

SEMESTER TWO: 2020-2021

Learning Session A - 10:00 - 10:50 am

A World of Grace Will Still Be Built: A Mosaic of the People Creating Change in Israel (Adults)

Delve into the unsung heroes of Israel who are making the world a better place. Using sound bites, clips, and photos, we will visit their town, learn about their work, and experience the daily life through their stories.

Teacher: Hillel Meyer is the in-house educator and international guide for Da'at Educational Expeditions. He plays a major role in the content development for all Da'at and ARZA World groups by inspecting new sites, meeting with potential speakers and composing individual programs for their groups. Born in Montreal, Canada, Hillel moved with his family to Israel as a child. After completing his mandatory IDF service, he obtained his bachelor's degree in Jewish Studies from Hebrew University. In addition, he has various teacher and education certificates, including Jewish History and Israel in the 21st Century. Hillel lives in Tel Aviv and is a proud father to two boys - Yair and Nadav. When he is not working or guiding, Hillel enjoys playing the piano and enthusiastically practices cross-fit.

Where Does your Piece Fit into the Tikkun Olam Puzzle? (Adults)

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Teacher: Rabbi Vann is in her twenty-second year in the rabbinate and her tenth year as ST-KA's spiritual leader. She has always taken an active role in our learning program and loves to teach a wide range of subjects to learners of all ages. Rabbi Vann has a passion for social justice and can't wait to share it with her learners!

Praying for a Better World (K-3rd grade)

Prayers for peace, prayers for health, and prayer of thanks are all expressions of tikkun olam – our hope to be better and for a better world. In this class, through games, activities, stories and art, we will learn about these prayers, and maybe even write our own!

Teacher: Laura Barnard loves Judaism, and she loves our youngest students, which has made her a wonderful faculty member for many years. Laura's daughters grew up in our program, and Laura is a past Board member and supportive of our community and Our Tent in so many ways.

A Valuable Trip to Israel (K-3rd grade)

Each week learners will travel – virtually of course! – to a different city in Israel. Through stories, art, games and more they will discover what makes each city special and what Jewish values we can find hidden there. Are you ready for this great adventure?!?!?

Teacher: Kathy Klein has a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and a Masters in Jewish Education. She taught for over 25 years at the Mayfield JCC, Park, & Mandel JCC Early Childhood Centers and was Director of Early Childhood Education at the Shaw Jewish Community Center in Akron. She has been active in Interfaith activities and received two community service awards from then Bishop Pilla. Her research in how young children construct identity was featured at Ingenuityfest. Now retired, she enjoys painting, textile art, and long walks with her husband, Peter, and their four German shepherds.

Come Camp in Our Tent (4th-10th grade)

What do you get when you mix some Our Tent, with a little bit of Jewish Values, and a whole lotta camp creativity? How about TONS of fun! Come spend your Sunday mornings with AMAZING staff from Camp Wise and the Reform Movement overnight camps and bring a little summer magic to Cleveland winter.

Teacher: This class will be taught by the AMAZING and CREATIVE staff from Camp Wise, URJ Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI), URJ 6Points Creative Arts Academy, URJ 6Points Sci-Tech, and URJ 6Points Sports.

Kosher Earworms (4-10th grade)

Ever hear a beat or tune that just sticks with you? Ever experience a brand-new song that feels as if it comes from your soul? Come learn and sing some of the Jewish people’s greatest hits, as we explore the trends and earworms of Jewish music of the past hundred years.

Teacher: Rabbi Chase Foster is the Rabbi for Engagement and Learning at jHUB. He was born and raised in Cincinnati, and he found his voice and passion while working at summer camp and in youth groups. He earned a B.A. from Purdue University, and a Master of Hebrew Literature and ordination from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. Rabbi Chase loves placing himself at the center of building Jewish communities that offer people ways to live meaningfully. He loves hiking with his wife and dog, playing and watching sports, and listening to music.

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Learning Session B – 10:00-10:50

Artfully Tikkun Olam (Adults)

Get ready to exercise your creativity muscle in this class centered around exploring Tikkun Olam texts through creative artwork. We will work in paint, mosaic, ink, paper, and other media. No experience or specific artistic skill needed, just a desire to roll up your sleeves and add beauty to the world! **IN ORDER TO FULLY COVER THE MATERIAL, THIS CLASS WILL RUN FROM 10:00-11:30.**

Teacher: Deb Rogers loves to share her passion for art and contemporary Jewish music with others. She divides her time between her family, her over-the-top cake decorating business, and her work as Music Director at ST-KA.

The Jewish Experience in America - Part II (Adults)

Jews have been in America since 1654. Our history has typically been divided into three waves: (1) Sephardic Dutch/English; (2) German; and (3) Eastern European. The previous course addressed the first two waves - Jews from the Colonial Era to the Civil War. This course will continue to cover the third wave and the world these Jews made in America. **The previous courses are not a prerequisite.**

Teacher: David Aron, a physician and researcher, is Professor of Medicine at CWRU School of Medicine. In addition to the medical school, he teaches at the Weatherhead School of Management. Dave is an active member of the temple and can be found every Shabbat morning at Torah Study.

The Akedah Project: Lessons from the Binding of Isaac (Adults)

The Akedah, the binding of Isaac, is a central text in the Hebrew Bible, so much so that it is read on Rosh Hashanah. Nevertheless, many find it disturbing, for a variety of reasons. A group of Jewish organizations have sponsored the Akedah Project, enlisting individuals to comment on these words from a variety of perspectives. Relying on the materials in this project, learners may come to appreciate that the words of the Bible are not carved in stone, that they mean many things to many people, and that if their intent is problematic, it is allowed, maybe even necessary, to challenge them.

Teacher: Muriel Lederman is retired from Biology and Women's Studies at Virginia Tech. She is newish to Cleveland and enjoys the Art Museum, the Symphony and teaching in Health Humanities at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine.

Tikkun Olam Torah - Part II (K-3rd grade)

Let's learn Torah and save the planet! We can take care of the environment and by putting our Torah teachings into action. Let's learn together, and there will be some Hebrew Through Movement fun as well! **The previous courses are not a prerequisite.**

Teacher: Linda Wolfe has been teaching at STKA for over 45 years. She teaches Hebrew in our learning program and to many of our B'nai Mitzvah students. Linda took a seminar in Philosophical Inquiry, a method of teaching Torah to children that involves going deeper into text and helping them to ask big questions. She will bring this knowledge, and her love for children and all things Jewish to this class.

Where Does your Piece Fit in the Tikkun Olam Puzzle? (4-10th grade)

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Teacher: Alan Hazzard has been teaching at ST-KA for 14 years and recently joined the Board of Trustees. Professionally he works at Westfield Insurance (with Board President Matt Lehman) managing the company's real estate and facilities.

The Story of Tikkun Olam (All Ages)

Stories have always been an important part of our Jewish tradition, and as they have been passed down from generation to generation, they have helped to impart some of our greatest lessons. Each week Rabbi Shana will share one of her favorite stories on some facet of tikkun olam, and then through activities, games, art and more, we will discover how these ancient stories can help us to live our lives with meaning and values.

Teacher: Rabbi Shana Nyer was ordained from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in 2003 and received her Master of Arts in Religious Education from there in 2016. She loves teaching students of all ages and is passionate about advocating for the inclusion of all learners. Rabbi Shana is a gifted story teller who loves to teach Jewish values through this medium, and also gets excited when her lessons combine her knowledge of and passion for Judaism and her interest in all things pop culture.