

# SEMESTER ONE: 2020-2021

## Learning Session I - 10:30 - 11:20 am

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### The Jewish Experience in America (Adults) - Zoom and In-Person

**The Jewish Experience in America:** Jews have been in America since 1654. Our history has typically been divided in three waves: (1) Sephardic Dutch/English; (2) German; (3) Eastern European. The previous course addressed the first two waves - Jews from the Colonial Era to the Civil War. This course will cover the third wave and the world these Jews made in America. **The previous course is not a prerequisite. This Class is offered on Zoom or in-person, please indicate how you will be taking the class when you register.**

**Teacher:** Dave Aron—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.

### Yoda - Jewish He May Be (4th Grade - Adults) – Zoom and In Person

What can you learn about Tikkun Olam by using the Force? A lot! Journey with us as we look at the *Star Wars* universe through a Jewish lens. In this class, we'll be looking at scenes from the movies and TV shows along with quotes from the series and from Jewish text. Grab your lightsaber and join the fun! **This class is offered on Zoom and in-person.**

**Teacher:** Rachel – Rachel Lutner is the Director of the Cleveland State University's Office for Institutional Equity. In that role, Rachel works with students who are experiencing or have experienced gender violence, sexual harassment and nonconsensual sexual contact. Rachel also works with students accused of engaging in this conduct. Prior to coming to CSU in 2017, Rachel was a partner in a law firm and she specialized in identifying and resolving sexual misconduct towards students in public schools, colleges and universities.

## The Value of Being Jewish (K-3rd Grade) – Zoom and In Person

Through art, music, games, stories and other activities, we will learn about different Jewish values and how living these values helps to make us better people and our world a better place! **This class is offered on Zoom and in-person.**

**Teacher:** Susan – Susan Merdler has been teaching learners of all ages for over ten years at STKA on topics from holidays to kugel! When not volunteering at STKA and working full time, Susan enjoys being with family and friends, attending art exhibitions, reading and experimenting in the kitchen.

## Jewish Holidays the Tikkun Olam Way (All Ages) Zoom and In-Person

Through activities, games, art, music and stories for all ages, we will discover the social justice and *shomrei ha'admah* (guardians of the earth) aspects of the Jewish holidays. **This class is offered Zoom or in-person, please indicate how you will be taking the class when you register.**

**Teacher:** Rabbi Shana—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 storyteller 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.

## Torah Tots: In-Person (0 - PreK learners)

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**Teacher:** Meghann Hennen—Meghann Hennen was born and raised in Beachwood, Ohio. She is an artist, early childhood educator and ballet teacher to young children. In 2006, she received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting and Drawing from the University of Akron. In 2008, she graduated with a Master of Fine Arts from Parsons; The New School of Design studying Painting and Performance Art. Then in 2015, she graduated from Columbia University, Teachers College with her second master's degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. She has performed and exhibited her work in the United States and Europe. She and her husband live in Shaker Heights and love spending time with their cats!

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### Thinking About God (Adults) - Zoom and In Person

Who is God? What is God? How have Jewish views of God evolved? Do I have to believe in God? With philosophers, theologians, biblical and other sacred texts as our guide, we'll learn and discover the many ways to contemplate God and deepen our own spiritual paths. **This class is offered on Zoom or in-person, please indicate how you will be taking the class when you register.**

**Teacher:** Rabbi Vann—Rabbi Vann beginning 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!

### Competitive Minecraft (4th-10th Grade) - Zoom and In Person

This course will use Minecraft to explore competitive video games (e-sports) and the connections between competition, teamwork, community and Judaism. The course will feature a variety of competitive Minecraft events and will ask students to write reflections on these experiences within a Jewish framework. Note: This class will require that students have access to a computer that can play Minecraft. Please note that the mobile versions (iPad, phone, etc.) will not work for this class. If you do not have a compatible version, the temple will purchase one for you. **This class is offered on Zoom or in-person, please indicate how you will be taking the class when you register.**

**Teacher:** J Collins—J Collins is a computer science educator and a member of Suburban Temple-Kol Ami's Lifelong Learning Committee. J recently completed a Fellowship with the Union for Reform Judaism and has taught game design and computer science at the university level, high school, and after school in museums.

## Tikkun Olam Torah (K-3rd Grade) – Zoom and In Person

Let's learn and save the Planet! We can take care of the environment by putting our Torah teachings into action! Let's learn together and there will be some Hebrew Through Movement fun as well! **This Class is offered on Zoom and in-person.**

**Teacher:** Linda Wolfe—Linda Wolfe has been teaching at STKA for over 40 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.

## Our Words, New Readings: Jewish Texts from a Feminists Perspective (Adults) - Zoom and In Person

The Words of the Hebrew Bible are our history and our legacy. They are often taken for granted, but some have looked at them through a different lens, that of feminist scholarship. In these sessions, we will take this approach, relying on the opportunity to engage in re-reading and writing in this vein for yourselves. **This class is offered on Zoom or in-person, please indicate how you will be taking the class when you register.**

**Teacher:** Muriel Lederman—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.

## Building a Mensch (All Ages) - Zoom and In-Person

Does Judaism give us building blocks and instructions for improving ourselves and the world? Yes it does, and some assembly is required! Join us as we learn with LEGO® bricks by discovering the building blocks of a Mensch, and how a Mensch can build a better world. LEGO is a trademark of the LEGO group of companies which does not sponsor, authorize or endorse this class. **This class is offered on Zoom or in-person, please indicate how you will be taking the class when you register.**

**Teacher:** Joe Grasso and Alan Hazzard—Joe Grasso enjoys taking his LEGO hobby and combining it with his love for Judaism. He uses LEGO bricks as an art medium in creating unique works of Jewish art, as well as having created his own custom LEGO instructional book ALEPH-BRICKS: Build the Hebrew Aleph-Bet! Joe has also brought LEGO bricks into the corporate world by facilitating different custom LEGO engagement events.

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.

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