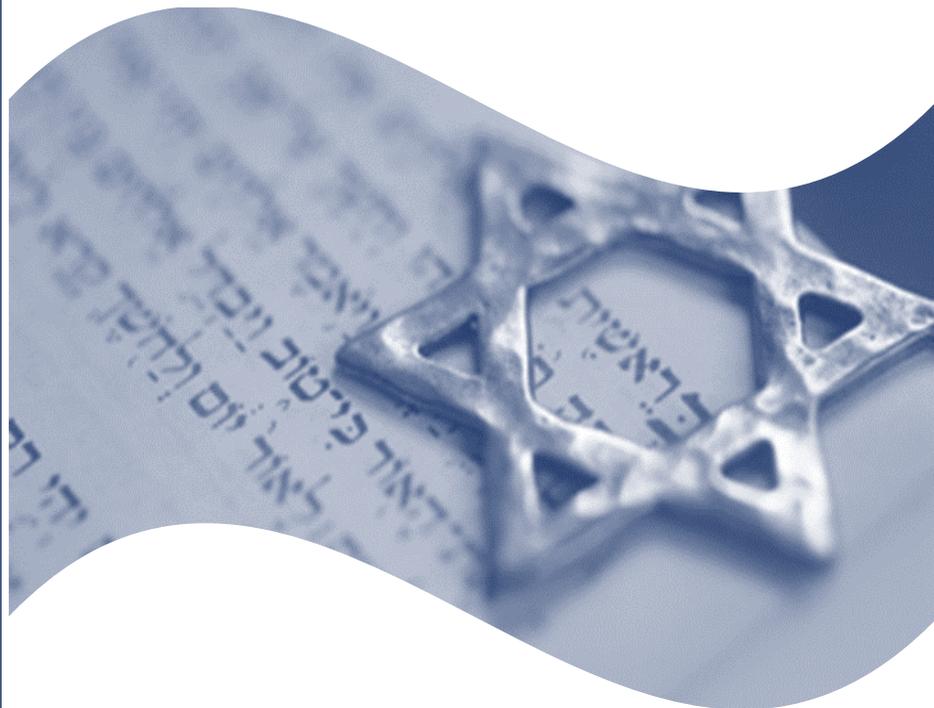


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A program of Adult Jewish Learning created just for YOU!



Adult Education Catalog
Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

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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. To incorporate our 60th anniversary celebration into our adult education offerings, we are presenting a class and a tour that examines Jewish Philadelphia from the time we were founded in 1958.

As always, our array of classes is planned to fit the varying needs and interests of our members. 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, which began three 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 you like. 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.

Rabbi Neil Cooper, *Rabbi*

Randy Goldberg, *President*

Rabbi Marc Israel, *Associate Rabbi*

Abby Horowitz, *Vice President, Membership*

New Courses for This Year

The Gift of Shabbat

Classes held in October and November, plus additional workshops. Details in the eHighlights.

With Rabbi Neil Cooper

This fall, we will offer the **Gift of Shabbat**, a five-week course that will teach the blessings and rituals to enhance your Shabbat dinner in a way that will include your entire family. In addition, during that same time frame we will offer a series of workshops to give you a variety of

ways, beyond rituals, to make your Shabbat dinner memorable.

- **A Taste of Shabbat**—Learn how to make challah and cook traditional Shabbat dishes in workshops led by Barb Bookman, Lori Cooper, Aliza Shaya, Sandy White and others.
- **Songs for Shabbat**—Review simple Shabbat songs known by our children to add music to your meal in a workshop led by Rabbi Chaim Gelfand.
- **Genealogy and the Stories of Your Family**—Each of us possesses a personal history filled with ancestors and faraway places. This workshop taught by Dr. Dan Loeb will introduce you to various internet tools to help you discover your family's stories.

Together, these classes and workshops will help you create a Shabbat meal filled with blessings, wonderful food, music and stories. Who could ask for more?

You can attend the classes and the workshops as your schedule allows. Please see the “Gift of Shabbat” sign-up form available in the eHighlights or register online by **September 30, 2018!** For questions, contact Amy Eisen at am.we.ci26@gmail.com.

ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASSES

Sundays, beginning October 14
9:15—10:45 AM

With Rabbi Israel

Did you miss out on celebrating your bar/bat mitzvah as a child? Have you recently converted to Judaism and are looking for your next learning opportunity? Are

you interested in learning Judaism's basic tenets and skills to participate in services?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, our Adult B'nai Mitzvah class is for you! This class will be led by Rabbi Israel, with the participation of Rabbi Cooper, Hazzan Rosner and other teachers. In addition to strengthening your Hebrew reading skills and learning the Torah trope (melody for chanting), we will also learn how and when to use to the various red texts in our services, how the Torah and the Hebrew Bible differ, and what it means when someone says, “the rabbis teach...” (What rabbis? Where do they teach it?) and much more!

How the World Changed Judaism

Tuesdays, October 9, 16 & 23
7:30 PM

With Dr. Saul Wachs

Since its very beginnings, the ancestors of the Jewish people interacted with other cultures. Influence was mutual. Jews profoundly influenced world

culture but also, had to deal with the ongoing influence of their neighbors. They responded in three ways:

- Attempted rejection (circling the wagons)
- Enthusiastic accommodation or assimilation
- Acculturation, partial accommodation, maintenance of tradition

Those responses continue in our own time. The reality of any minority forces it to confront the challenge of living in two cultures. We will look at some examples of where Judaism was affected by contact with other cultures but managed to maintain its own integrity, by modifying outside influences and selectively adapting external ideas and practices.

Family Ties in Biblical Narrative: Attempts at Covenantal Relationships

Thursdays, October 18 & 25,
November 1, 8 & 15
9:30 to 11:00 AM

are motivated by love and devotion, while others are generated by power, jealousy or self interest. What do these patterns suggest about Biblical perceptions of human nature? Of family obligations and gender roles? Of covenantal relationships that prepare us for a relationship with G-d? What do they offer to the contemporary reader? Source material includes the Biblical text, classical midrash and modern readings by Robert Alter, Adin Steinsaltz, Elie Wiesel, Nehama Leibowitz, Aviva Zornberg, as well as others. **New for this year:** Dr. Passow will teach at TBH-BE in the mornings, rather than in the evenings.

THE PAST SIXTY YEARS OF JEWISH LIFE IN PHILADELPHIA: PRESENTED IN TWO PARTS: A TALK AND TOUR

Talk: Sunday, October 28,
9:30 – 11:00 AM

Tour: Sunday, November 11
1:00 – 4:30 PM

Talk is free;
Tour transportation cost: \$18

board a bus to visit some of the sites that we discussed. Attendance at the talk is not necessary to take part in the tour (although it is recommended!). This talk and tour are presented by the Adult Education Committee and by Sisterhood.

With Dr. Emilie Passow

Paradigms of human relationships, human vulnerabilities, as well as capacities for transcendence, biblical figures endlessly fascinate. This course examines the images of family relationships apparent in Biblical narrative. Like contemporary relationships, some

With Dr. Michael Schatz

As Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El celebrates its 60th Anniversary, we will take a look back at the Jewish community of 1958 and learn how the children and grandchildren of Russian immigrants moved from the original neighborhoods to the outlying areas (like Wynnefield and West Philly) and out to the immediate suburbs.

Two weeks later, we will



SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THE BIBLE

Tuesdays, November 27,
December 4 & 11
8:00 PM

modern sexual values seem in conflict with Biblical norms, but in our current political climate, it's not always so clear. We will read stories of sexual violence and consider the ways in which women were treated and their roles in ancient Israelite society.

With Dr. Alison Joseph

The Bible is frequently viewed as a moral standard for Western Civilization. How can we understand stories of sexual violence in the Bible? Our

BACK TO THE SOURCES: TALES FROM THE MIDRASH

Sundays, March 24, 31 &
April 7
9:45—10:45 AM

With Rabbi Neil Cooper

This class looks back 1,500 – 2,000 years to classic Midrashic sources. We will read our stories through the eyes of our Sages. Although the stories are old, the insights are surprisingly modern and applicable to our lives today.

COMING THIS SPRING!

NEW EDUCATION SERIES ON PARENTHOOD

For this new program, we will invite local experts to speak on range of parenting topics, such as:

- Infertility
- Post Partum Depression
- Working with your child with diverse abilities and gifts
- Teen Dating Violence

Watch for more information including dates and times in the eHighlights and online at www.TBHBE.org.

