

2011-2012 Sunday Morning Jewish Studies & Hebrew Classes

JEWISH STUDIES CLASSES

Exploring Judaism

This course is a year-long exploration of the history, beliefs, traditions, and practices of the Jewish people. "Exploring Judaism" will be interesting and meaningful whether you are becoming an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah, you are just beginning to explore Jewish studies, you are considering choosing Judaism, you are in an interfaith relationship, or you are simply looking for a deeper and more mature understanding of Jewish history and tradition. Students are encouraged to expand their Jewish literacy by taking this course in conjunction with Beginning Hebrew.

Year-long Course (23 sessions): Sundays, Sept 25 through May 20 (No Class: 10/9, 11/27, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/15, 2/19, 3/4, 4/1, 4/8, 5/6, 5/13)

9:00-10:00 a.m. in Room 101 of the CCJDS Building
Instructor: Rabbi Ruth Adar

Tuition: \$100/members; \$250/non-members

If you would like to sign up for one or more blocks of Exploring Judaism (instead of registering for the whole year), we welcome you to do so. Tuition is \$30 per block for members; \$65 per block for non-members.

- **Jewish Calendar / Holidays (i.e. Jewish "public time")** 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30
- **Jewish Lifecycle & Home (i.e. Jewish "private time")** 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11
- **Jewish Text & History** 1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26
- **Jewish Thought, Prayer, and Music** 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/20

Embodied Judaism: Mikvah, Tefillin, Tefillah

While Judaism can be intellectual and emotional, it is also inherently physical. There are a number of important Jewish rituals that help us connect to God, Judaism, and spirituality through our bodies, and in this course we will explore three of those rituals: mikvah, tefillin, and tefillah. Come learn about the ancient tradition of immersion in the mikvah, exploring how and why the ritual of mikvah has modern applications. We will also explore the ritual of laying tefillin – what it symbolizes, how it's done, and why it can be meaningful for liberal Jews. Finally, we will examine the physicality of tefillah, discovering how body movements can enhance and energize our experience of prayer.

3 Sessions: 11/6, 11/13, 11/20

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Oneg Room

Instructor: Rabbi Nicki Greninger

Tuition: FREE

Study with our Rabbis and Cantor

Temple Isaiah's Rabbis and Cantor teach courses on topics of their choosing each year. These courses are free of charge. Although the topics have not been selected yet, you are welcome to register for any of the clergy classes.

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Oneg Room

Tuition: FREE

Study with Rabbi Judy Shanks

4 Sessions: 1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5

Study with Rabbi Roberto D. Graetz

4 Sessions: 2/12, 2/26, 3/11, 3/18

Study with Cantor Leigh Korn

3 Sessions: 4/15, 4/22, 4/29

Sunday Morning Brunch 'n Learn - 9:00 a.m. in the Oneg room

Brunch 'n Learn is an informal opportunity to enjoy a light brunch and discuss timely matters with one of our Rabbis or Cantor. Topics will be selected about a week in advance, based on current events in the community and in the world. We hope you will drop-in on the following dates as we eat, schmooze, and discuss what is going on in the world, through a Jewish lens. There is no need to pre-register.

September 25 with Rabbi Alissa Forrest

December 11 with Rabbi Nicki Greninger

February 12 with Cantor Leigh Korn

November 6 with Rabbi Judy Shanks

January 22 with Rabbi Roberto D. Graetz

March 18 with Rabbi Alissa Forrest

HEBREW CLASSES

Beginning Hebrew

Designed for those with little or no previous exposure to Hebrew, this introductory course will focus on developing the foundation for reading comprehension and a basic Hebrew vocabulary. We will learn the basics of prayer-book Hebrew, beginning with the alphabet and moving through the basic grammar and vocabulary of the siddur (prayerbook), including the key texts and melodies of some prayers and blessings found in the siddur. Required text: Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way. This textbook is not included in the price of the class.

Year-long Course (22 sessions): Sundays, Sept 25 through April 29 (No Class: 10/9, 11/27, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/15, 2/19, 3/4, 4/1, 4/8)

10:10-11:10 a.m. in Room 102 of the CCJDS Building

Instructor: Rachel Valfer

Tuition: \$100/members; \$250/non-members

Rachel Valfer began learning Hebrew and Tanach at age five. She lived in Israel for six years, where she studied Hebrew and Ladino literature at the graduate level at the Hebrew University. Rachel is a professional musician in classical and folk music of the Middle East.

Conversational Hebrew

This is a Modern Hebrew from scratch course with a focus on conversation skills, taught in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We will explore various common daily situations, such as greetings, phone conversations, food, shopping, finding your way around town, and expressing a wide variety of emotions. We will build a vocabulary and begin to see how the Hebrew language is spoken. All that is required is the ability to read Hebrew letters and a desire to learn. A required textbook is not included in the price of this class. Prerequisite: Ability to sight read Hebrew

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To register please fill out the form below and return it with payment to Temple Isaiah at 3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549. Alternately you may register online at <http://www.temple-isaiah.org/education/jewish-studies-hebrew-classes/> or bring your form and check to the first class session. Make checks payable to "Temple Isaiah Adult Education."

5771/2010-2011 Adult Education Registration Form

Student #1: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Student #2: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Tuition assistance is available. Please contact the clergy.
Questions? Call our office at (925) 283-8575.

#1	#2	Course Title	Member/Non
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploring Judaism—Full Year	\$100/\$250
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploring Judaism—Jewish Calendar / Holidays	\$30/\$65
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploring Judaism—Jewish Lifecycle & Home	\$30/\$65
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Total Enclosed: