

Study With Rabbi

Every 7th Year: Concepts of Shmita Past and Present **

Thursday evenings, December 2, 9, 16, 2021
7-8:30 pm

We will examine the concepts of Shmita as they appear in traditional rabbinical literature and discover the relevance of Shmita in the 21st century.



Introduction to Talmud, Part 3 **

Thursday evenings, February 10, 17, 24, 2022
7-8:30 pm

This is for those who are ready for the real deal! You will encounter one of the most foundational but difficult texts of Judaism, with an eye to building the skills necessary to decode it and understand its unique reasoning methods. This is the continuation of last year's course, **but** no prior attendance is necessary to join.



Great Jewish Thinkers, Great Jewish Ideas

Sunday mornings from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm.

We will study the intellectual contributions of individuals whose thoughts created a series of spiritual revolutions through the ages

February 6 – Dr. Martin Buber

March 27 – Rabbi Dr. Rachel Adler

Please register online: at www.spokanetbs.org

**Member's free; Non-member's \$54
Fee does not include book



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Lifelong Learning 2021-2022 5782 Second Semester



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We would love for you to join us.

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Second Semester

Trope Isn't Tough - Learn to read Torah*

Taught by Mindy Sandler

Starting in January 23, 2022, 11:00– 12:30



Special Programs

Our Guest Speaker Series

Updates in COVID-19 treatment, vaccines, and long-COVID

Dr. Rachel Bender Ignacio

January 16, 2022 - 10:30 am

An update about Covid-19, focusing on the new treatments and vaccinations, including updates on the research and new discoveries, and the difference between the treatment of children and adults from the epidemiology point of view.



Shmita - Can We Keep These Mitzvoth in Our Contemporary Jewish Life?

Prof. Ruchama Weiss

Sunday, January 30, 2022 - 10:30 am

The Torah mentions two types of *Shemita*: *Shemita* of lands and Financial *Shemita*. Each type of *Shemita* is a community and a personal challenge, a very difficult task to accomplish. Just a brief look at the Mitzvoth helps us to understand that the mission is almost impossible. The mitzvot of *Shemita* are perhaps the most demanding mitzvot in the Torah. Throughout the ages the sages have been required to find ways to bridge these commandments, while seeing the needs and possibilities of the community. In the lecture, we will look at the methods created by the sages to deal with the mitzvot and ask ourselves about the ability of these methods, in order to offer a way and a solution to the tensions in contemporary Jewish life.

Special Programs - cont.

Separate Histories, Common Challenges

February 27, 2022 - 10:30 am

In this panel discussion we will try to find the intersection between racism and antisemitism, particularly in the current era of resurgent white supremacy in the U.S. The panel will consist of representatives from local communities of color as well as Jewish community members. This wide-ranging discussion will encompass the uptick in anti-Semitic incidents across the nation in the last half-decade, and look at how local activists and allies are working to counter hate in all its forms.



The Shmita of Shmitas - we have arrived; Tales of a Climate Zealot aka Jewish Gadfly

Dr. Barak Gale

Sunday, March 6, 2022 -10:30 am

“This is not just a routine Shmita year, no nothing like it. This Shmita of Shmitas has a dreadful warning like Code Red for Humanity. The Retreating Reactor trait in me is happy to escape to a fantasy world like Dune. But, lo and behold, the heat and desertification are there too! Word has it that understanding the science of Climate Upheaval will not extract us from this debacle - too bad, I love talking thermodynamics. Come and enjoy this presentation about art, poetry, ritual, stories, successes, and maybe a tiny bit of science.” Dr. Barak Gale



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Members fee \$120 Non-members \$240 Not includes books

Special Programs - cont.

Diarna: Documenting Jewish Sites in North Africa and the Middle East

Dr. Frances Malino and Jason Guberman-Pfeffer

April 10, 2022 - 10:30 am

Diarna, the flagship project of the nonprofit group Digital Heritage Mapping, runs over 60 field expeditions. Diarna, Judeo- Arabic for “our homes,” uses traditional and high-tech photography, satellite imaging, digital mapping, 3-D modeling, archival materials and oral histories. In 2008, Diarna has successfully documented more than 3000 sites. A number of these sites, often lost to history, will be highlighted in a virtual tour.



Where is the Israel-Diaspora Relationship Headed?

Dr. Elana Stein Hain

Sunday, May 15, 2022 - 10:30 am

The majority of American and Israeli Jewry differ markedly in their attitudes about both religion and politics. What does this mean for the future of the relationship between these two Jewish populations? Additionally, we are witnessing a shift in attitudes among many American Jews regarding Israel. How might we respond to this shift in ways that maintain our relationship with Israel and with other American Jews?



Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Saturday June 4, 2022

Details to come.