



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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT ED SERIES

January 24 and February 14

6:20-7 PM - light fare and refreshments

7-8 PM - Classes

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.

Ariela Barlas – *Judaic Art*

Come get messy and creative with Ariela in the Art Room (Rm 200)

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.

**These programs generously sponsored by the
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HZT Israel@70 Speakers

Wednesday, January 31, 7 PM

Nosh 6:20-7 PM (special food for Tu B'shevat)

Class 7-8:15 PM



Rachel Korazim

On a Silver Platter - The Birth of an Iconic Text

Among the many beautiful literary works created in Israel, there are a few that acquired an iconic position. Of those, Alderman's "The Silver Platter," is in a unique position as the ritual text of commemoration for soldiers fallen for the defense of the state. It is recited in ceremonies all over Israel every Yom Hazikaron and is included in many siddurim.

This session will explore the circumstances and events that brought about the composition of this outstanding text. They are all to be found within often forgotten, yet very dramatic three weeks of the early days of the state. After unveiling the secrets of its creation, we shall study the poem in depth uncovering references to the past and prophetic visions of the future for the State of Israel.

Thursday, February 1, 10 AM

Rachel Korazim

1967 - Anxiety - Euphoria – Concern

When thinking about the 1967 “Six Days War” retrospectively, there is often times a dichotomy between those who mainly remember a glorious victory, the unification of Jerusalem, the liberation of the Old City and the Western Wall. Others will focus their thoughts and reflections on the fifty years of occupation, the controversy surrounding the settlements and the seemingly endless Israel – Palestinian conflict. The purpose of these series of session is to try and move away from this dichotomy and bring back to life through song and poetry the spirit and the authentic voices of 1967 and their lingering impacts on our lives today.

Wednesday, February 21, 7 PM

Nosh 6:20-7 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

A Covenantal Chosen People – **January 25, February 1**

Exile, Diaspora, and the state of Israel - **February 8, 15, 22**

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

Norman Einhorn

Current Events

Thursday, February 1, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

At the home of Patty Grobman

Jerusalem and how it is divided between various groups and how those divisions came to be. Is Jerusalem part of the West Bank?

Remaining dates - February 22, March 15, April 12, May 3

Lunch and Learn Book Club with Norman

Tuesday, February 6, 1 PM, Har Zion Temple

You Don't Have to be Wrong for Me to Be Right by Rabbi Bradley Hirschfield

Grounded in biblical scholarship and interwoven with personal stories, *You Don't Have to Be Wrong for Me to Be Right* provides a pragmatic path to peace & understanding.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

\$5 charge for lunch – RSVP to Patty Grobman, pgrobman@harziontemple.org

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1558236.You_Don_t_Have_to_Be_Wrong_for_Me_to_Be_Right

Sandwich Generation

Thursday, January 25, 11 AM at HZ

Challah Making

Calling All Women ages 45ish to 65ish

Please join us as Liz Shaid leads us in a Challah Making class. The class will be at Har Zion.

RSVP to pgrobman@harziontemple.org so that we can order the ingredients. Without an RSVP you will not be able to bring a challah home.

PS. For those interested, please join us to prepare, ahead of Friday's class, batches of dough 4 PM Wednesday, January 24, in the HZT kitchen.

Sara Cohen

Learning our Liturgy with Dr. Sara H. Cohen

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

February 7, 14, 21, March 7, 14, 21

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

Tuesdays, January 10, 24, February 7, 21, March 7, 21

10 AM and 5 PM

Do you love Yiddish language, literature, poetry, song, theater, or cinema? Then this is the class for you!

Visiting Scholar - Rabbi Jonathan Slater

February 9-11

Shifting from Performance to Practice: What Are We Doing When We 'Do Jewish'?

An introduction to the idea of Jewish practice as making "unifications" -- internally, with others and the world; to speak about what it means to engage in "prayer as practice"; and living a life of intentionality as the goal of Jewish practice.



*Rabbi Jonathan Slater co-directs the Clergy Leadership Program and participates as staff in many other programs at the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. He is a graduate of the Institute's first rabbinic cohort. He is the author of *A Partner in Holiness: Deepening Mindfulness, Practicing Compassion and Enriching Our Lives through the Wisdom of R. Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev's Kedushat Levi* (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2014) and *Mindful Jewish Living: Compassionate Practice* (Aviv Press, 2004). Jonathan received his ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1979, and served as rabbi at Beth Am in Santa Rosa, California, for 19 years. He is on the faculty of Makom: Center for Mindfulness at the JCC in Manhattan, teaching and leading mindfulness meditation.*

Rabbi Slater's books are available in the Landau Gift Box.

Friday Evening 6 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat, *Shabbat As Incubation*

What we've done in the past week is transformed and raised up, allowing us to enter the coming week with energy and determination. We will reflect on the previous week, and sing our way into Shabbat.

Joy of Shabbat Dinner after Services

Join us for dinner and stay for the lecture

All ages welcome – \$10/adult, \$5/child under 13

RSVP by the Monday, February 5, 610-667-5000 or hzt@harziontemple.org or

<https://harziontemple.ticketleap.com/jos2918>

(A small service fee will be charged for online reservations.)

Friday Evening 8 PM, following Dinner, *To Live Torah Today*

What is the purpose of our Jewish religious practice? Of course it is to preserve tradition, and to fulfill the mitzvot. But, what are the mitzvot for? We will investigate together one way to answer this question.

All are invited to join us for dessert and discussion with Rabbi Slater. Dinner attendance is not necessary.

Saturday Morning Prayer, 9:30 AM Services – *An Embodied Approach to T'filah*

An innovative learning service to explore practices aimed at connecting us to prayer led by Rabbi Slater and Hazzan Vogel.

Saturday Afternoon, following Kiddush – with Rabbi Slater, *What is Prayer*

Prayer is a central component of Jewish religious life. But when "going to services" is all that we know of prayer, it may feel alien, far from our own hearts. How else might we conceive of prayer, and find it in our own lives?

Sunday Morning Light Brunch, 10 AM, *Prayer as Practice*

What do we have to do to cultivate a personal prayer practice? How might doing so change how we understand, find our place in and seek satisfaction from our communal worship?

Open A Book...Open Your Mind

February 7, 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