Most programs will be held in the newly renovated PNK Learning Center Library unless otherwise noted. Please check the website calendar for the most up to date times and locations, as well as to register for events.

For more information, please contact Samara Katz, Librarian and Adult Education Coordinator, at skatz@templesinaiatlanta.org.

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Confronting Mental Health Issues in Your Profession with Eric Lang

Join Eric Lang, an attorney who has experienced the highs and lows of bipolar disorder, as he discusses—with “real life” examples—the importance of self-awareness in your professional life. (Lawyers: please reach out to Samara Katz if you are interested in receiving 1 Ethics CLE hour.)

Inside Sandy Springs City Council with Andy Bauman and Jody Reichel

Join Sandy Springs City Council members Andy Bauman and Jody Reichel for an inside look at some of the local government issues they are most passionate about.

Jewish Atlanta at the Crossroads: A Digital Tour of Historic Atlanta with Aaron Levi, Jewish educator and historian

Explore the history of Jewish Atlanta from the comfort of your own seat through an interactive digital tour with local educator and historian Aaron Levi.

Gate City Tours presents Historic Five Points: Jewish Atlanta at the Crossroads. Our Historic Five Points Tour transforms little and well-known subjects and historical figures into compelling narratives through novel story-telling techniques. Five Points is both a space and a crucial turning point in time to navigate. On this tour, we’ll learn about the origins of Atlanta, its Jewish community and Coca-Cola, analyze the notorious trial of Leo Frank, explore Margaret Mitchell’s legacy and her enduring work Gone With The Wind, contemporary art works, and much, much more.

The Impact of Social Media on the Mental Health of Teens with Jamie Stepansky, Child Adolescent Therapist

This discussion is part of a new parenting support initiative to provide a more diverse offering of Sunday Morning Learning opportunities. Join Jamie Stepansky, Child Adolescent Therapist from JF&CS, to learn techniques to combat the negative impact social media has on teens.

A Meaningful and Joyful Life: An Interactive Conversation & Brunch with David Geller

David isn’t your typical wealth management executive. As a financial services CEO, thought leader, and industry pioneer, David Geller speaks about his “broken industry” and how he “wants to change the way America thinks about money”. David is the CEO of Atlanta based JOYN, a financial services company that launched Behavioral Wealth Management, a groundbreaking model based on the science of behavioral finance and behavioral economics.

Strangers in a Stranger Land: How Finland’s Jews Survived the Holocaust with John Simon, award winning author and historian

Learn about the little known stories of the Jews of Finland who fought alongside the Germans against the Soviet Union during WWII and survived. John B. Simon, an American Jew residing in Finland, grew up in Pleasantville, New York. Strangers in a Stranger Land was first published in Finnish in 2017. It was among the four books short-listed for the 2017 History Book of the Year.

Inside AIPAC: A look at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee with Todd Young

Save the date for these upcoming Sunday Morning Learning opportunities!

Ask a Christian with The Rev. David Wagner from Holy Innocents’ Episcopal School. Come prepared with your tough questions!

Learn about estate planning, asset protection, and more in an informal discussion setting where you can get all of your questions answered with Mark Brandenburg.

November 10

November 17

December 8

December 15
Melton Fall 2019 taught by Rabbi Brad Levenberg
Shemot (Exodus): From Slavery to Sinai

This course, a deep-dive into the first half of the Book of Exodus, brings us the Egyptian narrative of our people from “Pharaoh’s Paranoia” to the dramatic story of our rescue, and survival in the wilderness during “Into the Sea” and “Manna from Heaven.” Leadership, bravery, faith, and doubt define some of the critical moments in these texts and offer us a rich backdrop for challenging our own assumptions. The fee for this class is $60 per person and open to Temple Sinai members only. You may register online or by calling 404.252.3073.

Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am, Large Ackerman Social Hall
September 17          October 22          November 19
September 24          October 29          November 3
October 15            November 12         December 10

Rona Balser Book Club
The Rona Balser Book Club
Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 pm
We will discuss Fleishman is in Trouble: A Novel by Taffy Brodesser-Akner with moderator Spencer Wise, professor and award-winning author. Please check the website for additional dates to follow.

Mussar
Led by Rabbi Natan Trief, this Mussar Salon is an 8-week course focusing on the study and practice of Human Character Traits as seen through a Jewish Lens.
Traits (Midot) include: Humility, Generosity, Truth, Loving Kindness, Patience, Honor, Faith, Equanimity, and more.
Class is limited to 12 students and the fee is $100 per participant. You may register online or by calling 404.252.3073. Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
October 22          November 12          December 10
October 29          November 19          December 17
November 5          December 3

Book Talks with Rabbi Phil
Join Rabbi Phil Kranz for a lively discussion about some of the new books added to our collection in the PNK Learning Center. You will learn something new every time!
Thursday, October 31, 11:00 am
The Hebrew Bible: A Translation with Commentary by Robert Alter
Thursday, November 21, 11:00 am
Rabbi Kranz will discuss the legendary love affair between Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah, & Louis Ginzberg.
Thursday, December 19, 11:00 am - topic TBD

Clergy Learning Series
New This Year! Join the Temple Sinai Clergy as they rotate facilitation of a class on the most compelling texts of Jewish tradition. Each session will be led by a different member of the clergy team and will feature a text as well as some background on what makes it so meaningful to us today. For convenience, each class will be offered twice: once in the evening and then the class will then be repeated during the day. Choose either session to get the same great lesson.

Wednesdays (see below for start times)
Rabbi Ron Segal: “When Bad Things Happen to Good People: New Look at the Book of Job”
November 6, 7:00 pm & November 13, 11:00 am

Beth Schafer,
Bunzl Family Cantorial Chair
January 8, 7:00 pm
January 15, 11:00 am

Rabbi Sam Trief
February 5, 7:00 pm
February 12, 11:00 am

Rabbi Ron Segal
March 4, 7:00 pm
March 11, 11:00 am

Rabbi Brad Levenberg
May 6, 7:00 pm
May 13, 11:00 am

Technology Seminars
Technology seminars are an open forum for adults to learn technology literacy, explore the capabilities of the internet, and have a safe space to ask questions. Contact Samara Katz for individual technology assistance.

Thursday, September 26, 11:00 am
Topic: We will discuss how to access entertainment like music, books, and TV. Participants will learn about free Jewish resources available on the internet.

Adult Education Film Series
Watch award winning films from the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival chosen for you by members of the AJFF selection committee.
Sundays, 6:30 pm
November 10: Marvin Hamlisch: What He Did For Love
December 15: Please check website for film selections.
A Conversation with Dani Shapiro
Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 pm


DANI SHAPIRO is the best-selling author of the memoirs *Inheritance, Hourglass, Still Writing, Devotion,* and *Slow Motion,* and five novels, and is the host of the forthcoming podcast *Family Secrets.* Her work has appeared in numerous publications including *The New Yorker, Vogue, The New York Times Book Review,* the op-ed pages of *The New York Times,* and *The Los Angeles Times,* and has been broadcast on *This American Life.*

She has taught in the writing programs at Columbia, NYU, The New School, and Wesleyan University; she is co-founder of the Sirenland Writers Conference in Italy. A contributing editor at *Condé Nast Traveler,* Dani lives with her family in Litchfield County, Connecticut.