

# Adult Education

## Adult Education | Curriculum 5781 | 2020 – 2021

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם  
אשר קדשנו במצותיו וציונו  
לעסוק בדברי תורה

PRAISED ARE YOU, OUR ETERNAL GOD, SOVEREIGN  
OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO MAKES US HOLY WITH YOUR  
COMMANDMENTS AND WHO COMMANDS US TO  
ENGAGE IN MATTERS OF TORAH.

Guided by, and grounded in, our sacred Jewish texts and traditions, we are committed to teaching and learning that embraces, inspires, and matters to our congregation and community at every age and level.

At Temple Sholom, we:

- instill Jewish values
- further the development of a strong and positive Jewish identity, and
- cultivate an appreciation for Jewish history, culture and language

resulting in deep resilience, empathy for others, and a meaningful spiritual context for our modern lives not only as Jews, but as humans. Through our engaging and inclusive approach, our education program aims to create and deepen the connection of members to their lifecycle events, the synagogue, each other, and to the broader Jewish community.

# Adult Education | Overview & Schedule

## Usage

This course and event catalogue provides an overview of offerings for the 2019 – 2020 academic year. The following course listings are organized by date and by subject matter, followed by detailed course descriptions.

## Cost

Courses and events are free to members, and \$50 per course for non-members, except as noted.

## Textbooks

Required textbooks are listed by course. Students are responsible for purchasing their own books. Bring your textbook on the first day of class.

## Registration

Please register on our website at [sholomchicago.org/adult-education](https://sholomchicago.org/adult-education) or contact [lori@sholomchicago.org](mailto:lori@sholomchicago.org) or 773-435-1531.

Please note that some courses require additional online registration.

These links are available at [sholomchicago.org/adult-education](https://sholomchicago.org/adult-education).

# Adult Education | Schedule

## Mondays

TIME	LOCATION	FALL NOV.	WINTER DEC. – MAY	WINTER JAN. – FEB.	SPRING APR.
6:45 – 8:45 PM	Zoom	Taste of Judaism	Introduction to Judaism		Taste of Judaism
	Zoom			Taste of Judaism	
TIME	LOCATION	OCT. – MAY			
7:00 PM	Zoom	Cliff Scott-Rudnick: Monthly Film Series			

## Tuesday Talmud

TIME	LOCATION	OCT. – NOV.	DEC. – FEB.	MAR. – MAY
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Zoom	Rabbi Conover	Rabbi Gellman	Rabbi Singer

## Wednesday Study Group

TIME	LOCATION	RABBI SINGER (SEPT./APR.)	RABBI GELLMAN (OCT./MAY)	RABBI CONOVER (NOV./FEB.)	CANTOR BEN-DAVID (DEC./MAR.)	JAY RAPOPORT (JAN.)
10:00 – 11:30 AM	Zoom	Anger, Joy, Sadness & Fear	Exploring Reform Judaism	Israel in the Headlines	Prayer & Worship 101	A Time to Embrace

## Weekday Kaddish D'Rabbanan

TIME	LOCATION	YEAR-ROUND
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Zoom	Rabbi Conover

## Shabbat Morning

TIME	LOCATION	
9:00 – 10:30 AM	Zoom	Clergy team: Weekly Shabbat Morning Minyan & Torah Study (year-round)

# Learn With Our Clergy



## Holidays 101

Rabbi Rena Singer

### High Holy Days

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 9 | 7:30 PM

### Chanukah

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9 | 7:45 PM

Learn with Rabbi Rena Singer what to expect during these special times of year. Discuss traditions, rituals, and meanings, plus have your questions answered as we move through the Hebrew calendar.



## Prayer & Worship 101

Cantor Sheera Ben-David

### SUNDAYS

NOV. 1, 8, 15, 22 | 11:00 AM

APR. 11, 18, 25, MAY 2, 9 | 11:00 AM

Deepen your understanding of the main Jewish prayers and Sacred Music within our Shabbat services and Jewish Liturgy. Cantor Ben-David will spend time delving into worship, prayer comprehension and the choreography that guides us when we pray.



