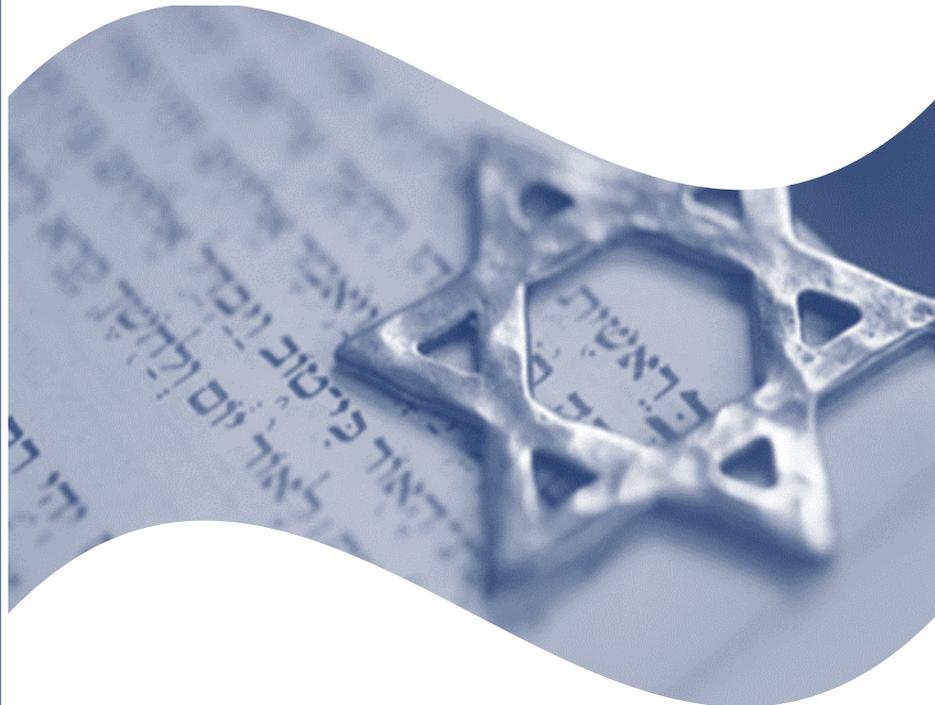


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A program of Adult Jewish Learning created just for YOU!



Adult Education Catalog
Fall 2017 - Spring 2018

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Dear TBH-BE Members,
L' Shanah Tovah!

Once again, we have created a wonderful adult education program just for you. We are proud to present classes with teachers from prior years along with some new options—all for your inspiration and enjoyment. In celebration of Israel's 70th birthday, we have planned several adult education programs to help our synagogue community connect with Israel and with each other. This enticing array of classes is planned to fit the varying needs and interests of our membership. As always, some classes are short term, others are long term; some meet weekly and a few are offered as stand-alone sessions. Our expanded Shabbat morning experience, initiated two years ago, will continue this year with our rabbis' thought-provoking classes. We hope you will join us for one of the sessions offered on Shabbat morning. These classes are designed to conclude prior to the Torah service.

With very limited exceptions, our adult education program is again presented by TBH-BE congregants. This is a reflection of the depth and breadth of our talented and accomplished congregation. Sincere thanks are extended to our members who are generously giving their time and expertise to teach a course just for you. Classes are complimentary as a benefit of your TBH-BE membership. All classes will take place at TBH-BE unless otherwise noted. Please join us for as many classes as interest you. We are confident that your participation in adult Jewish education at TBH-BE will, as always, prove to be thought provoking, intellectually stimulating—and fun!

We look forward to learning with you.

Randy Goldberg, *President*

Rabbi Neil Cooper, *Rabbi*

Josh Kohn, *Vice President, Membership*

Rabbi Marc Israel, *Associate Rabbi*

New Courses for This Year

iEngage 3.0: Jewish Values and the Israeli- Palestinian Conflict, Part II

Sundays, November 12 & 19,
December 3 & 10, January 28,
February 4 & 11 and
March 11, 18 & 25
9:45-11:15 AM

With Rabbi Neil Cooper

In this course, we will enter into the seemingly intractable and contentious conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. The goal of this course is not to shape a political picture. We will not enter into a debate of irrefutable facts. Rather, we shall focus on the common truths and shared values that each side of this dispute cherishes. We will follow guidelines and parameters in our discussions so that divergent views can be expressed. We will engage, as

well, in a real-life experiment to see if we can talk about these issues without denigrating divergent opinions, without disparaging others who believe differently and without accusing those who believe differently that their views are illegitimate.

This course is the second part of the course we began last year. Once again, our course will include an examination of relevant classical Jewish texts (in English) on which our class discussions will be based. Each unit is built around a video lecture presented by the faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute. One need not have taken the first part of this course in order to join this class.

