



Adult Education 5784 2023-2024

Please note that all courses will meet in person unless otherwise noted.

1) PRIVATE TUTORIAL WITH RABBI RACHLIS

Rabbi Rachlis will teach any University Synagogue member anything that he/she wants to learn. Just set up an appointment; he'll give you a syllabus, and you'll meet with him approximately once a month.

2) BASIC JUDAISM AND BEYOND (SEMESTER 2 2024)

Who are "the Jews"? What do we collectively and individually believe or not believe? This class gathers small communities of learners to de-mystify Judaism through discussions about who Jews are philosophically, theologically, ritually, historically and religiously. We hope to attract students who have never been exposed to this material as well as those who might want to explore these areas again. We welcome those who are considering conversion. We encourage sharing experiences. We will compare and contrast approaches to Judaism to see how we are the same and different. We view many aspects of Jewish rituals and practices including the celebration of Jewish holidays and life cycle rituals (from a liberal and Reconstructionist lens) to better understand why we do what we do, how it has evolved and what it means to us today. As time permits, we will explore "What Judaism Says" about current topics of the day. This class will be held on Zoom and in person in the synagogue library. A syllabus will be forthcoming.

Instructors: Carol Richmond, Rabbi Rachlis

Semester II Dates: 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15

Cost: Free for members; \$250 per semester for all others, plus a one-time \$75 book fee for all students. Minimum number of students: 15

3) DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS' SERIES

*Throughout the year, well-known speakers will address fascinating topics
at University Synagogue*

More speakers will be added throughout the year!

4) 34th ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY INTERNATIONAL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL, founded by University Synagogue.

March 27-28

The Narrow Bridge

May 1-2

The Baltic Truth

5) BEGINNING HEBREW READING COURSE

Join us for “Gentle Hebrew”! Is your Hebrew “rusty”? Would you like to be able to read the Hebrew words we sing in the service and know what the words mean? Join us for a 6-week Beginning Hebrew Reading Course taught on Zoom by Karen Zfaty. Karen has a Master’s degree in Semitic Languages with an emphasis in Biblical Hebrew. She greatly appreciates the meaning of Hebrew and would love to share that with you!

Instructor: Karen Zfaty

Dates: Thursdays, Time: 7-8 pm via Zoom

Cost: \$60 for members; \$100 for non-members; To register, email Karen at kzfaty@aol.com

6) UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE ADULT CHOIR

Learn classical and modern Jewish choral music, and share that music with the congregation at services during the year. We welcome singers who read music, as well as those who learn music by ear in all vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass/Baritone).

Director: Shannon Fowler; Dates: Mondays; Time: 7:20-8:30 p.m.

To register, email Shannon at shan.fowler@icloud.com

This schedule is subject to change, so always RSVP at least one week prior to the class and check our website at www.universitiesynagogue.org for added classes and events.

You can register online, call, or email your completed enrollment form and fee (if any) to:

University Synagogue ; c/o Danica Bishop
3400 Michelson Dr., Irvine, CA 92612 ; (949) 553-3535
www.universitiesynagogue.org; dbishop@universitiesynagogue.org

Register at the designated links unless otherwise specified.

Name(s): _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Email) _____

Charge Card: Visa___ MC___ No._____ Exp._____ Amount \$_____

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REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION:

Costs: Please note that some courses require payment. There is often a difference between member costs and non-member costs. **Questions?** Call Jessica Bram, Director of Congregational Learning, (949) 553-3535, Ext. 241, or jbram@universitiesynagogue.org.