## *Btzelem Elohim: We are made in the image of God, why don't we act like it?*

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

SUNDAYS, OCT. 11, 18, 25 | 9:30 AM

Looking at many rich and varied interpretations of this concept from the Book of Genesis, we will explore the ethical implications of this foundational text.



## Let's Talk About God

Rabbi Scott Gellman

WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 4, 11, 18 | 6:30 PM

Each one of us has a unique experience with that greater force in the world, however you identify it. In a safe space we will share and explore our concepts and classic Jewish theologians' concepts of God.

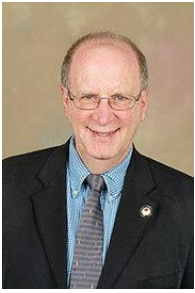
## A Lesson from Ecclesiastes: How We Embrace in a Time of Refraining from Embracing

Rabbi Shoshanah Conover

SUNDAYS, JAN. 17, 24, 31, FEB. 7 | 9:30 AM

The Book of Ecclesiastes holds many lessons for our times. We will delve into parts of the text whose resonance will provide insights for how we can embrace life in challenging times.

# Sunday Classes



## Short Stories

Cliff Scott-Rudnick

**SUNDAYS, OCT. 11 – MAY | 2:00 PM**

We will be reading short stories from “The UnAmericans” by Molly Antopol. There are copies available in digital and paper from Barnes and Noble, Amazon, and other places.



## Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Mitchell Brown

**SUNDAYS | OCT. – MAY | 10:45 AM**

Learn to read Hebrew and the basics of the Hebrew language. The class will focus on the rudiments of grammar, supplementing our studies with texts from *Torah* and the *Siddur*. The class is recommended for the absolute beginner as well as those who have some knowledge of Hebrew grammar.\*

**\*Class Textbook:** *The First Hebrew Primer* (Simon, Resnikoff and Motzkin, eds.). We also suggest getting the accompanying answer book. Please try to familiarize yourself with the Aleph-Bet (pages 3 - 12) before the first class.

## Guest Scholar Series: To Be Announced

# Regular Study Groups

## Monthly Film Night

Cliff Scott-Rudnick

**2<sup>nd</sup> MONDAY, OCT. | 7:00 PM**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAYS, NOV. – JUNE | 7:00 PM**

Join us for the screening and discussion of movies with a Jewish theme.

## Daf Shevui: A Weekly Study of a Page of Talmud

### Laws & Legends of Appreciating & Repairing Our Relationship with God

Rabbi Conover, Gellman and Singer

**TUESDAYS | 8:30 – 9:30 AM**

**OCT. – NOV. | Rabbi Conover**

**DEC. – FEB. | Rabbi Gellman**

**MAR. – MAY | Rabbi Singer**

Join our Rabbis to study a page of *Talmud* each week in Tractate *Brachot* from the Babylonian *Talmud*. Over this year-long course, we will explore the stories and meaning within the pages and sharpen our *Talmud* skills.

*No experience necessary. Feel free to join anytime!*

## Shabbat Morning Minyan and Torah Study

Rabbis Conover, Gellman and Singer

**SATURDAYS | 9:00 – 10:30 AM**

## Weekly Wednesday Morning Study Group

Rabbi Conover, Rabbi Gellman, Rabbi Singer, Cantor Ben-David and Jay Rapoport, RJE

**WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

### Topics:

- **Israel in the Headlines**

Rabbi Conover

- **Exploring Reform Judaism**

Rabbi Gellman

- **Anger, Joy, Sadness & Fear**

Rabbi Singer

- **Prayer & Worship 101**

Cantor Ben-David

- **A Time to Embrace**

Jay Rapoport

- **Summer Book Discussion**

Karen Titus



## Kaddish D'Rabanan

Rabbi Conover

**WEEKDAYS | 3:00 – 3:30 PM**

A 30-minute study session of scripture with a reading of Kaddish every day.