Why enter into discussions on such a volatile topic? Because this divisive conflict lies at the core of much debate both here and in Israel. In addition, this topic may well be the single most important issue that tears at the unity of the Jewish people.

Unless we can find ways to discuss with each other that which hurts us the most, especially when we disagree, and find ways to embrace those whose views may differ from our own, we shall de facto give up on that crucial yet fragile notion of the unity of the Jewish people.

LEARNING HEBREW

Tuesday, September 26
10:30-11:30 AM

With Lori Cooper and Yehudith Rubin

Israel's 70th anniversary is a great time to learn Hebrew!

This is an introductory session to set the next several classes for this course in Beginners' Hebrew.

Following this course, Yehudith Rubin will offer an Intermediate Hebrew class. Time and date will be announced in the e-Highlights.

WORK OF OUR HANDS WORKSHOPS

Choose daytime or evening:

Tuesdays, October 10 & 17
10:00-11:00 AM

or

Tuesday, October 10 & 17
7:30-8:30 PM

With Gloria Spitz

Two sessions of Jewish crafts!
A great way to de-stress!

Join fellow crafters and crafting neophytes as you spend a tranquil hour releasing tension while walking your hands through two projects. *Jewelry Making 101: Working with Wire* followed by *Chocolate Art: Paint on Chocolate*. No prior experience necessary! *Limit 10 people per session. \$20 for supplies for two classes. Secure your spot in the series of your choice. RSVP to Gloria at gloriaskippot@gmail.com.*

ISRAELI COOKING

Sunday, October 29
9:30 AM

Sponsored by Sisterhood

With Aliza Shaya

What is shakshuka? In Israel, it is a breakfast food - a dish of eggs poached in a sauce of tomatoes, chili peppers, and onions. Join Aliza in the kitchen as she instructs us in how to make this classic dish. Enjoy samples during class and a tasty recipe to take home! This recipe is from Alon Shaya's new cookbook, *Shaya: An Odyssey of Food, My Journey Back to Israel*. \$5 material fee.

THE BOOK OF KOHLET: INTERNAL DELIBERATIONS OF A SEEKER OF WISDOM AND TRUTH

Thursdays, October 19 & 26,
November 2 & 9
7:30-9:00 PM

Complimentary and open to TBH-BE
and Apath Israel members.
Non-members are welcome
at a fee of \$36.
RSVP to Randy Goldberg
(rggoldberg@me.com)

GUARD MY TONGUE

Wednesdays, November 29,
December 6 & 13
11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Non-members are welcome
at a fee of \$30.

RSVP to Juliet Spitzer at
julietspitzer@gmail.com

extension of our thoughts. We will also draw on the sparks and guidance provided through *Mussar*, the Jewish discipline that helps us fine-tune our ethical conduct.

With Dr. Emilie Passow

Perhaps the two most well-known passages from *Kohlet* (*Ecclesiastes*), is *HaKol is bevel*/All is vanity (foolishness) and *Ein chadash metachat hashemesh*/There is nothing new under the sun. But these phrases punctuate a series of outlooks on what might give life meaning. The structure of the book becomes an internal conversation that lends these phrases more ambiguity than is first apparent. Join us for an exploration of King Solomon's existential/spiritual journey and why this is a particularly apt text to read on Sukkot.

With Juliet Spitzer

We will begin with a look at what Jewish texts say about the power of speech, and familiarize ourselves with the basic laws of *l'shon ha'ra* (the evil tongue/gossip).

As we explore ways to avoid engagement, we will consider a potential cure for *l'shon ha'ra*, namely developing and communicating paths of gratitude and understanding speech as an

JUDAISM'S IMPACT ON WORLD CIVILIZATION

Tuesdays, November 14, 21 & 28,
April 17 & 24, May 1
7:30-9:00 PM

Jews represent a small percentage of the world's population and have always been so. Yet, even a small civilization can be the source of ideas and values that influence larger cultures. In these sessions, we will consider six ways in which Judaism had a profound impact on the larger society. This effect was not always acknowledged and some of the examples being offered originally evoked contempt and/or antagonism. Yet all, today, are respected and are so much a part of the non-Jewish world that their origin has been forgotten by many, even by some Jews.

The Book of Jonah or Steps in Getting it Together

Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27
7:30-9:00 PM

Note: at Apath Israel (Merion Station)
Complimentary to TBH-BE and
Apath Israel members.
RSVP to Barbara Sharofsky
(bsharofsky@adathisrael.org).
Please indicate that you are a
TBH-BE member.

With Dr. Saul Wachs

Ethical monotheism • Shabbat •
Literacy • Repentance • Hope •
Prophecy

A Jewish undergraduate college student took a course in Psalms. After the first session, she wrote her parents and said, "What a pity that our religion doesn't have poetry like this!"

