BSBI Academy of Adult Jewish Continuing Education

2018-2019 Schedule of Lectures and Courses

View our website at <https://www.myshul.org/continuing-education.html>

for up to date information and extra registration forms

Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg 🞷 Cantor Sarah Bolts 🞷 Richard Plavin, Rabbi Emeritus

**Lunch and Learn:**

**Exploring the Many Facets of the Bible**

Tuesdays Beginning Oct. 16, Noon-1:30pm

**Instructor: Rabbi Konigsburg**

Bring your own kosher dairy lunch

Starting with Genesis, a weekly chance to explore the plain and hidden lessons of the Bible.

**\*$10 per class or $50 Hall Pass\***

**BSBI Academy**

**The Ethical Life: Jewish Values In An Age Of Choice**

Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30 pm

**Instructor: Rabbi Konigsburg**

What is the relationship between ethics and religion? If people can act ethically without believing in God, do they need Judaism to live a moral life? Join our quest to lead an ethical life with an understanding that the challenges posed by contemporary realities should be informed by the richness of the Jewish tradition.

**\*$10 per class or $50 Hall Pass\***

**Ethical Life Introduction** Oct. 16

**The Sources of our Ethics** Oct. 30

**Ethics of Food Production** Nov. 6

**Fracking & Neighborhood Relations** Nov. 13

**Mass Incarceration and Teshuva** Nov. 20

**Modern Day Slavery** Dec. 4

**Ethics of War and Torture** Dec. 11

**Ethics at the End of Life** Jan. 8

**Ethics of Inclusion** Jan. 15

**Surrogacy & Ethics in Relationships** Jan 22

**The Ethics of Enhancement** Feb. 5

**Is Lying Ever Ethical** Feb. 12

**Ethics In Our Lives** Feb. 19

**\***For Lunch and Learn and BSBI Academy series: You may attend any of these sessions for $10 per class or purchase a Hall Pass to attend as many as you want. The pass is $50 per person, $75 if you sign up with a study partner. You may register in advance or just show up with your payment. One pass is good for both series.

**Shabbat Programs:**

**Learner’s Minyan:**

1st Saturday of the month, 10-11 am

**Instructor: Michelle Konigsburg**

Learn the structure and choreography of the Saturday service in a relaxed setting. Bring your questions.

**Shirat HaLev:**

2nd Saturday of the month, 10-11 am

**Instructor: Cantor Bolts**

Awaken your soul with a musical contemplative interpretation of the Shabbat Morning Service.

**Meditation Service:**

3rd Saturday of the month, 9:30-10:30 am

**Instructor: Rabbi Konigsburg**

Prepare for prayer with chanting of prayers and mindful meditation

**Life, the Universe and Judaism:**

4th Saturday of the month, 10-11 am

**Instructor: Michael Chernicoff**

Come learn what science has to say about our universe and life as we know it, then discuss Judaism’s views on the same subjects. Moderator

**Shabbat Programming is free**

**January Mini Lecture Series**

**The Bible and the Ancient World**

**With Dr. Deena Grant, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Hartford Seminary**

**All Lectures at 7:30 PM**

**Jan. 7, 2019**

**Genesis and the Ancient Creation Myths**

**Jan. 14, 2019**

**The Biblical and Extra-Biblical Floods**

**Jan. 28, 2019**

**What Archeology has to teach us about Kings David and Solomon.**

**Snow date: Feb. 4**

 Fees:

$30 Full Series

$15 Student Full Series

$12 per lecture purchased at the door

$5 for student per lecture purchased at the door

**Embracing Judaism**

**Instructor: Rabbi Richard Plavin and other Hartford areas Conservative rabbis**

Begins October 18

Meets Thursday nights, 7:35 – 9:15 PM

**At Beth El Temple in West Hartford**

Whether you want to reboot your Judaism, satisfy your intellectual curiosity or consider Judaism as a new faith, you are invited to delve into the richness of the Jewish heritage.

**Fee**: This Program is offered in three semesters that can be taken in any order. Registration is $75 per semester. Student registering for all 18 sessions will pay $180. Significant Others, Full time students and IBJ Alumni will receive a 50% discount. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.ibjewish.org/>

There is also a connected but separate Beginners Hebrew class associated with this series beginning in December.

### For complete information on this course, Contact Rabbi Plavin 860.573.4503, or email him at riplavin@gmail.com



**Sandals Lecture:**

**March 5, 2019 7:30 PM**

**featuring Rabbi Edward Feld**

**The Making of a Mahzor and a Siddur**

What kinds of prayer books are needed in the twenty-first century? Do we pray in the same way our ancestors did? What might we expect from a new siddur? What has made the Lev Shalem series such a success?

**Fee: TBA**

**Torah Study Shabbat:**

***Spirituality and The Brain: How Judaism Can Bring Us Peace Of Mind***

**April 5-7, 2019**

Rabbi Mychal B. Springer

Founder of the Center for Pastoral Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary

Examining the place where the sacred can touch our lives, we will exploreVulnerability as a Path to the Divine; How Prayer Can Support Wellbeing and Cultivating Resilience

**Fees: TBA**

**Adult Bar Mitzvah**

Never had the chance to lead a service or chant an Haftara? If you can read Hebrew then this will open the service to you as you prepare with your class to take on the spiritual responsibilities of Judaism. Led by Cantor Bolts and Rabbi Konigsburg, we will work together to find the time and location for learning.