# Introduction to Judaism Classes

## A Taste of Judaism

Rabbi Conover, Rabbi Gellman, Rabbi Singer, Cantor Ben-David and Jay Rapoport, RJE

### MONDAY EVENINGS

NOV. 2, 9, 16 | 6:45 - 8:45 PM

OR JAN. 25, FEB. 1, 8 | 6:45 - 8:45 PM

OR APR. 12, 19, 26 | 6:45 - 8:45 PM

A free, 3-session class for beginners — Jewish or not — that explores the topics of Jewish spirituality, ethics and community values that will be offered three times this year. This class is designed for those who would like to explore or re-explore the foundations of our traditions and are looking for an entry into Jewish life. Note: this course is offered in conjunction with the Union for Reform Judaism.

Register online at [reformjudaism.org/taste/Chicago](https://reformjudaism.org/taste/Chicago)

## Introduction to Judaism

Rabbi Conover, Rabbi Gellman, Rabbi Singer, Cantor Ben-David, and Jay Rapoport, RJE

### MONDAY EVENINGS

NOV. 30 – APR. 26 | 6:45 - 8:45 PM

This 18-week overview to Judaism provides an opportunity to learn about Jewish history, traditions, holidays and life cycle ceremonies. Participants will gain comfort and familiarity with the symbols, liturgy, music, traditions and Hebrew blessings that accompany Jewish celebrations in the home and synagogue. Introduction to Judaism is designed for individuals and couples wishing to explore Judaism, as well as for those considering becoming Jewish. Partners in interfaith relationships are encouraged to enroll together.

**Note:** this course is offered in conjunction with the Union for Reform Judaism. Tuition is \$310 for individuals and couples and includes books. Scholarship funds are available for those for whom the tuition is a hardship – please contact Jay Rapoport.

Register online at [reformjudaism.org/intro/IL](https://reformjudaism.org/intro/IL)

# The Rabbi Frederick C. Schwartz Library

## Visit Our Online Library Catalog!

Daniel Stuhlman, Temple Sholom Librarian



The Rabbi Frederick C. Schwartz Library on the fourth floor of Temple Sholom is a resource for both the congregation and the wider community. The Library houses a collection of nearly 6,000 titles for adults and 2,000 titles for children and is open during Religious School and Temple weekday business hours.

The Temple Library online catalog is available on [sholomchicago.org](https://sholomchicago.org) on the library tab under “learn.” There are links to other Judaica reference sources, Jewish RSS news feed, and online resources for early childhood. The direct link is: [tsc.hl.scoolaid.net/bin/home](https://tsc.hl.scoolaid.net/bin/home).

For more information, contact Daniel D. Stuhlman at [librarian@sholomchicago.org](mailto:librarian@sholomchicago.org) (available Wednesday mornings).

## Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Technically, a Jew becomes *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* simply by turning 13 (traditionally, 12 for girls). Nevertheless, the thrill of being called to the Torah for the first time as a *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* is a right that anyone can earn any time with guided preparation and a commitment to study:

We offer the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary to read from the *Torah*, write a *d'var Torah* and reflect on the *Torah* portion as an adult. Our program is tailored to the needs of the individual, but consists of the following components:

- An Introduction to Judaism or Other Adult Education Course
- Hebrew Training
- One-On-One Study with a clergy member
- Periodic seminars with other adult “*Bar/Bat Mitzvah*”

The clergy of Temple Sholom would love to help make this happen! Pending sufficient interest, a new cohort may begin in 2021.

Please contact [lori@sholomchicago.org](mailto:lori@sholomchicago.org) to add your name to the interest list.

# Registration Information

Visit [sholomchicago.org/adult-education](https://sholomchicago.org/adult-education) to register online

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