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To Learn and To Teach

A Program of Adult Jewish Life and Learning



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- Beginning and advanced Hebrew
- A variety of mini-courses on topics in Jewish history, theology and culture
- "Roots: Exploring the Jewish Experience"
- Synagogue skills and Torah study

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Financial Assistance Available

To Register for Classes, call (360) 754-8519

Welcome...

...to a world of Jewish education

At Temple Beth Hatfiloh, we understand that Jewish education is a lifelong process. Whether you went to Hebrew School as a kid, or are new to Jewish education, there is something here for you.

...to a world of Jewish culture

Jewish education is not limited to the study of religion. There are many expressions of Judaism and many connections to Jewish life. Food, literature, film, history—these are all ways that we understand the Jewish experience and how Judaism is lived. TBH takes an expansive view of Jewish life and offers opportunities for learning and engagement of different aspects of Jewish life.

...to your Jewish journey

Jewish study is a means to connect with Jewish community, tapping into a shared culture, history and experience. It is also a personal experience that can nurture our own depth, understanding and sense of connection. Education should be a meaningful and spiritual experience.

...to the TBH Adult Education program

We trust that within this catalog there is something here for you. Course schedules and fees are listed with each course, and there is a registration form in the back. **Financial assistance is available if needed.** If you have any questions, or to register for classes, please contact TBH at (360) 754-8519 or tbh@callatg.com.

Shalom,

Susan Rosen

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TBH Adult Education Chair

Rabbi Seth Goldstein

Seth Goldstein

TBH Rabbi

Temple Beth Hatfiloh

Introduction to Judaism

In The Beginning...

While Jewish study is an on-going enterprise, there is a basis from which to start. Temple Beth Hatfiloh offers two courses to introduce Judaism both to those who are new to Judaism, or those who have not previously had the opportunity to formally study Judaism and want to deepen their own understanding. These courses are also appropriate for those interested in conversion to Judaism, and those investigating conversion should contact the rabbi before enrolling in the course.



Judaism 101

8 Sessions
Thursdays, 10/21/04-12/23/04
7:30 p.m.
\$80 TBH/\$128 non-TBH

Judaism 201

8 Sessions
Thursdays, 2/3/05-3/31/05
7:30 p.m.
\$80 TBH/\$128 non-TBH

Judaism 101

This course will provide an overview to the Jewish life-cycle and year-cycle, ritual observance, sacred text, prayer, theology, Jewish history and Jewish identity. We will see how Judaism has grown and developed from its Israelite roots to its current forms.

Judaism 201

An “advanced level” course that will examine more in-depth issues and topics raised in Judaism 101. One need not have taken Judaism 101, but must have a knowledge of the basics of Judaism. Topics to be covered include current sociological trends in American Judaism, death and the afterlife, variations in practice and creative expressions of Judaism.

Both courses are taught by Rabbi Seth Goldstein and Danny Kadden

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Hebrew



Hebrew, Level Bet

For those who already have basic command of Hebrew, or who have completed the Level Aleph class, this class builds on reading, grammar and comprehension skills, while deepening ones understanding of Judaism and the importance of the Hebrew language.

Both classes taught by Alice Haya Kinberg

A Sacred Language...

Primary to Jewish religious and cultural identification is the central language of Jewish prayer and text, Hebrew. Whether you are just beginning to learn the Hebrew alphabet, or want to engage with Hebrew on a higher level, Temple Beth Hatfiloh offers a class for you.



Hebrew, Level Aleph

This course starts from the beginning. Beginning with an introduction to the Hebrew aleph-bet, this course is designed for those who are new to the language. Through the texts of the prayerbook and the Torah, students are taught the fundamentals of letter recognition, reading, writing and comprehension. Through study of the language, students will also gain a window into Jewish life and culture. The course uses the acclaimed "Aleph Isn't Tough" materials, which is specifically designed for the adult learner.

Hebrew, Level Aleph

14 Sessions
Mondays, 10/18/04-1/17/05
7:30 p.m.
\$160 TBH/\$260 non-TBH

Hebrew, Level Bet

14 Sessions
Mondays, 2/21/05-6/6/04
7:30 p.m.
\$160 TBH/\$260 non-TBH



5 sessions
Tuesdays
1/4/05, 1/25, 2/8, 3/8, 3/29
7:30 p.m.
\$50 TBH/\$80 non-TBH

Envisioning God: Jewish Responses

Taught by Rabbi Seth Goldstein

Believe in God? Don't believe in God? What is the God you do or don't believe in? Jewish theology has never been static; over the centuries Jewish thinkers have developed different visions of God. This course will examine the different ways Jews have envisioned God. From the anthropomorphic Torah to the ancient rabbis, to the rationalist Medieval philosophers to the mystical Kabbalists, to contemporary thinkers such as Buber, Heschel and Kaplan, we will study images of God—all different yet all authentically Jewish.



