



Lilmode Programs

5781/2020-21

Overcoming Obstacles and Adversity

October 2020 - January 2021 Programs:

Weekly Virtual Torah Study with the Rabbi

Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for our virtual Torah Study on Thursdays. Please check our website calendar to confirm there will be class.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/385991428>

Virtual Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dorsch

Once a month on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Everyday Jews around the world commit themselves to studying one page of Talmud every day. Once a month, join Rabbi Dorsch as we glean the highlights of last month's portion of study. All are welcome to participate and start at any point. Please check our website calendar to confirm date of class.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82368771659>

Exploring a Forgotten World: A Social History of Medieval Jewry as Revealed in the Cairo Genizah

Mondays, beginning October 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this wonderful Melton class in partnership with the MJCCA Lisa F. Brill Institute for Jewish Learning. Taught by our congregant Dr. Shelley Buxbaum, this will be a treat for Etz Chaim, as she developed the curriculum! This course brings to life an exotic era in Jewish history, revealing the inner thoughts of real-life characters and exploring the daily interactions and behaviors of Jewish men, women and families living along the Mediterranean more than 1,000 years ago. All of this has been uncovered through the discovery of a collection of worn-out scraps, text fragments and documents from ancient times. Come along for a journey of intrigue and adventure!

Cost: \$100 per person or \$180 per couple, for the first 12 Etz Chaim members to sign up. After this, \$115 per person and \$200 per couple. For the community, it is \$145 per person and \$245 per couple. *Please note this is highly subsidized and discounted.*

Course Dates: October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30, December 7, 9 (Wednesday), and 14

Register at: www.etzchaim.net/event/meltoncairogenizah

Virtual Movies @ the Etz

Sunday, November 1, at 4:00 p.m.

We are excited to be featuring the movie "The Valet". This French comedy (with English subtitles) is the story of a wealthy tycoon who faces disaster when a paparazzo snaps a picture of him with his longtime mistress. To avoid discovery, the tycoon hires the parking attendant who also happens to be in the picture to pose as his lover's "real" boyfriend. The film is a lot of fun and Kristin Scott Thomas, the suspicious wife, is wonderful in this role. Please rent the movie for a minimal cost at this link: www.tinyurl.com/thevalet (or use another streaming service) and watch the movie before our event on November 1. We would love to hear your thoughts on the film during our virtual discussion. Movies at the Etz Chairs - Marcy Bass and Luci Sunshine

Register at: www.etzchaim.net/event/moviesnov1

Lilmode Kickoff Event: Coping with Covid

Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m.

The Covid-19 pandemic has fostered emotional challenges for everyone. Join us for a conversation in partnership with the Blue Dove Foundation centered around exploring one's personal experiences and emotional well-being during this difficult time. Tzipporah Gerson-Miller, LCSW, C-IAYT, JF&CS Licensed Mental Health Clinician with the Shalom Bayit Program, will speak along with Rabbi Daniel Dorsch and Gabby Spatt, Executive Director of Blue Dove Foundation.

Register at: www.etzchaim.net/event/copingwithcovid

People of the Book featuring Nikki Nardizzi

Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

We are continuing with our "People of the Book" series showcasing Jewish authors. We are excited to present author and extended member of our Etz Chaim family, Marty Gilbert's sister, Nikki Nardizzi. Join us as she shares her journey which culminates with her memoir *BADASS gratitude: A memoir of finding forgiveness and strength* followed by Q & A. Nikki tells her story of losing, then finding herself, her strength, and her true worth. Nikki's book is available on Amazon at www.tinyurl.com/BAGrAttitude. Free and open to the community.

Register at www.etzchaim.net/event/pobnov17

Turning to Text for Strength with Rabbi Slomovitz

Thursdays, beginning November 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Slomovitz will navigate us through Biblical text as a source of strength during these trying times.

Additional Dates: December 3, December 17, 7:30 p.m.

Register at: www.etzchaim.net/event/turning2text



Exploring Immigrant Stories

December 1, 7:30 p.m.

Every immigrant has a story. This year we will highlight congregant immigrant stories. Batia Ben-Aroia will delve into the world of Bulgarian Jewry through her journey from Bulgaria to Israel and then to the United States.

Register at: www.etzchaim.net/event/batiasstory

Jewelry Making Class

Sunday, December 6, 11:30 a.m.

Zoom with Bernice Isaac, jewelry designer and employee of Etz Chaim, to create a necklace and bracelet for yourself or someone special for Chanukah.

Cost of materials: \$18.00 (Materials to be picked up prior to event)

Register at: www.etzchaim.net/event/jewelrvmaking

Sisterhood's Virtual Shalom in the Home

Mondays, beginning October 26, at Noon

Learn with Rabbi Emeritus, Shalom Lewis, as we explore the *Book of Ecclesiastes*. The Art Scroll Book of Ecclesiastes can be purchased for \$12.99 (if wanted) from *And Thou Shalt Read*, phone number (770) 993-5432, by October 8. If you have any questions, please reach out to Shalom in the Home Coordinator, Faye Lebish, at fayelebish@gmail.com.

Additional Dates: December 14, February 8 and April 12

Register at: www.etzchaim.net/shalomshul2020-21

Virtual Movies @ the Etz

Sunday, January 10, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for the film, *Prosecuting Evil: The Extraordinary World of Ben Ferencz*. A gripping profile of the last surviving lead prosecutor at the Nuremberg Trials whose lifelong desire for justice altered the rule of law. The movie is available on Netflix or for rent on another streaming service. Please watch the movie before our event and we will have a virtual discussion.

Register at: www.etzchaim.net/event/moviesjan10

Congregation-Wide Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.

We will discuss the oldie but goodie book, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, which is very fitting during this pandemic. How do we theologically respond to the greatest conflict in our modern times? Please read the book prior to the event.

Register at: www.etzchaim.net/event/badthingsgoodpeople

Jews and Blacks in the Civil Rights Era Then and Now: Midrash and Fact

Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m.

Learn with founder and director of Etgar 36, Billy Planer, and explore the reality of the relationship between the Jewish and Black communities during the Civil Rights era. Why were there Jews on both sides, and the sidelines, of the Civil Rights movement? What was the role of Judaism in the activism of young people in the 1960s? What are the implications for today?

Register at: www.etzchaim.net/event/civilrights

See more details and how to RSVP for these programs at www.etzchaim.net/lilmode.

Zoom links to all programs will be provided upon confirmation of your registration.