



Adult Education Schedule

Har Zion After Dark

Each Wednesday night this year HZT is the place to be for Jewish learning. We will offer speakers and mini-classes. We will begin classes each week at 6:30 PM. Light refreshment will be provided.

Wednesday, May 29

6:30-7:30 PM (early session)

Dr. Michael Schatz

Part 2: History of Jewish Philadelphia: Jewish Neighborhoods in Philadelphia

We will pick up where we left off in the fall (we will recap!). We will trace the patterns of migration of the children of Jewish immigrants as they moved out of South Philadelphia toward Strawberry Mansion, West Philly, Wynnefield, and Logan, neighborhoods close to the edge of the city that were built up after the second World War, and the Jewish communities that formed in West Oak Lane, Northeast Philadelphia, and more. Jews moved slowly to the suburbs in Philadelphia, only settling in Cheltenham and parts of Lower Merion in significant numbers before 1970. We'll look at the evolution of these communities, and then discuss the new realities of outer ring suburbanization, resettlement of the city, and the impact of immigration from the former Soviet Union, the resurgence of Orthodox Judaism, and Jewish rise to prominence in politics and philanthropy. We will also devote a session to the history of Jewish Education in Philadelphia.

Dr. Michael Schatz is a career Jewish educator and teaches in the Jane Fishman Grinberg Religious School. He is a past president of the Jewish Educators Assembly and holds degrees in education and Jewish studies. He gives tours and speaks about the history of Jewish Philadelphia, managing a Facebook page called "Philadelphia Jewish History Tours," where he posts regularly about the fascinating and deep roots of our city.

7:45-8:45 PM (later session)

Rabbi Ira Flax

Revolt and Redemption; the Rise of Rabbinic Judaism from 200 BCE-200 CE

Bar Kochba, Betar and Hanukkah

New Class Added

Tuesday, June 4, 6:30-7:45 PM

Rabbi Seth Haaz

Honor Your Father and Your Mother: Caring for Sick or Elderly Parents

As our parents age, most of us find ourselves in the position of providing extensive care. This loving care dominates and characterizes a portion of our lives – it is both a tremendous privilege and a daunting challenge. Rabbinic literature describes caring for sick and aging parents as the most difficult mitzvah to fulfill. Join us to discuss how Judaism presents this mitzvah and encourages dedication and tenderness toward parents as well as sensitivity toward caregivers. You will be amazed and touched at how thoughtfully our faith tradition handles the practical needs of those involved and affirms the beauty of our sacred relationships at one of the most trying times of our lives. Our sacred texts will naturally draw out our personal experiences, and we will welcome these opportunities to create a space to share openly and receive support.

Shabbat Learning

Learners Minyan with Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani

Saturday morning, 10-11 AM - 6/15

Relaxed, Intimate, Responsive – If these are words you want to associate with a prayer service but are not able to yet, come and try the new Learners Minyan at Har Zion Temple. Join Rabbi Moriah as we explore the service, the siddur and ourselves to make prayer more meaningful.

Parashat Hashavuah with Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani

Saturday morning, 10-11 AM - 6/8

Join Rabbi Moriah as she helps to unpack the biblical text using literary methods and rabbinic interpretations. Participate in a class taught by a masterful teacher with a lifetime of experience studying our traditions.

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

Once a month, one hour before Mincha, 6/1 at 7:10 PM

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 to eat a light Seudah Shlishit (late Shabbat meal), read and discuss some

wisdom from rabbinic narrative sources, and enjoy each other's company. We will then join the congregation for Mincha through Havdalah. All are welcome!

Talmud Study with Rabbi Gary Charlestein

Every Shabbat, one hour before Mincha

Post-Minyan Study

Tuesday after 7 AM Services

D'var T'filah (a "teaching about prayer"). 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.

Wednesday after 7 AM Services

TISCH – remain after Minyan for breakfast and *halacha* study with Rabbi Shawn in the Rudofker Library. We will read the traditional and then connect it to our own current practices.

Friday after 7 AM Services

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

Mid-Day Adult Ed - Learning through the week

Monday

Talmud with Rabbi Sarra Lev, PhD

11:15 AM

"One who shames another in public – it is as if he or she has spilled blood."

"Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai says: It is better for a person to throw themselves into a burning oven than to publicly shame another."

The rabbinic prohibitions against shaming another often lie in stark contrast to stories of shaming and competition among those very same rabbis. This class begins by examining texts on monetary compensation for shaming (Who must pay? How much? For what kinds of shaming?) and then moves on to examine texts that require shaming another, and stories of rabbis shaming one another. The course asks the overarching question – what is the Talmud trying to tell us about shame/shaming?

Sarra Lev is an associate professor of rabbinic texts (Talmud and Midrash) at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. She has taught adult education in many contexts including synagogues, Jewish Alive

& American, the Feminist Center of the American Jewish Congress, Me'ah, and Bat Kol: A Feminist House of Study, which she co-founded.

Rabbi Shawn and the Search for God

12:15 - 1:15 PM (last class June 3)

Following up on last year's adventures with philosophy we welcome you to join Rabbi Shawn and his intrepid group of explorers on this year's journey into modern theology. Together we will wrestle with meaning and religious concepts that affect us as individuals and as a people.

Tuesday

Experience the Joys of Yiddish with Gerry Spector

10 AM and 5 PM - 5/28; 6/11

You do not have to be able to speak Yiddish to experience the Joys of Yiddish culture. Enjoy the works of Yiddish authors, poets, songs, theater and cinema and incidentally learn the language.

Wednesday

Parashat Hashavuah for the Sandwich Generation with Rabbi Shawn

11 AM

Rabbi Shawn will briefly summarize the parsha. He will then bring one or more contemporary interpretations of the text for us to study and discuss. This class is designed for the "Sandwich Generation" student.

The Sandwich Generation typically refers to those that are sandwiched between the needs of their children and those of their aging parents. However, this group is not limited to these issues. If you are between the ages of 45ish and 65ish, 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! We will vary between meeting in the evenings, mornings and in the afternoons. At times, we will have a guest speaker and at other times meetings will be lay-led. If you would like to receive information about upcoming programs, please email Patty Grobman - pgrobman@harziontemple.org.

Thursday

Popular Commentaries on Genesis with Rabbi Ira Flax

10 - 11 AM in the Rudofker Library (no class June 6)

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.