



Adult Education Schedule



Indicates Israel at 70 classes

Israel at 70

The first exile – after the destruction of the first Temple – lasted for 70 years. Upon return to Israel, it is exclaimed in the Psalms that our dreams had been fulfilled. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the creation of the first Jewish state in nearly 2000 years!

Come learn with us and engage in learning about the continued miracle that is Modern Israel.

These programs generously sponsored by the Shirley & Norman Greenbaum Yom Ha'atzmaut Fund

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT ED SERIES

6:30-7 PM - Nosh and refreshments

7-8 PM - Classes

February 14

Rabbi Shawn and the *Philosopher's Stone*

Join Rabbi Shawn as we explore modern Jewish philosophy – without getting too academic (that will be the alchemy involved).



Ben Rotenberg - *Competing Visions for the Jewish State*

We will be exploring the words by important early Zionist thinkers and sharing our responses to their own dreams and concerns about Israel. We will be using Arthur Hertzberg's book, "*The Zionist Idea*," along with images and articles from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

March 14, 21 and 28

Dr. Ely Levine - *Passover in Egypt, Passover in Babylon, Passover in the Main Line*

Juliet Spitzer - *Guard My Tongue, It's Out of Control! Mastering Our Thoughts So They Don't Master Us*

We will begin with a look at what Jewish texts say about the power of speech, and familiarize ourselves with the basic laws of *l'shon ha'ra* (the evil tongue/gossip).

Recognizing speech as an extension of our thoughts, we will consider a potential cure for *l'shon ha'ra*, namely drawing on the sparks and guidance provided through *Mussar*, the Jewish discipline that helps us fine-tune our ethical conduct.



Aviva Habib – *Hebrew Music and Poetry - Cultural Development*

A closer look into how Israeli culture has developed over the last 70 years.

May 9, 16, 23 and 30

Dr. Melissa R. Klapper, Professor of History and Director of Women's & Gender Studies, Rowan University – *The Promise and Peril of American Jewish History*

This four part series will explore American Jewish history in all its variety, from the colonial period through the modern day. The series will move both chronologically and thematically through American Jewish history, with a particular focus on social, cultural, and religious life.

Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani – *Jewish Food and Cooking*

This class is both for the body and the soul. We will learn how to prepare essential Israeli comfort foods. While preparing the meal we will focus on Jewish approaches toward food. This will give us an opportunity to fully nourish ourselves and enjoy the company, the sustenance, and the intellectual stimulation.



Norman Einhorn– Trending News and Events in Israel Today

This class tackles those topics talked about at the water cooler and dinner table. Past classes have dealt with BDS, Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, Anti-Semitism, Immigration, US Elections, Israeli Advocacy and the future of American synagogues.



HZT Israel@70 Speakers

Wednesday, February 21, 7 PM

Nosh 6:30-7 PM

Class 7-8:15 PM followed by Q & A



Bat El Trabelsi

Why is Peace in the Middle East so Complicated?

Israeli Emissary for the Jewish Community of Greater Philadelphia

Have you ever wondered why the conflict seems to be never ending? Popular Israeli philosopher Micha Goodman deeply researched Israeli attitudes on the struggle with Palestinians and offers new ways to frame and discuss the issue.

Monday, March 12, 8 AM

After minyan and breakfast



Yaakov Malomet from the Reut Institute

BDS, Delegitimization, and the State of Israel: A Strategic Look

In the last 10 years, Israel and the American Jewish community have dedicated significant resources to facing this challenge, with

mixed results. What is the state of de-legitimization today? What are the best strategies for protecting Israel's legitimacy?

Yaakov Malomet is an analyst working on Israel-Diaspora relations at the Reut Institute. We are a Tel Aviv-based strategy and policy group dedicated to the challenges facing the State of Israel and the Jewish People.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

Rabbi Scott Rosenberg

Popular Commentaries on Genesis

Thursday mornings, 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.

Men's Club Minyannaires

Friday mornings, following 7 AM Minyan

Jeopardy Rashi Style – We will examine the commentary of Rashi on the Torah to deepen our appreciation of the issues Rashi saw in the text and to understand how his commentary maintains relevance through today.

Rabbi Shawn

TISCH with Rabbi Shawn

Wednesday mornings following 7 AM minyan

Halakha Yomit (daily *halakha*) with the *Mishnah Berurah*

Conversation and breakfast – Join us each week as we study a different halakha and ask ourselves about the underlying values that inform our practice.

Rabbi Shawn and the Philosopher's Stone

Thursdays, 11 AM-Noon

Exile, Diaspora, and the state of Israel - **February 22**

Jewish prayer and Ritual in a Secular World - **March 8, 15, 22**

Norman Einhorn

Current Events

Thursday, February 22, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

At the home of Patty Grobman

Ripped from the day's headlines, our multimedia classes revolve around issues that are making the news. Whether it's Israeli or American politics, personalities or other pressing issues of the day, we've gotcha covered.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Remaining dates - March 15, April 12, May 3

Dr. Sara Cohen

Learning our Liturgy with Dr. Sara H. Cohen

The class for February 14 has been cancelled

Wednesdays, February 21, March 7, 14, 21, 10:30 AM

A comprehensive study of our liturgy, using the Siddur (Jewish prayer book), as our text. We will explore the history, origins, authors, structures and meaning of our prayers from Biblical times to the present. This “virtual tour of Judaism” will enlighten us, enable us to relate more fully to our prayers and make our attendance at worship services more meaningful and enjoyable.

Gerry Spector

Experience the Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector

February 27, March 13, 27

10 AM and 5 PM

Enjoy the works of Yiddish authors, poets, songs, theater and cinema and incidentally learn the language.

Open A Book...Open Your Mind

March 7, April 22, 23, 25, 26

To register go to <https://harziontemple.ticketleap.com>

MORE ISRAEL AT 70 ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 4, 10 AM-12 PM

<https://jewishphilly.org/israel70/events/my-israel-story/>

We are hosting the Federation's *My Israel Story* event here!

Sunday, April 15

JFGRS Israel Day celebration of both Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut

Tuesday, April 17, 7 PM

Community-Wide Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Har Zion

Sunday, April 29, 10 AM-12 PM

KLM Israel Games - Har Zion children from second-fourth grades will participate in a "Macabia" style program at the Kaiserman JCC.

Sunday, May 6, 12-6 PM

Community-Wide Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration