ADULT EDUCATION

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FIRST SATURDAY MORNINGS

January 6 Rabbi Ilyse Kramer Franz Rosenzweig February 3 Rabbi Helen Plotkin Abravanel

9:45 Services 11:45 Kiddush & potluck lunch Torah Treks 12:30 – 2:00 Each program is independent. Come for all the sessions or attend selectively. There is no charge for lunch or the study sessions and RSVPs are not necessary. Whether you are able to attend services or not, whether or not you are able to contribute to the pot-luck, whether or not you've engaged the texts before, you are welcome to come for lunch & study. Streaming will be available.

Teachers and topics TBA

BEIT MIDRASH - Text Study with a teacher and a study partner (bring one or find one there.)
7:30 - 9:30 3rd Wednesdays October - May

Once a month we'll get together in the sanctuary for some old fashioned learning on contemporary issues. Our rabbinic intern, Nora Chernov, will be the main teacher but our Rabbis and members of our congregation will also teach. Following some introductory remarks, we'll sit and study with a chevruta (study partner), exploring translations of fascinating and relevant texts. If there are topics or texts that you'd like to explore, please send ideas to R. Linda, Nora Chernov, or Marion Hamermesh.

The Torah of Now: Challenge and Response

What guidance does Jewish tradition give us for thinking about some of today's most difficult issues? Stay tuned to hear about selected Friday night services that will include a speaker and discussion that will bring wisdom to our understanding of a challenge of contemporary life .tba Israel, anti- semitism.

The Torah of Now: Sunday, January 21 Milt Meyer on Just War Theory

Learning with Rabbi Richard Hirsh Thursday March 7, 14, & 21 on Zoom

Reading the Book of Ruth: The Book of Ruth is among the briefest books of the Bible. Its complex and nuanced story opens up many concepts with which contemporary Jewish spiritual life continues to engage:

the place of the voices of women; the diverse constructions of "family"; the cultivation of ethical qualities; boundary-crossing identities, ethnic and religious; the ways in which "the Other" is viewed; joining the Jewish people, and questions of conversion.

In this three-session study, we will read through the entire Book of Ruth together, exploring how the story unfolds and continues to speak to contemporary Jewish life.

In the Senior Rabbi's Study

Mussar (closed group but... interested? Please contact Rabbi Linda for more information) The 3rd Thursday of each month September - June

The Adult Education Committee supports the work of the \underline{A} nti- \underline{R} acism \underline{C} o-ordinating \underline{C} ommittee and the Beth Israel Green Torah Group

As usual, please check the Israelight and your emails for detailed information

Are you interested in helping to plan and implement Adult Ed at BI? Please contact marion@hamermesh.com