

COME AND PARTICIPATE IN TEMPLE EMETH'S 2019-2020 ADULT ED PROGRAMS

Our Adult Education Committee is continuing its tradition of putting together a wonderful program, one that is both rich and diverse in its many opportunities for learning. The committee is offering new, exciting, and thought-provoking classes as well as ongoing programs, all chosen to appeal to a variety of interests.

There is no charge for most of our programs (except those that mention a fee, provide meals, books or trips).

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

Saturdays at 9:00 to 10:15 am, year-round in the Youth Lounge. Join us whenever you can for a lively discussion of the Torah. Coffee, tea, bagels and shmeers are served.

LUNCH AND LEARN with Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Wednesdays 12:00 to 1:00 pm beginning on September 11.

Join us weekly for stimulating discussion. Our study text this year will be, "Pirkei Avot: A Social Justice Commentary" by Shmuly Yanklowitz. Pirkei Avot is the Talmud's premier collection of the great ethical and spiritual teachings of the Rabbis over a period of hundreds of years. Every six weeks or so, we set our books aside and discuss a topic of current events.

SPEAK, LAUGH AND ENJOY YIDDISH

Mondays at 10:30 am beginning on October 8.

Mameloshen: The Temple Emeth Yiddish Class is a unique opportunity to cultivate your knowledge of Yiddish. The class will focus on conversation utilizing multimedia, gezang (songs), written as well as oral stories and a variety of other materials. Be a part of a worldwide resurgence to make certain Yiddish continues to be alive and well! There is a small fee for all students.

KOL EMET CHOIR:

AN ADULT JEWISH LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Rehearsals most Wednesdays at 7:45 pm.

Do you like to sing? Are you looking to sing in a supportive, fun environment? Would you like to become comfortable with the order of the service, pick up some Hebrew, learn about Jewish music and music in general? Join Kol Emet, Temple



Emeth's adult volunteer choir. All are welcome! We sing at Erev Rosh Hashanah, Erev Yom Kippur and about 4 Shabbat services during the year. Contact the choir director, Carol Shansky, at carolshansky@gmail.com.

FALL 2019

B'YACHAD PRESENTS "WOMEN COOK"

Join us for Dinner, Services and Oneg on Friday night, November 1st, 2019 at 6:00 pm when Shabbat Dinner will be cooked by "Women Cook", who will share their stories with us, and present Festive Israeli Dancing during the Oneg. "Women Cook" is an Israeli Women's Social Initiative made up of women from towns and cities throughout Israel, and coming from different culinary traditions.

RABBI JOSHUA TRACHTENBERG MEMORIAL LECTURE with guest lecturer Mary Zamore, Executive Director of the Women's Rabbinic Network of Reform Judaism. Friday Evening, October 25, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Rabbi Zamore will speak on "Creating a Just World: Tzedaka and Judaism's Giving Mindset". Living in a modern culture that promotes acquisition over giving, how do we return to our Jewish values to create a just world through giving?



VIEWPOINTS

The Viewpoints Committee celebrates the diversity of the Jewish community. We present programs to highlight different kinds of Jewish families, especially from the Interfaith, LGBTQ, and interracial families.

VIEWPOINTS BREAKFAST September 22, 10:30 am. Workshop presented by Jewish Family Services of Philadelphia.

The workshop will focus on welcoming diverse members of the community. The workshop will focus on ways to improve how the Temple welcomes Jews from the LGBT, minority, interfaith, and differently abled communities.

MINI UNIVERSITY 1

October 22, November 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3 (Make-Up Class December 10)

7:30 pm to 8:30 pm - "Stories from a Jewish Perspective" This popular course is taught by participants on a rotating basis, giving us an array of authors and genres and a variety of teaching styles. Yet each class has something in common -- a group of people who love the written word and Jewish ideas. Come join the conversation. (Teaching a class is not a requirement of attendance.) Among the authors that will be studied are Saul Bellow, Philip Roth and Bernard Malamud.

8:40 pm to 9:40 pm - "Please Rise (To The Occasion)" with Rabbi Steven Sirbu.

In Jewish tradition, leading a prayer service is not limited to rabbis and cantors, but is something that any Jewish person—properly trained and motivated—can do on behalf of the community. This class will teach an overview of the liturgy as well as the necessary skills for leading Shabbat services and shiva minyanim in a house of mourning. Participants who take this course may have the opportunity to use this information during Rabbi Sirbu's sabbatical in the winter.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Special Program: Hate Has No Place: A Community-Wide Forum at the JCC on the Palisades, Tuesday, October 29 at 7:30 pm, sponsored by Bergen Indivisible for Democracy and co-sponsored by Temple Emeth.

