class we will engage in weekly *Halakha* (legal text) study from the Rambam's *Mishneh Torah*. *Good food, great company, and a bissel of learning too!*

**Parshat Hashavua for the Sandwich Generation with Rabbi Shawn**

**11 AM**

**(No class 2/19)**

What is the The Sandwich Generation? It typically refers to those of us that are sandwiched between the needs of their children and those of their aging parents. If you are between the ages of 45ish and 65ish, together, we will focus on topics that are relevant today. Are you dealing with, aging parents, the loss of your parents, family illness, and their health, adult children, and dating just to name a few? What does the Torah teach us about our responsibilities in these areas? If you want to be a part of a study group to discuss contemporary issues, please join us!

**Siddur Study with Dr. Sara H. Cohen**

**2/26, 3/4, 11, 18, 25 and 4/1**

**11 AM**

An in-depth, multi-faceted study of our Shabbat liturgy. By “unpacking” the many layers of meaning and commentary, by delving into the history, background and lives of the great intellectual giants who wrote our prayers, we gain a keener understanding of their meaning and of the values and ideals inherent in them. Through this sharper knowledge and understanding, we discover what we stand for as Jews.

In prior years, we covered the *Birchot HaShachar*, *P’sukei D’Zimrah*, the *Shma* and its Blessings and the *Amidah* (*Shmoneh Esrai*). We begin this semester with *Kreeat HaTorah* (Torah Reading service) and Haftarah, the Musaf service (additional service) and the concluding prayers for Shabbat morning.

Join us, learn and study with us so that you can connect more readily and easily to our heritage and keep our legacy alive and thriving.

## **Thursday**

### ***Popular Commentaries on Genesis with Rabbi Ira Flax***

**10 AM**

We will study the commentaries found in the Hertz Chumash, the Etz Hayim Chumash, and the commentaries of modern biblical scholars to deepen our understanding of the first book of the Bible.

### ***Holiday Learning Series with Rabbi Ira Flax***

**11:15 AM - 12:15 PM**

**3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 - Passover**

**5/7 - Israel Holidays**

**5/14 - Shavuot**

### ***Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh Group***

**Thursdays (unless otherwise indicated), 7:30 PM - 9 PM**

**Held in the home of congregants**

**2/27, 3/26, 4/30**

Warm, interactive, and challenging discussions related to the holidays and themes of each month are led by group members. For more information, please contact Meryl Littman, [merylitt@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:merylitt@vet.upenn.edu) or Janice Katz, [rhk101@hotmail.com](mailto:rhk101@hotmail.com).

## **Friday**

### ***--Men's Club Minyannaires with Rabbi Seth Haaz***

**After 7 AM Minyan** – Men's Club-sponsored study with Rabbi Haaz in his office. Learn new insights to the Torah through wrestling with Rashi's interpretations and our understanding of his reasoning.

### ***--Men's Club Minyannaires with Dr. Ely Levine***

**2/21, 3/13, 4/24, 5/1, 5/22, and 6/26**

Learn new insights to the Torah through wrestling with texts and commentaries.

## ***Shabbat Learning***

### ***Joy of Shabbat Speaker Series***

**Friday Night - 8:15 PM**

***Sponsored by the Fishman Institute for Adult Jewish Studies***



**March 13**

**Author - Itzhak Brook**

Author of the book *"In the Sands of Sinai, a Physician's Account of the Yom Kippur War"*

A presentation to your Jewish community about the historical perspectives of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, and its long-term effects on the Israeli society and the peace process, as well as my personal experiences as a medic in the Six-Day War and a battalion physician in Yom Kippur War. My lecture includes discussion of the challenges of preserving one's humanity and ethical values during wartime; caring for wounded enemy soldiers; dealing with fear, anxiety and PTSD; religious beliefs' effects on coping with the war; and experiencing the painful cost of war.

Dr. Brook is a speaker for the Israeli embassy in DC

(<http://www.israelemb.org/washington/Speakers-Guide/Society-and-Politics/Pages/Itzhak-Brook.aspx> )

### ***Teen Dinner, Dessert and Discussion with Rabbi Shawn and Norman Einhorn***

**Friday evenings, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5**

**6:30-8:45 PM**

**For our Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Students**

Join us for stimulating conversation and delicious desserts. Held in a congregant's home. Please contact the school office, [jfgrs@harziontemple.org](mailto:jfgrs@harziontemple.org), for the address. Refreshments provided.

If you would like to host this program, please contact Rabbi Shawn, [rabbishawn@harziontemple.org](mailto:rabbishawn@harziontemple.org).

### ***Parashat Hashavuah with Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani***

**Saturdays, 2/29, 3/14, 28, 4/18, 5/2, 9, 6/6**

**10-11 AM**

Join Rabbi Moriah as she helps to unpack the biblical text using literary methods and rabbinic interpretations.

### ***Milton Pomerantz Interactive Torah Study and the Rosh Hodesh Lecture***

**Saturdays at 1 PM**

This participant-led and organized study group wrestles with the meaning of the weekly portion. On the Shabbat of Rosh Hodesh it is led by Rabbi Shawn.

### ***Parents and Kids Together***

**(Please note: during the winter months this program will be at 1 PM)**

**Saturdays, 2/29**

**One hour before Minha - 3/28, 5/2, 6/6**

**For 5th Graders and Above**

Are your children looking for a way to do Shabbat but sleep in on Saturday morning? This new Shabbat afternoon program is for parents and children to learn together. We will gather to sit around a table for a snack, read and discuss some wisdom from rabbinic narrative sources, and enjoy each other's company. All are welcome!

### ***Talmud Study with Rabbi Gary Charlestein***

**Every Shabbat, one hour before Minha**

## ***Har Zion After Dark***

Join us **MONDAY NIGHTS at 6:30 PM** (unless otherwise indicated) this year, as HZT will be the place for Jewish learning. Check out all of our offerings!

### ***Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani***

***What's Cookin'?***

**2/10 – Purim**

**3/16 – Passover**

**5/11 – Shavuot**

### ***Dr. Ely Levine***

***Reel Torah***

*The Ten Commandments! Noah! Monty Python's Life of Brian! The Prince of Egypt!* These blockbuster movies have little in common other than that they are Bible movies. Come see how these movies and others use the Bible as a vehicle to communicate a message, and how the way of doing so has changed over the 120 years of the movie biz. You'll laugh, you'll cry; we'll serve popcorn!

**2/24 – One Night with the King (2006)**

**3/23 – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1999)**

**4/6 – King of Kings (1927)**

**5/18 – Life of Brian (1979)**

## **“Open A Book, Open Your Mind”**

*Sponsored by Sisterhood and the JFGRS’*

**Admission is \$18 unless otherwise noted**

To make a reservation: <https://harziontemple.ticketleap.com/>

### **Monday March 2, 7 PM at JFCS Brodsky Center**

**Dorice Horenstein, “Moments of the Heart”**

### **Tuesday, March 17, 4 PM with the JFGRS (Free)**

**Jordan Gorfinkel, “Passover Haggadah: Graphic Novel”**

### **Monday, April 20, 11:30 AM - Sisterhood Luncheon (\$25)**

**Jenna Blum, “The Lost Family”**

**Susan Jane Gilman, “Donna Has Left the Building”**

### **Wednesday, April 22, 7 PM**

**Barry S. Wimpfheimer, “The Talmud”**

### **Thursday, April 23, 7 PM**

**Jacob M. Appel, “Who Says You’re Dead?”**

## **Open Studio with Ariela Barlas**

***Creative Space***

**3/30 and 5/4**