### 2019-2020 Adult Education Program

Our Fall/Winter 2019-20 Adult Education program offers exceptional opportunity for continuous learning through exploration of fascinating topics in Jewish education, literature, women’s study, religion, and others.

As we celebrate Shir Hadash’s 40th anniversary, we will examine what a difference the last 40 years made in the world of Judaism and in the relationships between American Jews and Israel. We will discuss books and current events, learn Hebrew and Judaism, study the Torah, and explore the richness of Jewish texts. We will build bridges with our neighbors through interfaith dialogue and study. Our calendar is filled with captivating classes, speakers, and exceptional opportunities for growth.

Come and join our journey of continuous learning as we celebrate Shir Hadash turning 40 years old, the age of wisdom!

Please contact Itzik Nir, Adult Education Committee Chair (board-adulted@shirhadash.org), or the temple office for more information.

Register online for all these programs and classes at [https://www.shirhadash.org/adult-education.html](https://www.shirhadash.org/adult-education.html).

For assistance with online registration, please call the office at 408-358-1751, ext. 5.

Please check the website for last-minute schedule changes.
WHAT A DIFFERENCE 40 YEARS MAKES…

Jewish Education
Sunday, Nov. 10, 9:30 AM

Jewish Education is evolving to keep up with a changing Jewish community. Learn how Jewish education is no longer your parents’ Sunday School experience and how it can reflect the ways today’s millennials feel about Judaism. Join Professor Avi Y. Kelman in discussing “What We Talk About When We Talk About Jewish Education.” Dr. Kelman is the Joan and Chair in Education and Jewish Studies and Associate Professor at Stanford University. He is the author of a number of books on modern Jewish thought and culture.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE 40 YEARS MAKES…

Scholars-in-Residence Shabbat
Friday, Dec. 13, 7:30 PM & Saturday, Dec. 14, 10:30 AM

On Friday evening, Rabbi Jonathan Sarna will speak on Changes in American Judaism. Dr. Sarna is the Joseph H. & Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History and Director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University. He is recognized as a leading commentator on American Jewish history, politics, and culture.

On Saturday morning, Rabbi Ruth Langer will speak on How We Pray Today. Rabbi Langer is Professor of Jewish Studies in the Theology Department at Stanford College and Associate Director of its Center for Christian-Jewish Learning. She is the author of What Worship Good Property—Tensions between Liturgical Custom and Hab RECEIVE THOMAS'S AND ROSE Langer's extensive experience in Jewish life and thought, she will discuss the ways in which our prayers have evolved over time and how they might be different today.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE 40 YEARS MAKES…

Jews in the Movies
Saturday, Jan. 25, 7:30 PM

Let’s look at some of the outstanding films from around 1980 with an eye on Jewish themes, actors, and directors. Featuring a few highlights from Chariots of Fire, and with an eye on Jewish themes, actors, and directors. Featuring a few highlights from Chariots of Fire, and

WHAT A DIFFERENCE 40 YEARS MAKES…

Antisemitism
Sunday, Mar. 22, 9:30 AM

Antisemitism has been called the “soul-new hatred”; it is strong but not always consistent. Dr. Zach Bodner’s seminar, “What it Means to be an Arab and Jew,” challenges this view by exploring how the experiences of Arab and Jewish communities are shaped by their unique histories and cultures.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE 40 YEARS MAKES…

Jews in the Bay Area
Sunday, April 29, 9:30 AM

The 2018 Demographic Study found that the San Francisco Bay Area is the fourth-largest Jewish population in the U.S., trailing only New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE 40 YEARS MAKES…

American Jews & Israel
Sunday, April 29, 9:30 AM

In 1980, before Lebanon, before Sabra and Shatila, before the Intifada, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the immigration of the Jews of the FSU, before Oslo and the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin, before Start-Gap Nation and Birthright Israel, the relationship between American Jews and Israel was quite different and seemingly more straightforward. With three outstanding American Zionist leaders, we will explore the contemporary developments in the relationship between American Jews and Israel.

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