Sundays, 10:00 to 11:00 am "Short Film Series" with Rabbi Steven Sirbu. Each session will begin with a short film selected by the Viewpoints Committee to depict Jewish life on the margins. Rabbi Sirbu will lead a discussion following each film. A perfect learning opportunity for Religious School parents! Bagels will be served.

October 6 – Black Hat, directed by Sarah Smith. A seemingly pious Hasidic man living a secret double life misplaces his black hat one night which will cause his two separate lives to collide in a way he never imagined.

November 3 – "What we Left Behind," directed by David Langer about recovering Jewish artifacts from Iraq, and "The Outer Circle," directed by Adam Baroukh, about an Iraqi Jewish family in England and how they react when their son brings his fiancée, who is converting to Judaism, home for Rosh Hashanah.

December 15 – "Hannah Cohen's Holy Communion," directed by Shimmy Marcus. Set in Ireland, this is a heart-warming short film about a little girl who wants to make her Holy Communion..

VIEWPOINTS

VIEWPOINTS BREAKFAST

November 24, 10:30 am
Saskia Keeley presents
"Beyond Sides - Toward
Reconciliation".

This is about
her photography
workshops with
Palestinian and Israeli women.



VIEWPOINTS SHABBATON

January 11, 2:30 pm Showing the film, "Family in Transition," directed by Ofir Trainin, an Israeli film about the impact on the family of someone who transitions.

VIEWPOINTS ANNUAL PRIDE SHABBAT –
Friday, June 12 at 8:00 pm

MINI UNIVERSITY 2

Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28
(Make-Up Class February 4) 8:00 to 9:30 pm.
**"The 1950s and 1960s: What a Difference a
Decade Makes," with Irwin Yellowitz.**

The 1950s was a
period of conservatism
in politics and behavior.
The 1960s was a period
of startling change in
politics and behavior.
How do we explain this
rapid and enormous
movement in our
politics and culture?



We will examine the two decades, plus the back story for the 1950s, and the continuation of the rapid change of the 1960s into the early 1970s until it petered out in mid-decade. Many of us lived through these years so we will consider our life experiences through the lens of historical analysis. As usual, there will be ample time for comments and questions.

February 18 and 25 (Make-Up Class) March 3,
**7:30 pm to 8:30 pm: "Until 120: Jewish Insights
On Death and Mourning"** taught by Cantor
Ellen Tilem. This class will discuss death from a
Jewish perspective and explore traditional burial
and shiva customs through a modern lens. We
will look at the seasons of grief, their origin and
expression.

**March 17, 7:30 to
9:30 pm (make-
up date March 24)**
**"Simchat Chochma:
A Celebration of
Women's Wisdom!"
with Cantor Ellen
Tilem** Together we will



share life's challenges and changes. Marking our
accomplishments along life's journey, we rejoice
in spirit and soul. Sharing the wisdom we have
gained on our journey we celebrate the many
reasons we have to give thanks and be grateful.
Blessings and promises, reconciliations and
affirmations will all be part of this introspective
evening of prayer and song.

MINI UNIVERSITY 3

Tuesdays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19
(make-up date May 26)

7:30 to 8:30 pm - "Stories from a Jewish
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of authors and genres and a variety of teaching
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8:40 pm to 9:40 pm
**"Path of the Prophets,"
with Rabbi Steven
Sirbu.**

Following his
successful course
last year, Rabbi Sirbu
will choose 5 different
chapters from Rabbi
Barry L. Schwartz's book of the same name. Each
section provides context, a dramatic presentation
of the prophet's voice and a modern commentary. 3



MOVIES THAT MATTERED

A Film Series that has been overwhelmed by the great success of our program! The series is based on the film list distributed by Dr. Eric Goldman, at the Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Program in 2017. Due to the overwhelming response by the congregation, we are continuing the program throughout the coming year. Refreshments will be served. So come on down and join the fun!

Saturday, January 4 -

URJ NEW JERSEY AND FRIENDS SHABBATON.

A day of prayer, study and fellowship at Temple Ner Tamid in Bloomfield, NJ. This event will require separate registration and payment through the URJ Shabbaton Committee.

Saturday, February 1 at 6:30 pm - SWEET TASTES OF TORAH. At Temple Israel and Jewish Community Center in Ridgewood

ADULT ED COMMITTEE

The committee will hold planning meetings Tuesdays at 7:45 pm on December 17, 2019 and June 16, 2020.

The Adult Education Committee would like to hear from you, the members of our congregation, about any ideas or suggestions for classes, programs, Shabbaton topics, Sunday trips, etc. Please contact Linda Poskanzer, Chair of the Adult Education Committee by dropping a note in the Adult Ed mailbox, or e-mailing your suggestions to adulthoodeducation@emeth.org, and mentioning "Adult Ed" in the subject line. Your input will be very much appreciated. And remember, new members for the Adult Education Committee are always welcome!

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