

Fall 2016 Institute of Adult Jewish Studies



*Do not say:
When I find time I will study;
time is never found, only made.
Pirke Avot 2:4*

Please note that classes begin at 7 p.m.

All classes will be held Monday nights at the
Charles Schusterman
Jewish Community Center -
2021 E. 71st St.

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and Temple Israel

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2016 Fall Semester
November 7—December 12



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Members of a co-sponsoring institution (Congregation B'nai Emunah, Temple Israel, Chabad, as well as the Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center) will NOT be charged a registration fee for the Institute of Adult Jewish Studies classes. Members will pay material fees and textbook fees when applicable. Unaffiliated participants will pay an \$80 per semester registration fee, entitling them to attend one or two classes of their choice. Make checks payable to JFT (Jewish Federation of Tulsa). Pre-registration by mail (2021 E. 71 Street, Tulsa, 74136) is strongly encouraged. Books will be available for purchase on Nov. 7. All applicable fees must accompany pre-registration. Registration for classes will begin at 6:15 p.m. at the Charles Schusterman JCC on Monday, November 7.

***PLEASE NOTE: If weather conditions are questionable, please call 918-495-1100 to see if classes will be held.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

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Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

1. Age ___ 35 and under ___ 36 – 50 ___ 51 – 65 ___ over 65

2. In which congregation do you hold primary membership?

___ Chabad ___ Congregation B'nai Emunah ___ Temple Israel ___ Unaffiliated

3. Are you a member of the Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center?

___ Yes ___ No

4. Are you ___ Jewish ___ non-Jewish

Please enroll me in the following course(s). **CHECK YOUR CHOICES**

Hour 1—7 p.m.	Text	Fees/Costs*
___ <i>Genesis: Riddles, Mysteries, and Enigmas</i>	N/A	N/A
___ <i>Jewish Geography: An Atlas of History</i>	N/A	N/A
___ <i>How Success Thinks (2 hr. class)</i>	JLI Text	\$55
___ <i>Minorities in Israel</i>	N/A	N/A
___ <i>Building Community Around the Mahj Table</i>	N/A	N/A
___ <i>Living with Grief and Loss</i>	N/A	N/A

Hebrew Department

___ Beginning Hebrew: Part I *Shalom U'Vracha* \$40

Hour 2 — 8 p.m.

Text	Fees/Costs*
___ <i>Introduction to Judaism: Part I</i>	<i>Living Judaism</i> \$20
___ <i>Israel Trail or the Big Trip After the Army</i>	N/A
___ <i>Navigating the Siddur</i>	N/A
___ <i>Beyond Hamantaschen and Charoset</i>	N/A
___ <i>Book Study of The Sunflower</i>	<i>The Sunflower</i> \$12

Hebrew Department

___ *Intermediate Hebrew: Part I* *Israeli Hebrew* \$42

NOTE: Hebrew classes will require homework.

BOOKS/MATERIALS/FEEES *Note: Prices and fees subject to change

UNAFFILIATED REGISTRATION FEE (IF APPLICABLE): \$80.00

Fall 2016 TOTAL

DATE _____ CHECK # _____ CREDIT CARD _____ CASH _____
 AMT. PD. _____ AMT. DUE _____ STAFF/VOL. INIT. _____

HOUR 1 • 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

GENESIS: RIDDLES, MYSTERIES, AND ENIGMAS

Instructor: Rabbi Jim Simon

Each week, we will study the *Parashat Ha Shavuah* (Torah portion of the week), but our focus will be those sections that continue to baffle and perplex us even today. What is the story with Noah's sons? If Abraham is the father of the Jewish people, why does he always seem to throw everyone under the bus? Is it true that the Genesis women are actually smarter, more capable, and more powerful than the men? Why doesn't Esau ever get any good press? Materials for each week will be distributed in advance. No Torah background necessary.

JEWISH GEOGRAPHY: AN ATLAS OF HISTORY

Instructors: Rabbi Marc B. Fitzerman and Rabbi Dan Kaiman

Forget about the game of who knows who. This course looks at the relationship between Jewish people and their environment throughout history. How and where does the study hall flourish? What influence do the nomadic lessons of Exodus have on an eventual agrarian society? In what ways do the travels and movements of our people shape our current-lived Jewish experience? What does our current geography say about our Jewish future?

HOW SUCCESS THINKS: JEWISH WISDOM FOR A PRODUCTIVE LIFE (2 HR. CLASS)

Instructor: Rabbi Yehuda Weg

There is no magic pill or secret formula that will turn you into an overnight sensation. Success is a product of who you are, what you believe, how you behave, and lots of hard work. Nobody can do the work for you, but Jewish wisdom has insights that will help you get more of what you want and less of what you don't. This course will provide tools for achieving success by teaching you to cultivate your signature strengths, deal with your weaknesses, and overcome obstacles that may be in the way of your personal goals. Wake up to your full potential, gain absolute clarity about what you are after, and how you are going to get it. Boost your overall energy and effectiveness, as you explore fascinating and forward-thinking Jewish insights into the workings of the human mind and soul.

