



Adult Education Schedule

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.

Milton Pomerantz Interactive Torah Study and the Rosh Hodesh Lecture

Saturdays at 1 PM (no class 6/15)

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.

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 (no study session on 6/19 and 7/3)

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 (no study session on 6/21 and 6/28)

Men's Club-sponsored study and breakfast 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 (last class is 6/17)

“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.

Thursday

Popular Commentaries on Genesis with Rabbi Ira Flax

10 - 11 AM in the Rudofker Library

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.