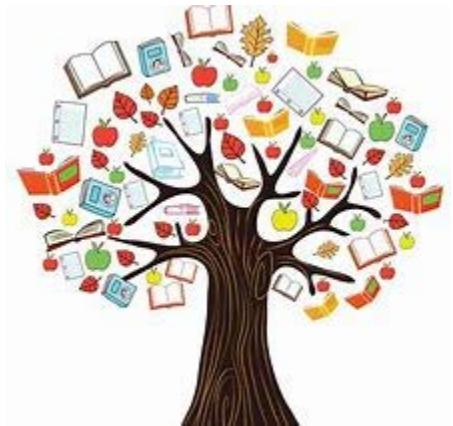


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*SPEAKERS, CLASSES, AND OTHER
ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS
@ BETH SHALOM CONGREGATION*

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To Protect the Health and Safety of our Congregants and Speakers, all Adult Education Activities will be Virtual for Fall 2020 unless noted.

Classes

Conversational Hebrew

Date: Tuesdays, beginning September 15th

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Ora Fisch

This intermediate level class, with emphasis on grammar, conversational Hebrew, and vocabulary acquisition, is led by master teacher and native Israeli Ora Fisch. This class continues previous classes, but newcomers are welcome.

Talmud ZOOM!



Date: Wednesdays, though December 30th

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Instructor: Rabbi Amy Scheinerman

Come explore stories from the Talmud about courage, decency, deception, and fear. Everyone is invited to this weekly class, and you may join at any time.

Rabbi Amy Scheinerman is the hospice rabbi in Howard County, Maryland. She serves on the Responsa Committee of the CCAR and as editor of the Torah Commentary column of the CCAR newsletter. She is the author of *The Talmud of Relationships: Volume One: God, Self, and Family and Volume Two: Community and Beyond*. (Available through Amazon Smile on www.beth-shalom.net.)



Models of a Modern Minor Holiday: Everything You've Always Wondered about Lesser-Known Jewish Holidays but Were Afraid to Ask

Dates: Mondays, October 5th, 12th, and 19th

Times: 7:45 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Cantor Rebecca Apt

Sure, you may have heard about Tu B'Shvat, but what about Tu B'Av, Jewish Valentine's Day? Come learn in this class about origins and customs of lesser-known Jewish holidays, ancient and modern minor public observances and fast days.

Crisis Management: How Three Ancient Rabbis Saved Judaism By Transforming It Into the Judaism We Know Today



Dates: Tuesdays, November 10th, 17th, 24th, and December 1st

Time: 7:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Rabbi Susan Grossman

Jewish history is filled with crises and extraordinary individuals who helped navigate the transformations required to ensure Jewish survival and continuity. Join Rabbi Grossman as she explores the contributions of three such individuals, Rabbi Yohanan ben Zakkai, Rabbi Akiva, and Rabbi Yehudah haNasi, who confronted seismic challenges to their Jewish communities with the courage, commitment and ingenuity to transform ancient Temple-based Judaism into the faith and culture we still live today.

No previous background or Hebrew knowledge required. This class is appropriate for both beginner and advanced students.

Rabbi Susan Grossman, co-editor of Etz Hayim Torah and Commentary and other works, including a study of women in the rabbinic courts in the Mishnaic and Talmudic periods, has a Doctorate in Ancient Judaism from Jewish Theological Seminary.

Study Groups



The Virtual Study Group Tuesday Discussion Group - Tuesdays 2:00 p.m. Discussions range across the field of Jewish culture, history and tradition. For more information, or to get the link, contact the office.



The Talmud Study Group reads and analyzes Mishna and Gemara. They have studied tractates Berachot (blessings), Pesachim (Passover), Taanit (public fast days), Bava Kamma (damages), and Avodah Zarah (Idolatry and superstitions), and are now studying the second volume of Sanhedrin (judiciary and capital punishment). No Hebrew background is required, but one must be comfortable learning a limited Hebrew and Aramaic vocabulary to understand recurring phrases that are not easily translatable. Because the group is not entirely local, some sessions are in-person, others are conducted by conference call. Contact Lisa Hemmendinger (lhemmendinger@gmail.com) for more information.



Are you interested in starting a study group? We can publicize it to help you find others who would be interested in joining you.

Special Scholar Event



with Rabbi Elliot Dorff, Ph.D., American Jewish University

Sunday, November 1st from 7:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

As our country and the world face an unprecedented viral pandemic, the development, testing, and deployment of an effective vaccine is crucial to preventing the spread of disease. However, there are important and potentially controversial ethical questions raised by these endeavors. For example: who should receive a vaccine first, especially in the setting of a limited vaccine supply? Are we obligated to be vaccinated ourselves? How should we respond to those who decline or refuse vaccination? Who should volunteer for the experimental studies necessary to prove a vaccine's safety and effectiveness? Please join Beth Shalom as **Rabbi Elliot Dorff**, a national expert in Jewish ethics and bioethics, helps guide us through these and other ethical quandaries from the context of Jewish Law.



