

FALL & WINTER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

For additional information and a complete calendar, watch your email or go to <http://bethemeth.org/calendar>

Techilah – The Place for Jewish Young Adults Virtual Candle Making – October 28, 7:00 PM

Techilah is joining forces with Moishe House to host a virtual candle making event! Join us so we can hang out, and make some candles together to prepare for the fall! We'll have a limited number of free kits available for pickup the week before the event, so please sign up ASAP AT <http://bit.ly/techilah-candles> to get further information about that. If you'd like to order one yourself, we'll be working from this kit: <https://amazon.com/dp/B07DQFZWCL>



If you'd just like to see how it's done, then be sure to sign up by the day before the event so that we can email the zoom link to everyone!

Challah Baking at a Whole New Level! Fridays, November 6, 13 & 20, 10:00-11:00 AM

Have you always wanted to learn how to bake challah, or been interested in adding a bit of pizzazz to your challah baking? This three-session, online class is for both novice and experienced challah bakers. You'll learn the most by baking along with us, but listeners are welcome, too!



- Nov. 6: Prepare the perfect dough, & simple braiding techniques
- Nov 13: Advanced 6-strand braiding, & fancy challah rolls
- Nov 20: Sweet & savory stuffed challah techniques & recipes

Go to bethemeth.org/event/challah2020 for more details & registration. Registrants will receive the Zoom link and ingredients lists.

Baking Soofganiot (Jelly Donuts for Hanukkah) with The Difference Baker Monday, December 7, 7:00 PM

Lauren Katz, Head Pastry Chef at The Difference Baker in Ashburn, VA, will virtually demonstrate how to make Soofganiot (Jelly donuts) for Hanukkah while participants bake with her. Lauren Katz is best known for winning the 1st season of ABC's "Great American Baking Show."



We are partnering with Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation (NVHC) for this event. Each registrant will receive a link for one device; maximum 50 participants/devices from CBE and 50 from NVHC. Watch your email for more details and registration information.

Armchair Travel to Morocco Mondays, December 7-28, 2:00-3:15 PM (sponsored by Pozez NVJCC in partnership with Osher Marin JCC)

Travel virtually with a tour guide and learn about Morocco's fascinating culture which is a blend from indigenous and European influences. Sign up for one or all. Details and registration: <http://bit.ly/armchairmorocco>



- Dec 7: Morocco Overview and Marrakech's Medina
- Dec 14: The Gardens of Marrakech
- Dec 21: Moroccan Jewish Life
- Dec 28: Koutoubia Mosque & Local Muslim Life

Virtual Chocolate Tasting with Chocolatier Mariano D'Aguiar of River-Sea Chocolates - December 12, 7:00 PM

Watch your email and the December *Shofar* for registration details!

This presentation and chocolate tasting will include stories about the South American cocoa farms and cocoa growers that Mariano and his wife Krissee have visited to ensure that sustainable farming and fair labor practices are observed. Additionally, Mariano will explain the process from cocoa bean to chocolate bar.

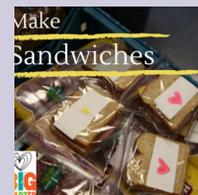


Participants purchase a package of 5 chocolate bars, either mini or large to share, all made in their Chantilly chocolate factory from cocoa beans from single-grower farms in 5 South American countries. The bars can be picked up at CBE before the session (or delivered if you can't pick up). For an additional charge, the chocolates can be shipped in the continental U.S., so invite your extended family & friends!

Social Action: Help the Less Fortunate in our Community

New! Bagged Lunches for the Homeless Fridays, October 16, November 20, December 18

The Social Action Committee has arranged for our community to provide 72 bagged lunches to the Embury Rucker Community shelter in Reston on the 3rd Friday of every month. They are counting on us for lunches on those dates! Preparing the lunches is a great family tzedakah project. Please sign up to provide 12 or more lunches, which can be delivered on Thursday 5-7 PM or by noon on Friday. Specific instructions and sign up are at bethemeth.org/bagged-lunch.



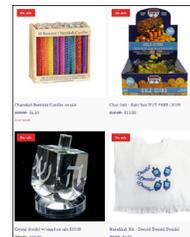
Thanksgiving Food Drive Drop-off times: November 16 – 20

This year, please deliver Thanksgiving "baskets" directly to St. John Neumann Catholic Church, to be distributed to Cornerstones clients. Or, you can purchase a full meal kit for Cornerstones at the North Point Giant in Reston. If you prefer, you can donate funds that will allow the Social Action Committee to purchase gift cards. Complete details & sign up are at bethemeth.org/thanksgiving-food.

The Marilyn Rosenberg Sisterhood Gift Shop is Online!

Check it out at bethemeth.org/gift-shop-online. We will have pickup or delivery (no contact). You can purchase all things Hanukkah online, and additional merchandise is being uploaded daily!

Also please check out our gigantic sale, in the shop and online. All existing merchandise is marked down 30% - 60% off. Yes, that includes Tallitot! Appointments are also available (masked and distanced); email gift-shop@bethemeth.org.



More Adult Programs

Ongoing:

- Online Bridge, Mondays
- Hebrew Conversation, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

December:

- Northern VA Jewish Film Festival

January:

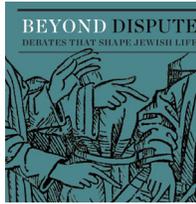
- Coping with Stress During a Long Year of Pandemic: Follow-up
- Film: *Nobody Wants Us*, and virtual discussion with filmmaker.

