

ADULT EDUCATION CATALOGUE

2023 - 2024

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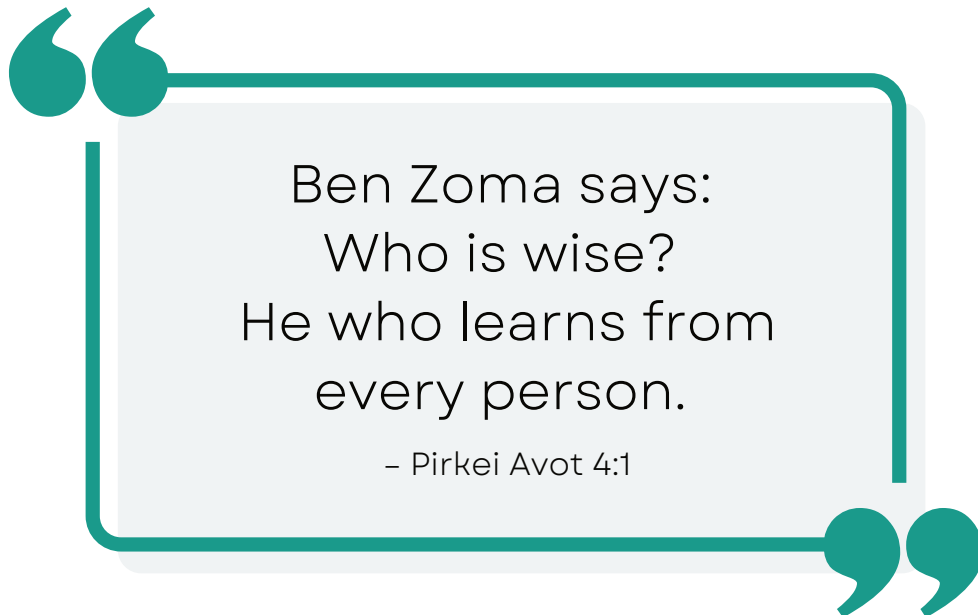
OCTOBER 2022 - MAY 2023



Discover Jewish Adult Education at Temple Shalom

Take time to nourish your mind and soul with meaningful and relevant Jewish learning for adults with varied interests and backgrounds. Taught by our clergy and other experts in their fields, we offer classes to expand your Jewish knowledge in music, Torah, history, modern texts, current events and more. No matter your background or level of Jewish learning, our expert adult learning educators will guide you on your Jewish learning journey!

All classes and programs require pre-registration unless otherwise specified.



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SERIES

Thinking About Good and Evil: Part III

Instructor: Rabbi Frank Muller

Join Rabbi Frank Muller for Part III of this popular series. In the classes this year, we will cover the thought of great luminaries in the Jewish philosophy of good and evil, including Baruch Spinoza, Moses Mendelssohn, Martin Buber, Mordechai Kaplan, Hannah Arendt, Harold Kushner, and others. There is no need to have attended Parts I and II in order to participate in Part III.

Part III: Early Modern and Modern Thinkers

Wednesdays, October 11, 18, & 25 at 12:00pm
Complimentary

Finding Balance in Ourselves

Instructor: Rabbi Adam Miller

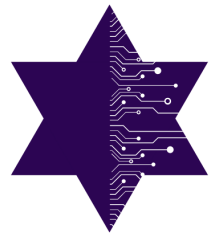
Explore the Jewish spiritual discipline of mussar – understanding how our character traits (middot in Hebrew) shape our experiences. Participants will learn about the history of mussar and study some of the middot.

Mondays, October 16, 23, & 30 at 10:00am
Complimentary

AI & Judaism

Instructor: Evan Oslick

Explore the intersection of technology and spirituality in this thought-provoking adult education class. Delve into the fascinating world of artificial intelligence, from its basics to the latest advancements, and uncover how it's shaping our world. Discover the ethical implications of AI on society and immerse yourself in discussions on Jewish law's perspective on AI and its potential impacts. Join us for an engaging journey that bridges the gap between cutting-edge technology and ancient wisdom.



Sunday, November 5 at 9:30am
Complimentary



From Dreams to Reality: Windows to Israeli Society Through Contemporary Poetry

Instructor: Judy Avnery

We will examine and engage in Israeli poetry that reflects the story of revival, to the changes and challenges in Israeli society through the decades. Israeli poets often saw themselves as the voice of consciousness, addressing issues such as war ethics, social justice, and poverty. The group of poets chosen for this class represent the various generations that comprise contemporary Israeli poetry. Knowledge of Hebrew is a plus, but is not necessary.



Wednesdays, November 8, 15, & 29 at 10:00am
Complimentary

Art History through a Jewish Lens: From Bezalel the Israelite to Agam the Israeli

Instructor: Ellaine Rosen

Join us in discovering 3,300 years of Jewish art, from the interior of the Tabernacle in the desert, to the Agam room in the Pompidou Museum in Paris. As the Second Commandment was interpreted as a prohibition against representational art, Jewish artists turned instead to ritual objects. These objects varied stylistically, thematically and emotionally, crafted by Jewish artists who were born in different countries and came from different socioeconomic backgrounds.

Discuss the reasons why nineteenth-century Jewish painters such as Moritz Daniel Oppenheim, Isidor Kaufman, and Maurycy Gottlieb went mainstream, and learn how Impressionism, Fauvism, and Cubism laid the groundwork for Chagall, Modigliani, Soutine, Rothko and other Jewish giants of twentieth-century art.

Wednesdays, December 6 & 13 at 10:00am
Complimentary



CHEWDAISM: A Taste of Jewish Montreal**Instructor: Cantor Donna Azu**

Foodie Films presents an hour-long documentary following Eli Batalion and Jamie Elman of "YidLife Crisis" fame as they discover the roots of Montreal's Jewish community through a series of classic Jewish eateries. As they tell this story, Batalion and Elman encounter various guests along the way, sharing tales and meals during a day's worth of eating in and around the city. After the film, enjoy some real Montreal bagels!

**Thursday, December 7 at 10:00am****Complimentary - registration is required****Jewish Spirituality****Instructor: Missy Balsam**

Temple Shalom member and yoga teacher, Missy Balsam leads this class focusing on tikkun middot (spiritual and ethical traits), meditation and other mindfulness practices.

Every other Thursday
January 11-April 18 at 1:00pm
\$72/8 sessions

**Wise Aging****Instructors: Rabbi Adam Miller
Missy Balsam**

A groundbreaking program specifically designed to meet the social, emotional and spiritual needs of Jewish seekers entering second adulthood!

Every other Thursday
January 18-April 25 at 1:00pm
\$72/8 sessions

Jewish Exploration: Sunday School for Adults**Instructor: Rabbi James Perman, Rabbi Emeritus**

Back by popular demand! Rabbi Emeritus James Perman returns to teach Sunday School for Adults. Watch "The Voice" and your email for more information.

Sundays, January 28 and February 4 at 9:30am
Complimentary



Women & Wealth Luncheon Series

Instructor: Mia Hyatt, CFA, CFP, Vice President J.P. Morgan Private Bank

Women tend to live longer than men and should expect to be their families' financial decision-makers at some point in their lives. Because of this, it is imperative that women are included in their families' financial decisions.

Join Temple member and YESh parent, Mia Hyatt for one, two, or all three sessions.

Week 1: "Unpacking Your Trust and Estate Plan: What you need to know"

Week 2: "Demystifying Investments and the Financial Markets"

Week 3: "High-Impact Philanthropy: Making the most of your giving"

Lunch generously provided by J.P. Morgan Private Bank

Co-Sponsored by Temple Shalom Sisterhood

January 31, February 28 & March 27 at 12:00pm
Complimentary - registration is required

The Development of Modern Israeli Culture Through Film: Part II **Instructor: Rabbi Ariel Boxman**

In this class, we will continue our exploration of different aspects of Israel history and culture through film clips. Each session will begin with a short discussion and feature film clips relating to the topic of the session.



Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21 at 12:30pm
Complimentary



Creative Midrash

Instructor: Rabbi Ariel Boxman

Midrash is a fascinating rabbinic method of commentary used to elucidate meaning in our Biblical texts. Join Rabbi Ariel Boxman in a creative writing workshop. We will explore classic Rabbinic midrashim, and then have an opportunity to write some of our very own versions. Bring your creativity and humor!

Wednesdays, April 10 & 17 at 10:00am

Complimentary

Dead Sea Scrolls Class

Instructor: Dr. Landon Frim

Join Temple member and FGCU professor, Dr. Landon Frim, for a discussion about the Dead Sea Scrolls, Second Temple Jewish sects, and the theological/philosophical differences among them.

Sundays, April 7 & 14 at 9:30am

Complimentary

Streit's: Matzo and the American Dream

Instructor: Cantor Donna Azu

For more than 90 years, the Streit's matzo factory sat in a low-slung tenement building on Manhattan's Lower East Side. While other matzo companies modernized, Streit's remained a piece of living history, churning out 40 percent of the nation's unleavened bread on pre-War machinery as old as the factory itself. In a neighborhood where the Jewish immigrants long ago moved on, in a nation where progress and profits trump all else, where manufacturing has left the cities if not the country, where family businesses are bought out by giant corporations and workers move from job to low paying job, filmmaker Michael Levine captures the Streit's saga and echoes the American Dream. After the film you'll sample some dessert matzo.

Co-sponsored by Temple Shalom Sisterhood.

Wednesday, April 10 at 3:30pm

Complimentary - registration is required



SEPHARDIC SERIES



Learn About the History of the Jews in Spain

Instructors: Cantor Azu and Guide, Jorge Gershon

Jorge Gershon was born in Melilla and grew up in Ceuta, two Spanish enclaves in North Africa. He moved to Seville, Spain and he is currently Program Director of Makom Sefarad. He is also a researcher, devoted to the preservation of Jewish heritage in Andalusia. Jorge will be joining Cantor Azu virtually from Spain.

Monday, January 22 at 2:00pm

Complimentary

Savor: A Sephardic Music & Food Experience

Featuring: Chef Susan Barocas and singer Sarah Aroeste

SAVOR (pronounced sa-VOR and meaning "taste" or "flavor" in Ladino (Judeo-Spanish)), captures the flavors and sounds of Sephardic Jews. Sarah and Susan have developed a multi-sensory experience by matching special recipes with a song.

Susan Barocas is a writer, cook, and teacher of cooking to all ages. She proudly introduced several Sephardic dishes when serving as guest chef for three Seders at the White House.

Sarah Aroeste is a singer, composer, author, and activist in the language of Ladino, the language of her Sephardic ancestors.

We will learn to cook Sephardic recipes from around the world while jamming out to Ladino songs. Susan and Sarah will prepare three delicious recipes and discuss the ingredients, flavors, connections to Sephardic cuisine and history as well as personal connections to the food. Tasting to follow!

Sunday, February 4 at 2:00pm

\$10/member \$18/non-member

Ladino Culture from Yesterday to Today: A Musical Journey

Instructor: Sarah Aroeste

Through multi-media, Sarah's interactive signature "Sing-Talk" program combines Sephardic history, story-telling, and of course lots of song!

Monday, February 5 at 2:00pm

Complimentary



SPECIAL EVENTS

“A Reason To Rise“ by Rabbi Jeremy Barras

Facilitated by Rabbi Ariel Boxman

We invite you for an evening with Rabbi Jeremy Barras from Miami, Florida to celebrate the launch of his debut novel, “A Reason To Rise.” Rabbi Barras will speak about his writing process and the how the book serves as a vessel to convey his deeply held belief that Zionism animates the soul of every Jew. If you would like to purchase and read his novel prior to the event, you can find it on Amazon <https://a.co/d/aMrZvg9>. Books will be sold at the event as well.

Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00pm
Complimentary

Crisis and Opportunity- An Update from Israel **Luncheon with Israeli Journalist, Tal Schneider**

Israel is at war and is reeling from the horrific events beginning on Saturday, October 7. The entire Jewish world is in crisis mode, and in mourning the loss of innocent human lives. Join us for lunch and a talk with Israeli Political and Diplomatic Correspondent, Tal Schneider as we learn more about the situation in Israel, and how we can be supportive.

Tal Schneider is the Political and Diplomatic Correspondent for “The Times of Israel,” and a former D.C. Correspondent and current frequent commentator on Israeli radio & tv stations.

Monday, November 6 at 12:00pm
Register at tinyurl.com/Lunch-with-Tal
\$36/member, \$54/non-member



Community, Challah and Stories... Weaving it All Together

Instructor: Idan Chabasov a.k.a The Challah Prince

Join the famous Israeli challah artist, Idan Chabasov, as he teaches us how to braid challah in the most unique and creative ways. The Challah Prince is an Instagram sensation with 337,000 followers. Follow Idan on Instagram at @challahprince to see all of his exciting creations!

Generously sponsored by David & Daryl Sissman

Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00pm

Cost is \$18/member \$36/non-member



Hamantaschen Baking

Instructor: Rabbi Ariel Boxman

Join Rabbi Ariel Boxman for a hamantaschen baking class. We will learn about the origins of hamantaschen, and then mix, shape, and bake delicious Purim cookies! Supplies will be provided.

Sunday, March 17 at 10:00am

Cost is \$15/person



Kosher for Passover Wine Tasting Event

Instructor: Cantor Donna Azu

Prepare for Passover with this special private wine tasting at Total Wine and Spirits featuring eight Kosher for Passover wines from various countries. We'll begin with a brief lesson by Cantor Azu and you may discover a new favorite wine for your Seder table.

Thursday, April 11 at 4:00pm

Complimentary



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Israel Book Discussions

Instructor: Michael Rubner

The Israel Book Discussion Group meets once a month to discuss a fiction or nonfiction book that highlights various aspects of Israeli society.



Fourth Tuesday of each month via Zoom at 11:00am
Complimentary

Kushner Book Talk Series

Instructor: Rabbi Frank Muller

Rabbi Muller will commence a year-long series on the books of Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of the bestseller, “When Bad Things Happen To Good People.” Rabbi Kushner sadly passed away this year after a stellar career as a pulpit Rabbi and author of a dozen books on Judaism, religion, and living a Jewish life in the modern age. Rabbi Kushner was the first rabbi in centuries whose books were read by people of all faiths, and which appealed to a mass general audience. Rabbi Kushner’s ideas have influenced two generations of rabbis, and have comforted millions who have suffered loss and hardship. In recognition of Rabbi Kushner’s literary achievements, and to make the wisdom in his books accessible to all, a monthly series on Sunday mornings from October to May will be offered at Temple Shalom, each session devoted to studying one of Rabbi Kushner’s books in depth.

**Sundays, October 15, November 12, December 10, January 7,
February 11, March 3, April 21, and May 5**
at 10:30am
Complimentary



MELTON

Jews in America: Insiders and Outsiders

Instructor: Rabbi Adam Miller

Our version of a Jewish-American "Stuff You Missed in History Class." In ten engaging sessions, learners will discuss seminal developments in American life, such as the Jewish contributions to American culture, American literature, and the Civil Rights Movement, through the lens of Jews straddling their status as both insiders and outsiders. The course will also examine antisemitism and the Holocaust, and the changing place of Zionism in the shaping of Jewish American identity. Sharing tales from immigrants, their children, and grandchildren, learners will debate the meaning of this ongoing saga.