5 sessions
Sundays
4/3/05, 4/17, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5
7:30 p.m.
\$50 TBH/\$80 non-TBH

Jewish Mothers: Beyond Archetype and Stereotype

Taught by Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg

The Jewish mother is one of the most pervasive figures in Jewish culture. In this course we will look at this image in depth, taking a view across the eras of Jewish civilization. Beginning with biblical images of mothers, and ending with contemporary views in literature and film, we will understand how the image of the Jewish mother has developed and changed over the years, and how we relate to it in our own day.



5 Sessions
Sundays
10/17/04, 10/31, 11/7, 12/5, 12/19
7:30 p.m.
\$50 TBH/\$80 non-TBH

Introduction to Talmud

Taught by Rabbi Seth Goldstein

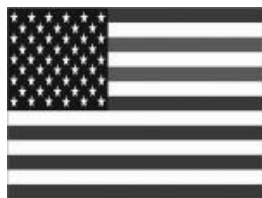
Judaism is as much a tradition rooted in the Talmud as it is in the Bible. The Talmud, compiled around 600 CE, is a compendium of Jewish law and lore, ethics and ritual, textual interpretation and spiritual engagement.. Both truly ancient and strikingly contemporary, the Talmud is a repository of wisdom that is still very relevant today. This course will introduce the work itself—how it is structured, the nature of Talmudic interpretation—as well as promote engagement with texts that provide insight and meaning to our own lives.

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Shul and State: Constitutional Issues and Jewish Perspectives

Taught by Barnett Kalikow

We will explore the Bill of Rights generally and how it came to be, and then focus on First Amendment freedom of religion; the meaning of and interplay between the "free exercise" clause and the "establishment" clause; Washington's more strict constitutional separation of religion and state; and finally we will talk about some real life issues we face such as religious practices in public schools ("The glee club in school will be singing 'Silent Night' including the words, 'Christ the savior is born.' What can or should my Miriam who is in the glee club do?")



4 Sessions
Tuesdays
10/19/04, 11/9, 11/30, 12/14
7:30 p.m.
\$40 TBH/\$64 non-TBH

Eat! Eat!: Jewish Cooking

Taught by Ronda Friedman

Jews are sometimes described as the "people of the book." Oftentimes this book is a cookbook. Jewish cuisine has defined the Jewish cultural experience for centuries with traditional foods associated with different holidays, different geographic locations and different eras in history. In this course you will learn to make traditional Jewish foods. This is a hands-on course so come prepared to cook...and eat.



4 Sessions
Sundays
1/2/05, 1/30, 2/20, 3/13
7:30 p.m.
\$40 TBH/\$64 non-TBH

A Taste of Kabbalah

Taught by Rabbi Seth Goldstein

The Kabbalah is the Jewish mystical tradition. An esoteric tradition, it has at its basis the immediate experience of the divine. This course will provide only a "peek" into this many-layered tradition, and will examine ideas of God, Creation, ethics and the nature of humanity through the lens of kabbalah. And with the contemporary popularity of kabbalah, we will look at what kabbalah is, and what it is not.



5 Sessions
Tuesdays
4/5/05, 4/19, 5/10, 5/24, 6/7
7:30 p.m.
\$50 TBH/\$80 non-TBH

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Spiritual Education

Shabbat Torah Study

Within Jewish tradition, study is as important as prayer. Once a month, we gather on Shabbat morning to nosh, shmooze and learn. Over a Shabbat lunch of bagels and coffee (provided by the congregation), we sit and discuss texts, usually beginning with the week's Torah portion and ending wherever the discussion takes us.

Led by Rabbi Seth Goldstein

Third Saturday of the month

10:00 am

Free

Torah Trope for Adults

Chanting the Torah in the synagogue requires knowledge of the special cantillation system, or trope. In this course you will learn this system both how to chant and how the cantillation system adds meaning and depth to the Torah text itself. Ability to read (decode) Hebrew required.

Taught by Amy Loewenthal

10 Sessions

Mondays

10/18/04-12/20/04

\$100 TBH/\$160 non-TBH



Easing Into Shabbat:

Introduction to the

Friday Night Shabbat Service

Want to get more out of your Friday night Shabbat experience? Want to learn about the meaning behind the prayers while learning tunes and *nusach* (prayer modes)? This is the class for you. Meeting monthly before Shabbat services, this course will familiarize students with the structure and elements of the Erev Shabbat service. No overall commitment required; you may come to as many sessions as you like.