Rabbi Elliot Dorff, Ph.D., is Rector and Distinguished Service Professor of Philosophy at American Jewish University in Los Angeles and a Visiting Professor at UCLA School of Law. Since 2007 he has served as the Chair of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, for which he has written a number of rabbinic rulings on issues of bioethics. He has served on three federal commissions on issues of bioethics -- on the distribution of health care, on diminishing sexually transmitted diseases, and on the rules for research on human subjects -- and he currently serves on the State of California's Commission that sets the ethical guidelines for stem cell research within the state. He has been a member of the Ethics Committee of UCLA Medical Center since the 1980s. Among the fourteen books that he wrote is *Matters of Life and Death: A Jewish Approach to Modern Medical Ethics*.

Shabbat and Holiday Programs



Selichot: An Evening of Reflection, Prayer, & Community

Date: Saturday, September 12th

Time: 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Join congregations across Howard County for havdallah, followed by a dynamic, interactive program exploring identity through the lens of the remarkable Inge Ginsburg, a Holocaust survivor now known as "Death Metal Grandma." A communal Selichot service, penitential prayers, and inspiration in preparation for the Days of Repentance will follow.

Hosted and Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Howard County and the Howard County Board of Rabbis. Join on Zoom at <https://jcfb.zoom.us/j/99711827304>



Saturday - Sunday, September 12th - 13th from 8:30 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Following our Howard County Selichot program, join our Conservative Movement to learn, sing, and connect as a community. Over 60 rabbis and cantors will present, and a variety of Selihot services will be offered throughout the evening. We will usher in the High Holiday season focusing on Teshuvah (Repentance: If I Am Only For Myself, Who Is For Me?), Tefilah (Prayer: And If I Am Only For Myself, What Am I?), and Tzedakah (Righteous Acts: And If Not Now, When?), along with the plea of Shema Koleinu (Hear our Voice, Accept our Prayer).

Sponsored by the Conservative Movement High Holiday Task Force, a partnership between the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Rabbinical Assembly, Cantors Assembly, the North American Association of Synagogue Executives, and the Jewish Educators Assembly. Free and open to all. Full schedules and zoom links will be provided.

Ask the Rabbi with Rabbi Grossman

Dates: September 25th, November 20th, December 18th



Back by popular request to Friday evening services, Rabbi Grossman will entertain questions on Jewish belief, tradition, history, law, culture, and observance. Students are invited to try to stump Rabbi Grossman with a legitimate question about any of the above subjects for a special prize.



The Jewish View with Rabbi Grossman

Friday Evenings During Shabbat Services Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

October 16th: **Should Defending Black Lives Mean Defunding the Police?**

Rabbi Grossman explores what Jewish law and tradition say about how we are to relate to government, the police who enforce government policy and the application of justice (or injustice) in society.

December 11th *: **Who Gave Us Hanukkah? The Secret Lives of the Maccabees.**

Rabbi Grossman explores who really were the Maccabee family who instigated the revolt that saved Judaism and gave us the beloved holiday of Hanukkah. (*Vatakim follows services; see details below.)



Hamilton Shabbat!

Date: Friday, October 23rd

Beth Shalom joins the Hamilton craze with this special Virtual Sabbath devoted to Founding Father Alexander Hamilton. Cantor and guests will lead services to some of the beloved melodies from the blockbuster Broadway play by Lin-Manuel Miranda. During services Rabbi Grossman will speak about **The Jewish History of Alexander Hamilton**.

Log-in information available at www.beth-shalom.net.



Torah Talks

Dates: Saturday, November 7th and December 5th

This participatory Torah study on the weekly parsha (Torah reading) occurs during regular Saturday morning services with Rabbi Amy Scheinerman.



Virtual Vatakim Zoom Dinners

Time and Dates: Friday, November 13th and December 11th following services
Join other mature couples and singles for dinner and schmoozing on-line after services.
Coordinated by Ann Poltilove. For more information or to RSVP, e-mail Ann c/o
rabbi.assistant@beth-shalom.net.



Sermon in Song with Cantor Rebecca Apt

Date: Saturday, November 21st

Cantor Apt will lead an in-depth exploration of the meaning and music of a particular prayer, during Sabbath morning services.

Little Lending Library - Want a good book to read or learn from? Check out the books on the shelf in the lobby!



Adult Education Registration Form – Fall 2020

Note: There are no fees for our virtual classes this semester, but please consider a donation to support these and future Adult Education programs at Beth Shalom!

(Three session classes are usually \$15/\$30; four session classes are usually \$20/\$40; and Hebrew classes are usually \$40/\$80 for members/non-members.)

Name of registrant 1: _____

Name of registrant 2: _____

Address: _____

Email address(es): _____

Phone numbers: Day _____ Evening _____

Class	Person 1	Person 2
Conversational Hebrew		
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Be a hero and help sponsor adult education programs at Beth Shalom above the normal cost of classes!	Select a sponsorship level: Scholar \$18 Professor \$36 Sage \$72	
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