Adult Education

Register for classes at bethemeth.org/adult-education or email office@bethemeth.org, unless otherwise noted

Beyond Dispute – Debates That Have Shaped and Still Shape Jewish Life – Part 2

Select Sundays in winter/spring, 10:00-noon
Oct 25, Nov 8, Dec 13, Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 7



Debates—philosophical, spiritual, ethical, and cultural—are at the heart of Judaism and Jewish life. Are religion and reason compatible? Can Jewish law change based on context? How do we teach and talk about the Holocaust and the State of Israel? Should we prioritize Jewish causes or universal causes in our giving? Is Jewish tradition intrinsically patriarchal and ableist? Is our relationship with God defined by human obligation or divine compassion?

Each session includes a short video lecture featuring a Jewish Theological Seminary faculty member, text study, and guided group discussion. We will explore how these debates have been manifested over the course of Jewish history, and discuss their continued resonance today.

Instructor: Rabbi Michelle “Mina” Goldsmith
Free while online; Zoom link: bethemeth.org/adult-education.

Pirkei Avot Shabbat Study Session

12:00 PM on the 1st & 3rd Shabbat of each month
(Check calendar for exceptions)



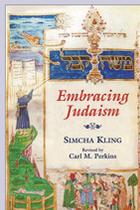
Pirkei Avot, also known as Ethics of the Fathers, is the only tractate from the Mishnah that does not contain commentary in the Gemara as part of the Talmud. Rather, this five-chapter book stands on its own as one of the greatest collections of rabbinic teachings on ethics, spirituality, morality, Jewish history, and Torah study. Utilizing Pirkei Avot Lev Shalem, which contains commentaries from Rabbi Gordon Tucker and Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum, two leaders of the Conservative/Masorti movement, we engage in lively analysis and discussion of these ancient yet eternally relevant teachings.

Instructor: Rabbi Michelle “Mina” Goldsmith
No charge, no registration required. Join when you can!
Zoom link is at bethemeth.org/adult-education.

Introduction to Judaism: Personalized Studies

Contact rabbimina@bethemeth.org

Judaism is the dynamic and inspirational religion of the Jewish people, going back over 3,500 years. In this introductory course, those who are seeking to enhance their Jewish knowledge of Judaism and Jewish practices can learn about the wisdom and beauty of this wonderful tradition and oldest of the monotheistic faiths.

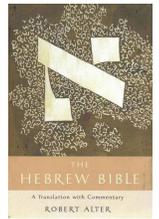


Instructor: Rabbi Michelle “Mina” Goldsmith
Series: \$54 Members, \$180 Non-Members
Fee includes all materials and books

People of the Book Read the Book - The Writing, Part 2

Wednesdays 12:00 PM-1:30 PM

Begins October 14 (Check calendar for exceptions)



In Ecclesiastes we read that there is nothing new under the sun. As we enter the 2020 election cycle, join Rabbi Mina for a close reading of the books of Samuel and Kings to learn just how true this is. Beginning on October 14, we will join together each Wednesday to continue our close reading of the text in order to gain insight into Jewish history, human nature, the challenges of leadership, and the origin of politics as we know it. **Instructor: Rabbi Michelle “Mina” Goldsmith**
Free while online; no registration required. No previous participation required. Zoom link: bethemeth.org/adult-education.

Hazak Virtual Seminars

Monthly on Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 PM

On Zoom Until Further Notice



Hazak is primarily for friends “of a certain age,” but all ages, and non-Beth Emeth members, are welcome to learn with us! And don't forget to stay and shmooze after the session.

- **October 20, 2020: Dr. Harold Geller:** Looking for Life in All the Wrong Places – The Search for Life in the Universe
- **November 17, 2020: Dr. Jim Kinter:** Climate Change in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- **December 15, 2020: Rabbi Mina Goldsmith:** Special Hanukkah Topic
- **January 19, 2021: Richard Rubenstein:** Religious Conflicts and Their Resolution

More information on topics and speakers is at bethemeth.org/hazak. Not on the Hazak email list? Contact Elyn Greenspan and Carol Silberstein at hazak@bethemeth.org to make sure you receive the Zoom links and reminder emails.

Beth Emeth Adult Classes On Request

- Learn how to chant from a Torah scroll!
- Learn to chant the Haftarah
- Learn to be a bimah gabbai
- Mashgiach class
- Become a certified hagbah (Torah lifter)
- Learn to lead part of the service



Let us know you're interested! Email adult-programs@bethemeth.org.

Support Beth Emeth, So We Can Support You #CBEAnnualAppeal

Can you help Beth Emeth to continue to be a warm and welcoming, full-service Conservative synagogue even during the COVID-19 pandemic? Our motto this year is “Being Apart, Standing Together.” It's easy, just go to bethemeth.org/form/annualappeal20-21.



A Year of Online Learning with the Jewish Theological Seminary

Join JTS faculty for live online mini-courses offered throughout the year. Encounter compelling scholarship that brings Jewish text and wisdom to bear on contemporary life. **Info: <http://www.jtsa.edu/events-calendar?cat=2371>**

