

OUR TENT 2019/20 – 5780

Learning Session 1	Trimester 3	Teacher with Bio
Class #1	<p><u>Crossing the Sea: A Deep Dive into Passover:</u></p> <p>In this class we will discover the why, what when and how of Passover. Then we will create ritual items, including our own Hagaddot (Seder booklets) to help enhance our celebration.</p> <p>Teacher: Deb Rogers Age: 8th grade - Adult</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Deb Rogers</u></p> <p>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.</p>
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Class #3	<p><u>Computer Midrash:</u></p> <p>Midrashim are stories, often interesting and colorful, written by the rabbis that helps us to understand the Torah and its lessons. In this class we will study some midrashim and then, as a class, decide on one and create a computer game based upon it.</p> <p>Teacher: J Collins Age: Adult</p>	<p><u>Instructor: J Collins</u></p> <p>J Collins is a computer science teacher at Hathaway Brown School 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.</p>
Class #4	<p><u>And You Shall Teach it to Your Children:</u></p> <p>Parent Child Hebrew: From aleph to tav and beyond, come learn to read Hebrew as a family! This class is a year-long commitment. By signing up you will take this class in the first learning session all three trimesters.</p> <p>YOU MAY ONLY SIGN UP IF YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THIS CLASS IN THE FIRST TWO TRIMESTERS AND YOU MUST SIGN UP IF YOU HAVE BEEN TAKING THIS ALL YEAR.</p> <p>Teacher: Linda Wolfe Age: 5th and 6th graders and Parents</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Linda Wolfe</u></p> <p>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.</p>
Class #5	<p><u>The Value of Art:</u></p> <p>In this class we will dive deep into Jewish values. We will also explore the meaning certain colors hold in Judaism and for us personally. Through our discussion about values and colors learners will be able to create paintings based on a value they find meaningful. These works of art will be displayed at our closing Siyyum on May 17th.</p> <p>Teacher: Meghann Hennen Age: 8th- Adult</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Meghann Hennen</u></p> <p>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 my Master of Fine Arts from Parsons the New School of Design studying Painting and Performance Art. 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 in Europe. She and her husband live in Shaker Heights and love spending time with their cats!</p>
Class #6	<p><u>Wholly Jewish:</u></p> <p>Everybody knows that there isn't just one way to be Jewish, and there isn't just one kind of Jew. Using a podcast with different Jewish individual's stories, we will talk about members of the Jewish community and all their different identities, and how those identities intersect with their Judaism. Or, in other words, what makes them Jewish-and-and. And-- what makes them wholly Jewish and what makes us wholly Jewish.</p> <p>Teacher: Rabbi Shana Age: 4th-7th Grade</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Rabbi Shoshana Nyer</u></p> <p>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.</p>
Class #7	<p><u>Spring into the Holidays:</u></p> <p>In this class we will learn about all the Jewish Holidays from Tu B'shvat through Shavuot. From why we celebrate to how we celebrate to what we eat, we will discover it all!</p> <p>Teacher: Laura Barnard Age: K-3rd grade</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Laura Barnard</u></p> <p>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.</p>
Class # 8	<p><u>The Holocaust, What Did We Know, 1933-1939:</u></p> <p>A survey of what was known in Cleveland about the Nazi threat as evidenced in local newspapers. Students will find and read news articles on topics including Nazism, Hitler, the April 1933 boycott, Nuremberg race laws, Kristallnacht, and other events.</p> <p>Teacher: Diane Greene Age: 12th Grade-Adult</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Diane Greene</u></p> <p>Diane Greene is a lecturer in Biology at Cleveland State University and is currently working on a master's degree in History. She is a long-time member of STKA and a regular at Torah study.</p>
Torah Tots	<p><u>Torah Tots:</u></p> <p>This program is for our youngest learners. It will be available all morning and will include childcare and age-appropriate fun Jewish learning. Please sign up for each session your child will be in Torah Tots</p> <p>Teacher: Liam Jacobs Age: 0-PreK learners</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Liam Jacobs</u></p> <p>Liam is a third-year toddler teacher at the JCC. When he is not at work, he likes to stay physically active at the gym and in nature. He is very excited to teach the Torah Tots class this year and join the STKA family.</p>

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<p>Class #2</p>	<p><u>Shomrei Ha'adamah: Taking Care of our World and Our Sacred Space:</u></p> <p>This class will focus on our Jewish connections to the earth, our responsibility for guarding it, what it means in today's world to be an advocate for the environment, and how all of this influences how we care for our sacred space at STKA.</p> <p>Teacher: Susan Merdler Age: Adults</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Susan Merdler</u></p> <p>Susan Merdler has been teaching learners of all ages for ten years at STKA starting 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.</p>
<p>Class #3</p>	<p><u>Koleinu Youth Choir:</u></p> <p>Love to sing? Let's learn the music of Sheldon Low and other contemporary Jewish musicians as well as the prayers we sing in services! Our youth choir will sing during t'filah and perform with Sheldon and his wife Hadar on the bimah in early 2020 as part of his scholarship-in-residence!</p> <p>Teacher: Deb Rogers Age: 4th-8th grade</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Deb Rogers</u></p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Class #4</p>	<p><u>Express Yourself:</u></p> <p>This class will combine creative writing, Jewish text, and expressive arts as we find new ways to explore who we are as Jews and as ourselves.</p> <p>Teacher: Deena Nyer Mendlowitz Age: 4th-7th grade</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Deena Nyer Mendlowitz</u></p> <p>Deena Nyer Mendlowitz is a pre-school teacher and improviser. She is also a master of creative expression, which is sure to guide her as she teaches this class. Deena and her son, Rafi, are active members of STKA and actively involved in Our Tent. If you need a good laugh, a good pun, or a good way to connect pop culture, especially from the 80s, to Judaism, Deena is your gal!</p>
<p>Class #5</p>	<p><u>Turning Points in Jewish History VI – European Jewry from the Mid-19th to Early 20th Century:</u></p> <p>This course deals with different turning points Jewish History. Aspects of each turning point will be discussed including their historical background, how the Jews understood their experience of them, their impact and their legacy. This course is based on Turning Points in Jewish History by Marc J. Rosenstein, which will be provided.</p> <p>Teacher: Dave Aron Age: Adult</p> <p>YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE TAKEN PARTS I THROUGH V TO TAKE THIS CLASS</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Dave Aron</u></p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Class #6</p>	<p><u>Sacred Relationships:</u></p> <p>This course help learners understand affirmative consent and how that approach to relationships is consistent with Jewish thought. Affirmative consent is the standard for conduct today. The course will identify elements of healthy and unhealthy relationships and how to respond.</p> <p>Teacher: Rachel Lutner Age: 6th-8th Grade</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Rachel Lutner</u></p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Class #7</p>	<p><u>The Art of Dancing: Prayer:</u></p> <p>In this class we will explore different setting for Jewish prayer. We will then pick one that we like as a class and choreograph a dance to it. Finally, we will use special painted shoes to create a canvas of our dance. We will perform the dance and display our canvas and our closing Siyyum on May 17th.</p> <p>Teacher: Meghann Hennen Age: All Ages</p>	<p><u>Instructor: Meghann Hennen</u></p> <p>Meghann 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 my 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 in Europe. She and her husband live in Shaker Heights and love spending time with their cats!</p>
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