Your Shabbat Experience...

*Courses just for you on Shabbat.
Grab a cup of 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

Shabbat, 9:15-10:15 AM
Beginning October 13

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

MISHLEI AND THE MEANING OF OUR LIVES

With Rabbi Marc Israel

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

New series for this year! *Mishlei* (The Book of Proverbs) is the second book of the section of the *Tanakh* (Bible) known as Ketuvim (Writings). Proverbs is an example of the Biblical wisdom tradition, and raises questions of values, moral behavior, the meaning of human life, and proper conduct. These include "instructions," patterned as advice from a teacher to a student or a parent to a child, as well as other forms of wisdom. We will study a few of the Proverbs each week, with a focus on how we understand these passages in our own lives. We will allow the conversations to flow freely, permitting the texts to penetrate deep into our souls!

NOSH N'LEARN: A WEEKDAY TORAH STUDY

With Rabbi Marc Israel

Thursdays
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

With Rita Ross

Tuesdays, beginning October 9
10:45 AM-12:00 PM

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 HODESH: IT'S A WOMAN'S THING

7:00 PM

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 10, Rosh Hodesh Heshvan. The remaining dates for the year are: November 8, December 11, January 10, February 6, March 6, April 10, May 6 and June 4. RSVP to Rachel Dunaief (rachjoshd@gmail.com).

The 33rd Annual

TORATHON!

AN EVENING OF DISCOVERY AND LEARNING

February 23, beginning at 6:30 PM

Torathon 2019 continues a wonderful TBH-BE tradition—a one-night university featuring scintillating Jewish scholarship, down-to-earth discussions, and musical presentations from the U.S. and around the world. This year's program offers the opportunity to learn from 15 distinguished scholars, rabbis and local experts. Some of the classes planned include:

- The Book of Revelations in its Jewish and Roman Historical Context
- History of American Jewish Women as Activists
- Transition and Anticipation in Nusach HaTefillah
- G-d's Heart and Soul
- Haggadah Collection; highlighting changes made to support historical and political ideologies in Israel

Watch the eHighlights and the Pharisee for more information.

Scholar-in-Residence DR. LILIANE WEISSBERG

December 8, 2018

Liliane Weissberg is the Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor in the School of Arts & Sciences, and Professor of German and Comparative Literature at the University of Pennsylvania. Much of her research deals with German-Jewish Studies, but she has also written on the German Enlightenment, European and American Romanticism, German realism, and visual studies.



Dr. Weissberg has taught as a visiting professor at universities in the United States, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, and has held appointments as the Ernst Cassirer Professor in Philosophy at the University of Hamburg, the Kurt Brühl Professor in Jewish Studies at the University of Graz, and the Franz Rosenzweig Professor at the University of Kassel. Among Weissberg's prizes and awards are the American Guggenheim Fellowship and the German Humboldt Prize for her life's work.

Dr. Weissberg will present a thought-provoking and insightful topic during Shabbat services. Watch for additional information in an upcoming Pharisee and eHighlights.

This Scholar-in-Residence Program is sponsored by David and Lenore Forsted in honor of their 50th Anniversary.

Artist-in-Residence JOSH WARSHAWSKY

February 1-3, 2019



Josh Warshawsky has established himself as a new and impactful leader in the world of Jewish Prayer and Liturgical Music. He has produced several CDs of his original *niggunim* (inspiration chants and melodies), which are utilized widely. As a Senior in the Rabbinical School of the American Jewish University (formerly The University of Judaism), in Los Angeles, Josh has developed a unique ability to weave Midrashim and traditional texts into his presentations. He will use his knowledge and skill to weave Midrashim and stories into his original melodies. He brings to us his musical ability, prayer skills and a wealth of knowledge to teach, guide and uplift us.

Friday

6:00 PM Kabbalat Services

7:00 PM Shabbat dinner

\$30/adult, \$18/ages 10 - 18

8:00 PM Scholar-in-Residence
Lecture

Shabbat

9:30 AM Shabbat Services: *D'var
Torah*.

