

Adult Education Offerings 5770 (2009-2010)
Classes that run concurrently with our Religious School programs

(See reverse for additional educational offerings)

If you would like to attend any of the following, please fill out the registration form below. For further information, contact the rabbis (587-0160 or email: lmotzkin@nycap.rr.com or jrubenst@nycap.rr.com).

Building a Jewish Home — 5 Sunday mornings. This workshop led by the rabbis is designed for parents of young children and will run at the same time as the Sunday pre-school class. An exploration of ways to incorporate some of the spiritual richness of the Jewish heritage into your home life and family practices, it will include opportunities for dialogue among participants, sharing ideas and questions. No charge for Temple members.

Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:45: November 1, November 29, December 20, January 31, March 7.

Adult Hebrew Classes — Wednesday evenings. Five different levels of adult Hebrew will be offered this year. These classes, which focus on classical Hebrew, the Hebrew of the Bible and prayerbook (rather than modern conversational Hebrew) will begin on September 23 and run concurrently with our children's Hebrew school program through May 2010. No charge for Temple members, except for a \$20 textbook fee. Non-member charge: \$120 (includes textbook fee)

Adult Hebrew I – Aleph Isn't Tough (for absolute beginners with no prior knowledge — starting with learning the letters of the Hebrew alphabet) 7:15-8:00 pm Taught by Keith Fuchs.

Adult Hebrew II – Aleph Isn't Enough (for beginners who already know the letters and vowels of the Hebrew alphabet and can sound out words, but don't know what any of it means) 6:30-7:25 pm Taught by Rabbi Linda

Adult Hebrew III – Bet is for B'reishit (for those who attended adult Hebrew II last year or equivalent) 6:30-7:30 pm Taught by Marla Segol.

Adult Hebrew IV – Tav is for Torah (for those who attended adult Hebrew III last year or equivalent) 6:30-7:15 pm Taught by Rabbi Jonathan

Advanced Adult Hebrew (for those who have completed a basic introduction to Hebrew, either at Temple Sinai or elsewhere, and are interested in reading and translating Hebrew passages from the Bible and classical Hebrew literature) 7:30-8:25 p.m. Taught by Rabbi Linda.

Registration for Adult Learning

Name _____ e-mail _____ phone _____

I would like to enroll in:

Building a Jewish Home Adult Hebrew I Adult Hebrew II
 Adult Hebrew III Adult Hebrew IV Advanced Adult Hebrew

If enrolling in a Hebrew class, my \$20 textbook fee is included. [Make checks out to "Temple Sinai"]

Temple Sinai P.O. Box 1045 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Additional Educational Offerings

Contact the rabbis for more information.

Taste of Judaism 5770 (2009-2010)

A series of mini-courses and discussions on selected topics, to be held at the rabbis' home over a shared meal. 6:30 supper; 7:00-8:30 learning. Attend individual units or the entire series.

I. The Basics

Thurs. October 29: The classic Jewish texts (Torah, Bible, Talmud, Midrash) and the evolution of Judaism

Thursday, November 5: Jewish calendar and holy days

Sunday, November 22: God – What do we believe?

II. Jewish Spirituality

Thursday, December 10: varieties of spiritual practices, prayer and meditative techniques

Sunday, December 20: beginning and ending each day

III. The Rest of Life – Shabbat: Thursdays, January 7 and 14; group Shabbat dinner Friday, January 22; havdalah Saturday, January 30

IV. Musar: Cultivating Positive Attributes – Thursdays, February 4 & 11

Israel Programs

In preparation for the upcoming congregational trip to Israel in April 2010, there will be a series of programs, designed for the group who will be traveling to Israel together, but open to all. Dates for these programs are: Tuesdays, October 20, November 17, and January 12, 7-8:30 p.m. at Temple Sinai. The first program will feature a Power Point presentation, including the history and significance of various sites on the proposed trip itinerary.

Of related interest – The Greenberg Middle East Studies Residency Lectures at Skidmore College

Benny Morris, Professor in the Department of Middle East Studies at Ben-Gurion University, will be in residence at Skidmore from the first of September through mid-October, 2009. While in residence, he will be speaking publicly on the Israel-Palestine conflict.

“1948: Back to the Beginning” public lecture; Tuesday, September 29, 8 to 10 pm

“After Camp David: The Future of the Two State Solution” panel discussion; Thursday, October 8, 8 to 10 pm

Ongoing Activities

These activities do not require registration new participants are always welcome.

Weekly Bible Study – Thursdays at the Temple from 1 to 2 p.m.

Challah baking – Friday mornings. Preschoolers with an adult are especially welcome the first Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m.