Thursdays, January 4 – March 7 at 10:00am

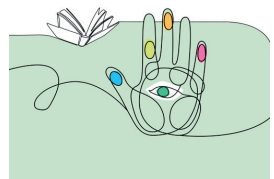
Register at tinyurl.com/TS2024Melton

Cost is \$295

OMG, Can You Believe?!

Instructors: Rabbi Adam Miller & Rabbi Ariel Boxman

In this six-week exploratory course, we'll dive into the BIG questions around God and God's relationship to Humankind. We'll examine the many different understandings of God, free will, and mitzvot expressed by Jewish philosophers, rabbis, leaders past and present – and you. We'll explore the divine, the prophetic, and even the supernatural, as we amplify and dissect your deepest God-questions. Just do not expect to leave with any final answers.



Mondays, January 8 – February 12 at 10:00am

Register at tinyurl.com/TS2024Melton

Cost is \$179



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Instructor: Cantor Donna Azu

Did you miss the opportunity to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at the age of 13? Have you always wanted to study with clergy and become a more literate Jew? Would you like to learn to read and chant from the Torah? Are you willing to make a commitment of time to the exploration of your own Jewish identity with a small group of like-minded adults? If you've answered "yes!", then our Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program may be for you. For more information, contact Cantor Donna Azu at dazu@naplestemple.org



**Wednesdays, October 4, 11, & 18 November 1, 8, & 15
December 6 & 13 at 6:15pm - 7:15pm
Complimentary**

ONLINE LEARNING

Torah Study

Various Facilitators

Explore the weekly Torah portion virtually with the guidance of our clergy and lay leaders. Text sheets will be shared via Zoom. Learners of all levels are welcome.

**Every Saturday at 8:30am via Zoom
Complimentary**



Jewish Yoga

Instructor: Missy Balsam

Yoga instructor and Temple Shalom member, Missy Balsam, guides you through an all-levels, gentle yoga stretch session interwoven with Jewish spiritual teachings. This class is designed to relieve stress and calm the mind.



**Mondays at 10:30am via Zoom
\$72 for 6 sessions**



SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Jonathan Comisar

Jonathan Comisar has a Masters in classical composition at the Manhattan School of Music and is an ordained Cantor with a Masters in Sacred Music from the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music. He served the Community Synagogue in Rye, NY with distinction from 2000-08 and is a highly esteemed and sought after composer of Jewish themed music. He has received numerous commissions and artist residencies from synagogues and Jewish organizations, including Temple Emanu-El of NYC, Central Synagogue (NYC), and Congregation Emanu-El (San Francisco), The American Conference of Cantors, who commissioned Comisar to write a choral work for their 60th Anniversary, premiering it at the URJ Biennial in 2013.

Cantor Jonathan Comisar has served on the faculty of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music since 2009, teaching classes on music theory, arranging, and composition.

Jonathan Comisar is also a musical theater composer and a member of the prestigious BMI Lehman Engel Musical Theater Workshop. Comisar's musical theater piece "Things As They Are," was awarded Best of the Festival Audience Favorite Prize at the NY Musical Theater Festival (2010) and was twice nominated for the Fred Ebb Foundation Award, 2009 and 2011.

- **Thursday:** "Around the World in 80 Minutes Stories and Songs from the Tapestry of Jewish Life"
- **Friday:** "LEONARD BERNSTEIN: His Jewish Legacy"
- **Saturday:** "To Bigotry No Sanction: George Washington's Letter to the Jews," A Documentary film and Cantata by Jonathan Comisar

Generously supported by The Shirley and Henry Kraus Scholar-in-Residence Fund.

Thursday - Saturday, January 4-6 with times TBA
Complimentary



TRAVEL

Journey to Israel With Rabbi Adam Miller



Explore Old Jaffa, visit the remains at the port city of Caesarea, tour the Golan Heights, learn about the mystical city of Tzfat, welcome Shabbat at the Western Wall, shop the Mahane Yehuda outdoor market, float in the Dead Sea, stay on kibbutz, participate in an archaeological dig, and much more!

December 17-27, 2023
Register before October 15

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