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

1:00 PM Scholar-in-Residence
Lecture

Inclusion Scholar-in-Residence RABBI AVRAM MLOTEK

March 1-3, 2019



Friday

6:00 PM Kabbalat Services

7:00 PM Shabbat dinner

\$30/adult, \$18/ages 10 - 18

8:00 PM Scholar-in-Residence
Lecture, "Building Kehilah"

Shabbat

9:30 AM Shabbat Services: *D'var
Torah*, "How Are You Feeling?
The Role of Pastoral Counseling
and Mental Health"

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

1:00 PM Scholar-in-Residence
Lecture, "'All Are Welcome,
Except...' How Do We Disagree?"

Rabbi Avram Mlotek is the co-founder of Base Hillel and serves as rabbi for its Manhattan location. A native Yiddish speaker, Mlotek's Yiddish cultural work has brought him to China, Ethiopia, Israel, Sweden, Romania and Australia. Prior to joining Base, Avram served as a rabbi in training at The Carlebach Shul, The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale and Hunter College Hillel.

In 2012, The NY Jewish Week selected him as a "leading innovator in Jewish life today" as part of their "36 Under 36" section. In May 2016, Mlotek was listed as one of America's "Most Inspiring Rabbis" by *The Jewish Daily Forward*. Mlotek graduated cum laude from Brandeis University and has studied at Sarah Lawrence College, Yeshiva University's Cantorial School and City College's Educational Theatre department. He is married to Yael Kornfeld, a geriatric social worker, and proud Tati to Revaya and Hillel Yosl.

Course Instructors

Rabbi Neil S. Cooper is beginning his twenty-eighth year as the spiritual leader of TBH-BE. He previously served as Rabbi of Temple Beth Ahm in Aberdeen, New Jersey and as Director of Camp Ramah in Canada. He was ordained in 1979 at The Jewish Theological Seminary where he also received his Masters Degree in Rabbinics. He also earned a Masters Degree in Social Work from Columbia University and his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan.

Rabbi Marc D. Israel is beginning his sixth year as TBH-BE's Associate Rabbi. He came to Wynnewood after eight years as the Rabbi Educator at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase, MD. Previously, Rabbi Israel worked for the Union for Reform Judaism to engage college students in Jewish life on campus and help strengthen synagogue social action.

Dr. Alison Joseph is an adjunct assistant professor of Bible and its Interpretations at The Jewish Theological Seminary and assistant managing editor of the Posen Library. She is a recipient of the 2016 Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise, for her first book, *Portrait of Kings: The Davidic Prototype in Deuteronomistic Poetics*. She has previously taught at Swarthmore College, Towson University, Villanova University, Haverford College, and Ursinus College. Dr. Joseph is a member of 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.

Hazzan Eugene Rosner is beginning his twenty-ninth year as the cantor of TBH-BE, sharing with congregants his enthusiasm, talent and passion for Jewish choral music through his beautiful chanting and singing as well as his directing the synagogue's choir. In recognition of his musical programming, Cantor Rosner has received numerous Solomon Schechter awards from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. He graduated from the Cantor's Institute at The Jewish Theological Seminary with a Bachelor's Degree in Sacred Music and a Diploma of Hazzan and he received his undergraduate degree in mathematics from Queens College, CUNY.

Rita Ross has been a member of TBH-BE since 1963. After raising five 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.

Dr. Michael Schatz is a seasoned teacher with over 25 years of experience teaching students of all ages and is a specialist in the history of the Philadelphia Jewish community, giving frequent lectures and guided tours of historic Jewish Philadelphia. He holds degrees in Jewish Studies, general and Jewish education, and is among the first recipients of the Doctor of Education degree from Gratz College. Dr. Schatz is past president of the Jewish Educators Assembly. He resides in Elkins Park and is the brother of TBH-BE member Melanie Wolfson (and proud uncle of Sydney and William)!

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*

Sunday, September 30, discussing *Under the Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan

Wednesday, October 24, discussing *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

Wednesday, November 14, discussing *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Saturday, December 8

ADULT RETREAT WITH RABBI COOPER

Friday—Sunday, January 18—20

MEN'S CLUB WORLD WIDE WRAP

Sunday, January 27

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Friday-Saturday, February 1—3

TORATHON—

AN EVENING OF LEARNING AND DISCOVERY

Saturday, February 23

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Friday-Saturday, March 1—3

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION PROGRAM

Sunday, May 5

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT—ALL NIGHT TORAH STUDY

Saturday, June 8

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



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