Taught by Amy Loewenthal

Second Friday of the month

6:30 p.m.

Free

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Spiritual Education

Sunday Morning

10:00 a.m.

Tachlis Workshops

Tachlis is Yiddish for “practical.” Jewish tradition teaches that while study is important, it is important in that it leads to action. These Sunday morning workshops will give you insight into how to incorporate Jewish practice into your spiritual life in a more meaningful way.

“Having a Jewish Home”

Judaism is not just something you do, its something you live. Learn how to incorporate Judaism into your daily home life. This workshop will both offer thoughts on how to physically make ones home more Jewish, as well as home-based rituals that can be practiced on a daily basis.

Sunday, December 19, 2004

10:00 a.m.

“Choreography of Davenning”

There are many “actions” associated with the prayer service. When do you sit, stand, bow or turn around during the service? Why? Learn the mechanics of prayer, including the intricate “dance” of the Torah service—how to have an *aliyah* to the Torah, how to raise and wrap the Torah, and others.

Sunday, January 16, 2005

10:00 a.m.

“Making Shabbat Meaningful”

Shabbat is a sacred time of rest at the end of the week, a time Jewish tradition teaches that we cease from our worldly activities. In this workshop we will think about ways we can make Shabbat more meaningful in our lives. Participants will learn about both traditional observances and new ritual to make this day meaningful to you.

Sunday, February 13, 2005

10:00 a.m.

“Doing Passover”

There are many facets to observing the holiday of Passover. In this course you will learn about eating “kosher for Passover”—which foods are allowed and which not—and how to make ones home kosher for Passover. You will also learn about the seder—what it is and how to organize one and make it meaningful.

Sunday, April 10, 2005

All workshops are free.

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Special Events

Trip to Washington State

History Museum

The first Jews in Washington settled in the Olympia area. Olympia is home to the oldest Jewish cemetery in the state and the first Jewish organization—the Hebrew Benevolent Society—was formed here. The Washington State History Museum in Tacoma is currently running an exhibit on Jewish life in Washington: “A Family of Strangers: The First Century of Jewish Life in Washington, 1840-1940” We will visit the museum as a group and have the opportunity to explore and learn about the history together. This one is not just for adults, children and families are also encouraged to participate.



Sunday, December 6, 2004

2:30 p.m.

\$5 Adults/\$4 Student or child

Meet at TBH for lunch and travel to museum.

Saturday Night Video Salon

TBH shows a variety of Jewish- and Israeli-themed films including documentaries, shorts and features under the direction of Lon Freeman. Always thought provoking, the video

salon will entertain and challenge you. No charge, donation suggested. More information on dates and films will be coming soon.

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Special Events

Torah and Cheesecake:

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

On the festival of Shavuot we celebrate the biblical story of the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. It is traditional to stay up late at night to study Torah and texts. It's also traditional to eat dairy foods. TBH combines the two for an evening of spiritual and bodily nourishment. We'll begin our evening with a short service, then gather around a table for some stimulating discussion and delicious desserts.



Sunday, June 12, 2005

8:30 p.m.

Scholar-In-Residence Shabbaton

Thanks to the generosity of members at the 2004 Temple Beth Hatfiloh Biennial auction, we are happy to bring a visiting scholar to spend Shabbat with us. Come spend a Shabbat of food and fellowship, prayer and study with a visiting scholar of Judaica.

Look for more information, including who our guest will be, closer to the date of the event.

Friday-Saturday, February 25-26, 2005

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Roots: Exploring the Jewish Experience

This year marks the 350th anniversary of the arrival of the first Jews in the United States. In honor of this occasion, Temple Beth Hatfiloh has organized a lecture series. The Jewish experience in America has been defined by immigration, of moving from one place to another. Jews have been fueled by the desire to make a home in this new country, but just as strong is the desire to understand where we have come from. This series looks at the theme of seeking our roots, of stories of immigration, of the many different backgrounds that define the Jewish experience in this country and beyond. Over the course of six Wednesday evenings throughout the year, we will have the opportunity to explore our roots and seek our past so as to have a firmer ground for the future. All presentations are free, \$5 donation suggested.

Wednesday, October 27, 2004 * 7:00 p.m.

“The Commissar”

Presented by Tom Rainey

“The Commissar” is an engaging 1988 Russian film (with English subtitles) which tells the story of a Jewish family in Russia in 1917-1918, after the Revolution and before World War I. After viewing the film, Tom Rainey, a professor emeritus at The Evergreen State College with an expertise in Russian history, will describe the context for the film and answer questions about this time period.