TEXT: *\$55. JLI Fees includes textbook and materials. Scholarships are available through Rabbi Weg.

MINORITIES IN ISRAEL

Instructor: Yohai Gross

Israeli society is a beautiful cluster of different religious and ethnic groups. From the secret religion of the Druze, who escaped from Lebanon 400 years ago to Israel as a result of Muslim oppression, to the nomad Bedouin, who arrived in Israel from The Arabian Peninsula more than 2,000 years ago, it's not only the rich heritage of the different groups, it's also the unique bond between them and between them and Israel. That will be the focus of this study.

BUILDING A COMMUNITY AROUND THE MAHJ TABLE

Instructor: Jennifer Selco

Where did Mahjongg come from, and what is the connection to Jewish communities? Together we will answer these questions around the mahjongg table, and even play a game or two each week. (We will learn, play, and build community with one another.) This class is for beginners and experts alike.

LIVING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS: THE JEWISH PERSPECTIVE

Instructor: Sara Levitt

We experience different forms of grief and loss throughout our lifetimes. In the Jewish community, we are experts on supporting those in mourning, but often forget about others in our community experiencing less obvious losses: a challenging diagnosis, divorce, moving, kids going away to college, and the like. This class will explore grief and loss through the Jewish lens. We will learn about Jewish traditions and rituals surrounding death, dealing with grief, and supporting others in grief and loss. The Jewish people have dealt with great grief and loss in our history, and we will explore what has made us so resilient.

HEBREW DEPARTMENT

BEGINNING HEBREW: PART I

Instructor: Lianne Torianyik

This two-semester course is designed for new and beginning Hebrew students. We will cover the alef-bet, basic vocabulary, and a first look at Hebrew grammar. The course book contains a CD for home study, which should greatly enhance the student's ability to quickly grasp new material by providing reading practice, vocabulary exercises, and games.

TEXT: *Shalom U'Vracha*

HOUR 2 • 8:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM: PART I

Instructors: Rabbi Marc B. Fitzerman, Rabbi Dan Kaiman and Rabbi Jim Simon

A course designed to provide an introduction to the religion and culture of the Jewish people. We will discuss the core ideas and practices of Jewish life - the nature of God, Torah, holidays, history, prayer, traditions, and living a life of righteousness. The course runs a full year and is open both to those who are deepening their Jewish roots and those who may be interested in conversion. The course is team taught by Rabbi Marc B. Fitzerman, Rabbi Dan Kaiman, and Rabbi Jim Simon. Students are welcome to join the course at either semester.

TEXT: *Living Judaism*

ISRAEL TRAIL, OR THE BIG TRIP AFTER THE ARMY

Instructor: Yohai Gross

We will learn about the Israeli tradition of taking a long trip abroad to the Far East, or to South America, after the army. This long trip is usually from three months to more than a year. After three years in the army, the young people of Israel are eager to break the rules and discover the world! Though, in the last few years, a new tradition has started of crossing Israel by foot—walking nearly 900 kilometers, mostly in the hard landscape of the desert. Every year, more and more people choose not to fly abroad, but to do the trail. Why does it happen, and what is the trail? We will learn about the geography of Israel. The focus will be on national parks and the different villages the trail goes through.

NAVIGATING THE SIDDUR

Instructor: Jennifer Selco

Siddur means "order." Together we will explore the history and order of Jewish liturgy and how it has evolved over the years by comparing siddurim (prayer books) of different denominations and generations. Beginning learners to experienced daveners are welcome.

BEYOND HAMANTASCHEN AND CHAROSET: A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON FOOD

Instructor: Sara Levitt

We all have our favorite Jewish food that when brought to our lips instantly transports us to a fond memory, tradition, or ritual. For many in our community, country, and around the world, accessing food is not as simple as heading to the local grocery store. This class will focus on the impact of food on our entire society (economically, socially, etc.), the systems that produce our goods, the animals and farms who sustain us, the people who experience hunger, and more, all through a Jewish lens. Jewish tradition has a lot to say about food beyond Hamantaschen and Charoset.

BOOK STUDY OF *THE SUNFLOWER: ON THE POSSIBILITIES AND LIMITS OF FORGIVENESS* BY SIMON WIESENTHAL

Instructor: Cassie Nodine

In this interactive book study, participants will explore Wiesel's non-fiction narrative of the Holocaust and its moral dilemmas. Through reading, discussion, and activities, class participants will consider themes of responsibility, judgment, reconciliation, and most of all, forgiveness and examine these themes from the perspectives of a variety of historical figures as well as from their own.

TEXT: *The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness*

HEBREW DEPARTMENT

INTERMEDIATE HEBREW: PART I

Instructor: Lianne Torianyik

So you can decipher the alef-bet...now what? Join us as we begin learning the Modern Hebrew language through readings and exercises. The book for this course outlines major grammar points and vocabulary. This class is open to students who have completed at least two semesters of Beginning Hebrew or at the discretion of the instructor.

TEXT: *Israeli Hebrew for Speakers of English*

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