With Dr. Emilie Passow

The Book of Jonah includes many elements of a fairy tale: reluctant hero, magical whale, and magical tree, but we read it on *mincha* of Yom Kippur, the holiest, most solemn day of the Jewish calendar because embedded in this very brief text are some of the most important guidelines for spiritual growth, especially in our Jewish tradition: courage, atonement, empathy, forgiveness and humility. Join us for an exploration of how these themes emerge from such a seemingly simple story.

Your Shabbat Experience...

Courses just for you on Shabbat.

Join us for muffins and coffee before we begin.

MISHNEH TORAH

With Rabbi Neil Cooper

Shabbat, 8:45-9:30 AM

Begin your Shabbat morning with a lively discussion of Maimonides' Mishneh Torah. Week by week, we study and seek to discern the depth of meaning of this formative text, which is the foundation for our system of *halachah* (Jewish law). Attend weekly or drop in when you can.

PARASHAT HASHAVUAH: THE WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

**With Rabbi Marc Israel
and guest facilitators**

Beginning October 14
Shabbat, 9:15-10:15 AM

Each week enjoy a Shabbat morning discussion of *Parashat HaShavuah* (the weekly Torah portion). You may anticipate an hour filled with lively exploration and discussion of the Torah's many wonderful (and often challenging) stories and themes. Attend weekly or drop in whenever you can make it!

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IS BY YOU, WITH YOU AND FOR YOU.

As we expand and continue to evolve our adult education program, we invite you to consider taking your place on the other side of the podium. Share your knowledge with your fellow congregants!

Are you interested in teaching a course for your TBH-BE community? If so, we would be delighted to hear from you. Tell us what you would like to offer by providing a description of your class, the number of sessions you would like to present, and where you envision the class taking place? At TBH-BE? At your home? At a coffee-shop? Feel free to be creative!

Please reach out to Randy Goldberg (rggoldberg@me.com) with your ideas and questions. We will get in touch with you thereafter to make your idea a reality! We thank you in advance for your interest in enhancing our community.

Ongoing Programs

PIRKEI AVOT: ETHICS OF OUR FATHERS

With Rabbi Marc Israel

Tuesdays, beginning October 31
9:30-10:30 AM

Meet us at the intersection of 2nd century rabbinic text and 21st Century American life! Through the study of *Pirkei Avot* (Ethical Sayings of our Ancestors), we explore a wide range of topics. Recent conversations (all based on the text) have ranged from how to deal with someone who cuts in front of you at the grocery store to Jewish views of the afterlife to whether you shovel your driveway or your sidewalk first. This popular class is open to all!

NOSH N'LEARN: A WEEKDAY TORAH STUDY

With Rabbi Marc Israel

Thursdays, beginning October 19
8:30-9:15 AM

Explore the weekly Torah portion and seek to understand its impact and meaning in our lives. Following the Thursday morning minyan, join in for a light breakfast while Rabbi Israel leads this lively conversation exploring verses from the weekly Torah portion and their rabbinic commentaries. We will highlight the verses of Torah and key questions in an email sent earlier in the week.

KNITTING WITH HESED & BIKKUR HOLIM

Tuesdays, beginning October 31
10:45 AM-12:00 PM

With Rita Ross

This year, in conjunction with the Hesed Committee and Bikkur Holim, Rita Ross will lead a class in crocheting and knitting afghans and chemo caps for the members of our community who might need to be comforted. All levels of experience are encouraged to attend. Please bring your yarn and crochet hook or knitting needles.

ROSH CHODESH: IT'S A WOMAN'S THING

7:00 PM

RSVP to Cynthia Saltzman
(cynthias@rutgers.edu)

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Leader varies each session

A monthly program of learning, sharing and celebration, this Sisterhood event rejoices in the first day of each new month on the Jewish calendar. Traditionally, this day has been associated with women as a time to learn, share, study, eat, and build relationships.

The first session will be held October 19, Rosh Chodesh Heshvan. The remaining dates for the year are: November 16, December 20, January 16, February 14, March 22, April 19, and May 14.

Documentary & Discussion Series

ISRAEL THROUGH FILM

Sundays, November 12,
January 28,
April 29
7:00 PM

This year, during Israel's 70th anniversary, TBH-BE invites you to learn more about Israel through a 3-part film series.

November 12th marks the beginning of the series with the screening of *The Forsaken Promise*. This film is about the British Mandate over Palestine, as Israel was then called, between 1918 and 1948, and how Britain failed to keep its promise to the Jewish people.

The second film in the series, to be shown on January 28, is titled *Rock in the Red Zone*. Once known for a prolific rock scene that revolutionized Israeli music, for thirteen years the town of Sderot has been the target of ongoing rocket fire from the Gaza strip. Through the personal lives and music of Sderot's diverse musicians, and the personal narrative of the filmmaker, the film chronicles the town's trauma and reveals its enduring spirit.

