



Continuing Education Classes with Rabbi Serge Lippe

Advanced Hebrew Reading

October 2023 thru June 2024

Thursdays: 10:30-11:30am beginning on Thursday, October 12

A Continuation of A.B. Yehoshua's Sh'losha Yamim v'Yeled (in simplified Hebrew)

Fall:

Judaism, Tort Law and The Environment

A Deep Reading of Rabbi Ariel Evan Mayse's article "Where Heaven and Earth Kiss"

Wednesday evenings: 6:00-7:00pm

October 25; November 1, 8, 15; December 6

How could the Jewish legal principles and concepts of *Nezikin*, damages (or torts), help us respond to the questions of responsibility and liability for environmental damage? We will undertake a deep reading of Rabbi Mayse's 2019 article from Penn State University's 'Journal of Jewish Ethics'.

Winter:

Elijah the Prophet - Bible & Legends

Wednesday evenings: 6:30-7:45pm

January 10, 24, 31; February 7, 21

Elijah was, according to the Books of Kings in the Hebrew Bible, a prophet and a miracle worker who lived in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reign of King Ahab (9th century BCE). Following his ascension to heaven, Elisha, his disciple and most devoted assistant, took over his role as leader of this school. The Book of Malachi prophesies Elijah's return "before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD," making him a harbinger of the Messiah and of the eschaton in various faiths that revere the Hebrew Bible. References to Elijah appear in Sirach, the New Testament, the Mishnah and Talmud, the Quran, the Book of Mormon, Bahá'í writings, and much of the Talmud and later Jewish literature.

Spring:

Discovering the Mishna - A Survey of Orders and Tractates

Wednesday evenings: 6:30-7:45pm

March 13, 27; April 3, 10, 17; May 8

We will be using the edition of Rabbi Eugene Lipman: The Mishnah: Oral Teachings of Judaism, Selected and Translated, New York: Schocken, 1974. Pp. 318

Rabbi Lipman provides the reader with an introduction to the 'Mishnah'. The Mishnah is the compilation of Oral Laws made in the second century which along with the commentaries on it

(the Babylonian and Jerusalem Gemaras) constitute the Talmuds. Rabbi Lipman explains what the Mishnah is, and the part it plays in Jewish life. The main text of the work consists in excerpts from the Six Orders and over sixty Tractates that comprise the Mishnah.

Continuing Education Classes with Rabbi Bailey Romano

Beginner Hebrew for Adults: (10 Sessions)

October 2023 - January 2024

Thursdays: 6:00-7:00pm

October 26; November 2, 9, 16, 30; December 7, 14; January 11, 18, 25

Join Rabbi Romano to learn the Hebrew aleph bet and vowels; giving you the ability to read and decode Hebrew words. This class will prepare students to be able to read and decode most words in Hebrew with little difficulty.

No prior Hebrew background is required for this class, just a willingness to learn!

Texts: 'Teach Yourself to Read Hebrew', EKS Publishing

Prayerbook Hebrew for Beginners (15 sessions)

February 2024 – May 2024

Thursdays: 6:00-7:00pm

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18; May 2, 9, 16, 23

This class will be a continuation of Beginner Hebrew for Adults. Students will build on their Hebrew reading and decoding abilities to develop a deeper understanding of Hebrew prayers through vocabulary acquisition, translation, and interpretation.

*Students must have either taken Beginner Hebrew in the fall or have a prior knowledge of Hebrew reading and decoding to take the class. *

Texts: 'Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way, Third Edition', EKS Publishing

Fall 2023

What Page are We On?

Navigating the Siddur and Finding Meaning in Jewish Prayer

Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30pm - November 1, 8, 15; December 6

November 1: Getting Ready to Pray (Kabbalat Shabbat, Psalms of Praise, and Texts for Study)

November 8: Shema and Her Blessings (Love and Redemption)

November 15: Diving into the Amidah (Avot, G'vurot, Kedusha, and more!)

December 6: Concluding Prayers: Aleinu and Kaddish (Repair and Remembrance)

This class is for anyone who has ever been confused about what page we're reading, chanting, or singing from in the siddur. Join Rabbi Romano for a primer in Jewish prayer and for a particular look into what prayers and pages we pray from in our siddur at BHS, Mishkan Tefilah. Through this class, you'll better understand how our service is structured while also learning a few themes and intentions that can help deepen your own experience of Shabbat services each week.

Winter:

Let's Talk, God | G-d | G?d

Thursdays: 7:30-8:30pm - Jan. 4, 11, 18; February 1

Join Rabbi Romano to explore Jewish beliefs about the God you may or may not believe in. Together we'll examine Jewish **theologies** found in the Torah and rabbinic literature, in addition to the spectrum of Jewish beliefs on God from the enlightenment to today. Throughout our time together, we'll discuss what Jewish theologies resonate with us wherever we are on our Jewish journey. Through our time together, you just might find that the God you learned about in Sunday school isn't Rabbi Romano's G!d either.

January 4: Meet the God of Abraham, the God of Moses, the God of Hannah, and the God of Deborah

January 11: G-d According to the Rabbis of the Mishnah and Talmud

January 18: G!d Conversations with Rambam, Rabbi Isaac Luria, and Baruch Spinoza

February 1: Are you there God? Exploring Jewish Theology Today (Kaplan, Heschel Plaskow, and Artson)

Spring:

Pirkei Imahot: The Wisdom of our Mothers Then and Now

Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30pm - May 8, 15, 29; June 5

Have you ever wondered what wisdom our matriarchs have passed down from generation to generation? Throughout our lives we've heard stories of the male characters in Torah again and again. We've learned important lessons from rabbis in the Talmud, all men, through midrash and text. But where are the voices of our mothers in Torah, Talmud, and throughout Jewish history? Join Rabbi Bailey Romano to explore Jewish women's wisdom passed down throughout the centuries, while reflecting on the wisdom you've received from women in your life and the lessons you hope you will pass on to the next generation.

