

TEMPLE SHIR TIKVAH
ADULT LEARNING COMMITTEE
PRESENTS:

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THE AMBROSE SCHOOL



WINTER/SPRING 2018

All Adult Learning classes are free and do not require registration. Participants are invited to attend any or all classes in a given course.

ADULT LEARNING CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Winter/Spring 2018

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JANUARY

- January 7: Spirit Links
January 21: Exploring Jewish Parenting (EJP);
Three Pathways into Exodus
January 28: Changing the World from the Inside Out

FEBRUARY

- February 4: A Taste of Mussar
February 11: EJP; Three Faiths

MARCH

- March 4: Engage
March 11: Pathways into Exodus
March 18: EJP; Three Faiths
March 25: Spirit Links

APRIL

- April 8: Three Faiths
April 29: EJP; Pathways into Exodus

MAY

- May 6: Annual Meeting: No classes

Spirit Links

Dr. Michelle Bograd, Cantor Beth Levin, Rabbi Rim Meiowitz

January 7, March 25

Long-time TST members will remember a tremendously popular program called Spirit Links, revived last year and continuing this spring. Using songs, silence, intimate text study, and discussion, spiritual concerns are linked to everyday aspects of life. Spirit Links classes have dealt with the nature of holiness, the complexities of money, the concept of “enoughness,” and, most recently, the many aspects of change. This year we have been fortunate enough to bring back psychologist Michelle Bograd to teach alongside Beth and Rim. Join us in early winter and spring for two new Spirit Links sessions.

Exploring Jewish Parenting

Rabbi Cari Bricklin-Small

10:00 to 11:15

January 21, February 11, March 18, April 29

Join Rabbi Cari and EJM parents in a series of workshops about Jewish parenting and how to bring Judaism into the lives of families. These monthly workshops are open to parents of children of all ages, as well as those who serve in the role of parents. Each month will focus on a different topic.

Three Pathways into Exodus

Rabbi Sara Meiowitz

January 21, March 11, April 29

Egypt. Plagues. Red Sea. Sinai! The stories of the book of Exodus are among the most striking and well-known in our tradition. As in last year’s successful exploration of Genesis, this class will provide new perspectives on the book of Exodus, challenging our assumptions and inviting contemporary readings. Topics may include Moses’ ethnic identity as Hebrew and Egyptian; artistic and cinematic representations of the Ten Commandments; and the intimacy and violation of the Golden Calf. Both experienced and new readers of Torah stories are welcome.

Changing the World from the Inside Out: Tikkun Olam for the Long Haul

Rabbi David Jaffe

January 28

The third of a three-part series on how Judaism can inform a life of meaning and purpose, this class will focus on sustaining one's efforts towards Tikkun Olam (repair of the world). From capital campaigns to presidential campaigns, working to make the world a better place takes long-term commitment and resolve. The Jewish wisdom of Shabbat provides a practice and model for a way to renew commitment and revive ourselves in the face of the inevitable setbacks, delays, and despair that can arise in any Tikkun Olam effort.

A Taste of Mussar

Rabbi Marcia Plumb

February 4

In this class, Rabbi Plumb will give us an overview of Mussar and an example of a short Mussar practice. Mussar is a 19th-century Jewish renewal movement that focuses on linking spiritual growth with day-to-day behavior. Founder Rabbi Yisroel Salanter propounded the importance of examining one's own traits and behaviors as well as working with others on self-improvement. Mussar practice examines traits like humility, patience, gratitude, compassion, simplicity, silence, and responsibility.

Three Faiths: Commonality and Divergence in the Mosaic Religions

Adam Marshak

February 11, March 18, April 8

This course will explore the common roots and divergent paths of the three Mosaic religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. We will look at how the founding documents of each faith, which are based in a common geography, have evolved over time. We will also explore three key topics: the role of women, the just war, and the outsider.

All classes will be held at the Ambrose School (27 High Street, Winchester) on Sunday mornings, and unless otherwise noted, run from 9:45 to 11:15 AM.

IEngage

Rabbi Cari Bricklin-Small

March 4

Join Rabbi Cari in a new IEngage class, Israel: Religious Pluralism and Human Rights. We will examine Israel's democratic commitment to religious pluralism and equal rights for all citizens, both Jews and non-Jews. We will ask if the Jewish dimension of Israel serves or hinders these commitments, and explore what principles and ideas ought to govern Israel's policies on these issues. There will be traditional chevruta (pair) learning from texts, brief segments of videos, and plenty of class conversation. IEngage is based on materials from the IEngage Curriculum of the Hartman Institute.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS

Rabbi David Jaffe is the author of *Changing the World from the Inside Out*, winner of the 2016 National Jewish Book Award for Contemporary Jewish Life. He is the founder and principal of Kirva Consulting, where he helps organizations and individuals access Jewish wisdom for building healthy, sustainable relationships and communities. He teaches Mussar and Jewish spirituality throughout North America as a faculty member with such organizations at the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and the Mussar Institute.

Adam Kolman Marshak teaches history at Gann Academy. He received his BA from Stanford and his PhD in history from Yale, where he was a Mellon Fellow and Distinguished Teaching award winner. He has published articles on the history of Roman Judaea and the political world of Herod the Great. Adam lives in Newton with his wife Melissa and their daughters Yaira, Ophira, and Yardana.

Rabbi Sara Meirowitz is assistant chair of Jewish Studies at Gann Academy. Teaching adult learning classes at Shir Tikvah is a highlight of her year!

Rabbi Marcia R. Plumb is the rabbi of Congregation Mishkan Tefila in Brookline, MA and the rabbi of Orchard Cove in Canton, MA. She has taught adult-education courses for more than 20 years and is the former director of spiritual formation at Leo Baeck College in London. Rabbi Plumb was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York. She holds a Masters in Hebrew literature from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles and a BA in psychology from the University of Texas.

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