The final film, *In Our Hands: The Battle for Jerusalem*, will be screened on April 29th. The film tells the story of the battle of Jerusalem in the Six-Day War through the eyes of the IDF's 55th Paratrooper Brigade and highlights their role in the liberation of Jerusalem.

Please check the weekly e-Highlights or call the TBH-BE office at 610-649-5300 for up-to-date information on classes, rooms, or class re-scheduling for all events listed in this catalog.

Scholar-in-Residence

DR. ALAN COOPER

December 1-2, 2017



Dr. Alan Cooper

is the Elaine Ravich Professor of Jewish Studies and provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary. He joined the faculty in 1997 as a professor of Bible, and has served as director of publications and chair of the Bible faculty. In 1998, he was appointed professor of Bible at the Union Theological Seminary, a nondenominational Christian seminary, becoming the first person to hold concurrent professorships at JTS and Union. Previously, he was a professor of Bible at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, where for six years he was director of its School of Graduate Studies. He also taught religious studies for ten years at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Schedule of Events

Friday, 7:00 PM
Shabbat dinner
\$30/adult, \$18/ages 10 - 18

Friday, 8:00 PM
Scholar-in-Residence Lecture

Shabbat, 9:30 AM
Shabbat Services/Lecture

Shabbat, 12:00 PM
Congregational Kiddush Lunch
in honor of our guest scholar

Shabbat, 1:00 PM
Scholar-in-Residence Lecture

**RSVP for Shabbat dinner to
www.tbhbe.org**

Course Instructors

LORI COOPER

is the founder and director of The Mikveh at TBH-BE, the first conservative mikveh in this community. Lori was a teacher in our Magic Moments program in its earliest years and has been a member of TBH-BE for over 26 years.

RABBI NEIL S. COOPER

is beginning his 27th year with us as the spiritual leader of TBH-BE. Rabbi Cooper's prior iEngage classes: *iEngage Israel 2.0* and *Dilemmas of Faith* have received rave reviews and were attended by overflow crowds. The iEngage series was created by the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL

is the Associate Rabbi of TBH-BE and the Director of the Sylvia F. Lodish Religious School. Rabbi Israel is beginning his fifth year at TBH-BE.

DR. EMILIE PASSOW

was, until her retirement in 2016, Director of the Certificate Program in Medical Humanities and Associate Teaching Professor of English and Judaic Studies at Drexel University. Emilie also has been a "students favorite" teacher in the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning.

RITA ROSS

has been a member of TBH-BE since 1963. After raising 5 children, Rita returned to teaching at the Perelman Jewish Day School where she taught first grade for 27 years. Since her retirement ten years ago she has written two books, traveled, lectured about her experience during the Holocaust, and been an active member of our synagogue.

**YEHUDITH
RUBIN**

is a Jewish Studies and Hebrew language teacher at the Perelman Jewish Day School as well as a member of TBH-BE.

**ALIZA
SHAYA**

is the beloved Sisterhood cooking instructor and lead volunteer Kiddush coordinator at our synagogue. Aliza is a member of TBH-BE.

**GLORIA
SPITZ**

is the originator of the wire woven kippot for women. Gloria is a dental hygienist and loves to work with her hands. She owned a kosher chocolate candy company and has taught creative crafts to both adults and children for many years.

**JULIET I.
SPITZER,
M.S.ED.**

is a long-time member of TBH-BE and is committed to promoting the peaceful management of conflict through cultural understanding and tolerance for religious, ethnic, and racial differences. A former faculty member of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, Juliet teaches on a variety of topics in Judaism, and is currently also offering Soulful Chanting Circles in the Philadelphia area.

**DR. SAUL
WACHS**

was the Rosaline B. Feinstein Professor of Education and Liturgy and Chair of the Education Department at Gratz College until his retirement in 2017. Dr. Wachs has been named by Gratz as Professor Emeritus. He holds degrees in education, Jewish education, and Jewish music. Saul, the author of over 70 publications, is a member of TBH-BE.

Save These Dates

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB*

Wednesday, November 15

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Friday-Saturday, December 1 - 2

TORATHON—

AN EVENING OF LEARNING AND DISCOVERY

Saturday, January 27

MEN'S CLUB WORLD WIDE WRAP

Sunday, January 28

ADULT RETREAT WITH RABBI NEIL COOPER

Friday-Sunday, February 16 - 18

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Friday-Saturday, March 2 - 3

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB*

Wednesday, March 14

MEN'S CLUB BOOK CLUB*

Wednesday, April 11

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION PROGRAM

Sunday, April 15

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT—ALL NIGHT TORAH STUDY

Tuesday, May 19

*Additional Book Club dates and titles will be announced in the e-Highlights.



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