Continuing Education Classes with Cantor Porzecanski

All the World's a Stage:

The History of Yiddish Theater

Thursdays: 7:00-8:00pm - October 26; November 2, 9



From Europe in the Middle Ages to major cities across America, this class will follow the evolution of this great cultural passion of the immigrant Jewish communities in the United States.

Jewish Comedy: A History!

Thursdays: 7:00-8:00pm - February 29; March 7, 14



This class will trace Jewish-American comedy through the Borsht Belt and beyond, uncovering the origins of Jewish comedy and its development from biblical times to the age of Twitter. Come ready to laugh!

The Times They Are A-Changin':

Trends and Innovations in Jewish Music

Thursdays: 7:00-8:00pm - May 9, 16



This class will look at trends influencing the innovations we experience in Jewish music available to us today. We will identify the significant historical factors and figures that laid the foundations of Jewish music, the emergence of technology that has magnified the diversity and inclusivity of Jewish music composition and performance, and the intersections of Jewish music and uniquely American musical styles (i.e. bluegrass, Jazz). ©Lowell Milken Fund for American Jewish Music at The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music.

Visiting Lectures Adult Education

The Hebrew Bible in American History and Culture

Prof. Amy Weiss, University of Hartford

Mondays: 7:00-8:00pm - Oct. 16, 23, 30; November 6 (Zoom)

This course examines the role the Hebrew bible has played in American history and culture. Specifically, it demonstrates how Hebraic ideas (values, traditions, and stories that emerged throughout ancient Israel) have shaped the United States, from its founding through to the present. We will use passages from the Hebrew bible to inform our understanding of significant moments in American history, including the creation of the American government and rule of law, the elimination of slavery, the establishment of the Thanksgiving holiday, the role of the Ten Commandments in American culture, and the existence of various slogans and symbols (i.e., the 1954 inclusion of the phrase “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance.)

One Thousand Years of Jewish Life in Poland

Daniel Erhlich

Sunday, Oct. 22, 11:00am-12:00pm (Zoom)

Daniel Ehrlich has been a leader in Jewish and Zionist education for over thirty years. Today, he guides tour groups all over Israel. Just one day touring with him, and you immediately sense the passion this man has for the Land of Israel and its history.

Chavurah: Let's Talk Torah

Saturdays: 9:30am - 12:00 noon in Library - Rabbi Bailey Romano

It's Shabbat morning and a short prayer service is beginning. By 10am coffee has been served, along with bagels, cream cheese, and muffins. The leader is often Rabbi Romano, but occasionally Rabbi Lippe or Cantor Porzecanski, or perhaps a special invited teacher.

Some or all of the week's Parasha (weekly Torah installment) is read aloud in English, paragraph by paragraph, with many pauses for discussion. The atmosphere is one of camaraderie with everyone learning from Torah, and from each other. Bring your own favorite chumash (English Torah translation and commentary) or use one of ours. Come and learn, make Shabbat Torah study a part of your life. It will help to make your life part of the Living Torah.

INTRO TO JUDAISM

An exploration for curious adults

Join this 20-session course on Jewish life

Led by Rabbi Sue Oren

In a warm and open environment, explore Jewish thought, prayer and practice, learn about Jewish history and holidays, wrestle with inherited text and contemporary issues, discuss Jewish views on God, ethics, life and death.

**Thursday Evenings 7:00-9:00pm at BHS (Zoom option) OR
Sunday Evenings 7:30-9:30pm (Zoom)
Starting Thursday, Nov. 2nd (first class is for both cohorts)**

****Registration is required in advance****

For registration, questions, and course fee, contact Rabbi Sue Oren at (917) 539-1334 or introclass@earthlink.net

\$475 course tuition; get an early-bird discount through Oct. 19th

Join this 20-session introduction to Jewish life, thought and practice.

The curriculum is designed to give you access to concepts, vocabulary and observances that are central to Judaism. Explore the holy and the historical, inherited texts and contemporary issues, rhythms of the calendar and of our lives in this seminar-style course.

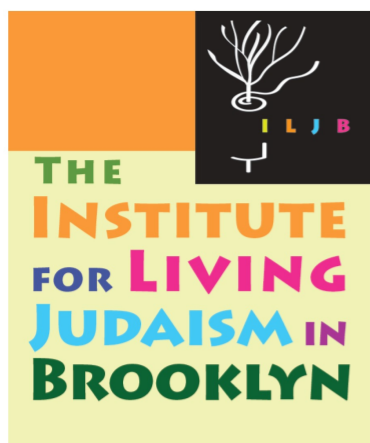
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THE INSTITUTE FOR LIVING JUDAISM
IN BROOKLYN *presents the Fall '23 series:*

JEWISH ETHICS

Applying the principles of Judaism



Sunday, Oct. 15, 4 PM

at East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Ave. (b/t Aves. K&L)

JJ Goldberg *award-winning author & journalist will speak on:*

Finding Jewish Values in an Age of Disruption



Sunday, Oct. 29, 4 PM

at B'ShERT, 83 Marlborough Rd. (at Church Ave.)

Dr. Ora Horn Prouser

CEO & Dean, The Academy for Jewish Religion will speak on:

**The Ethics of Inclusion: Understanding Disability
in The Sacred Literature**



Sunday, Nov. 5, 4 PM

at East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Ave. (b/t Aves. K&L)

A panel of experts will discuss MEDICAL ETHICS

*All sessions are hybrid (in-person and Zoom). **Free of charge for in-person attendees, \$10 per/person for Zoom participants.***

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