Wednesday, November 17, 2004 * 7:00 p.m.

“Journeys into Family and Personal History”

Presented by Sid White

In 1984, in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of his father, Sid White produced and presented to his family a 19-minute slide-tape presentation on his life. This project launched him to delve deeper into his family history and to work on a personal history writing project as well. In this presentation, we will view the presentation, and learn more about searching out our roots and own family histories.

Wednesday, January 5, 2005 * 7:00 p.m.

“Romanian Odyssey”

Presented by Sid White

Sid White returns to delve deeper into his family's history. In 2002 he and his wife Pat went to Romania to search out vestiges of the world of his parents lived in during the late 19th century. He made a video, “Romanian Odyssey,” of spontaneous encounters with contemporary Romania, a Romania where a Jewish community once thrived, where a few mostly elderly Jews are still living.

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Roots: Exploring the Jewish Experience

Wednesday, February 16, 2005 * 7:00 p.m.

“Escape and Resistance: One Family’s Story”

Presented by Barnett Kalikow

In 1904, Barnett Kalikow’s great uncle Abraham Meyerowitz, a committed revolutionary and son of a rabbi in Latvia, was jailed by the czar’s army for his role in an anarchist uprising. He acquired false identity papers as Charles Rozoff and escaped Russia to France. His daughter became a significant cog in the French resistance when the Nazi’s invaded, was captured and imprisoned at Buchenwald, survived and became a translator at the Nuremburg trials. Barnett will share part of this extraordinary story.

Wednesday, March 30, 2005 * 7:00 p.m.

“Journeys from East to West: From Morocco to Olympia”

Presented by Alice Haya Kinberg

Because of mass immigration from Central and Eastern Europe at the turn of the century, the culture of the American Jewish community has primarily been informed by Ashkenazi (Central and Eastern Europe) norms. Yet Jewish communities exist all over the world, each with their own folkways regarding food, language, literature and approach to Jewish life. Alice-Haya Kinberg was born in Morocco and fled with her family to Israel before moving to the United States. She will share her family history, as well as some insight into Moroccan Jewish culture.

Wednesday, May 5, 2005 * 7:00 p.m.

“The Second Generation: Children of Holocaust Survivors”

Presented by Danny Kadden and others

The Holocaust left an indelible mark on the Jewish people, but especially on those families who personally experienced the Nazi horrors. Picking up the pieces of their lives after the Holocaust, survivors remade their lives and built (or rebuilt) their families. The experience of the children of Holocaust survivors is a unique one, and some children of survivors in our community will share how the Holocaust has shaped their lives and Jewish identities.

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About Temple Beth Hatfiloh

Temple Beth Hatfiloh is a 160-member-household congregation in Olympia, Washington dedicated to fulfilling the spiritual, educational, social and cultural needs of Jews in the South Puget Sound region. We serve as a Jewish resource for Thurston and surrounding counties.

At TBH, we understand that there are many ways to connect with Judaism and Jewish tradition. We are truly a *beit am*, a “house of the people,” and seek to provide many opportunities for people to engage with Jewish community in a way that is meaningful to them. Our membership is made up of people who grew up Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, secular or not Jewish. We are an inclusive community, welcoming interfaith families, gays and lesbians and Jews of diverse backgrounds.

We offer a full calendar of Shabbat and holiday observances. Our religious services are spirited and engaging, providing inspiration and connection. Our programming for youth is extensive, offering a full religious school program, a teen group and more. For adults, educational and social opportunities abound. We also hold very high the value of *tzedakah* (“righteous giving”) and *tikkun olam* (“repair of the world”) and TBH is very involved in the greater Olympia community.

At TBH we value the individual’s personal journey and seek to provide opportunities for personal connection and growth. At the same time, we recognize the value of Jewish peoplehood, and that belonging to a community and a tradition is of key importance to development and continuity.

In 2000, the congregation formally joined the Reconstructionist movement. Reconstructionist Judaism, the fourth branch of contemporary Judaism, defines Judaism as the evolving religious civilization of the Jewish people. Reconstructionists therefore seek to create warm and welcoming synagogue communities that are respectful of traditional Jewish practice yet open to new interpretation and creative forms of religious expression. Reconstructionism emphasizes participatory and democratic decision making around issues of communal observance and practice, and encourages individuals to find their own connection to Jewish life.

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Temple Beth Hatfiloh Adult Education Registration

Course	Fee

Total: _____

Are you a TBH member? _____

Do you require financial assistance? _____

You will be contacted regarding financial assistance. All conversations will be held in confidence.

Name(s)

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Phone

Email

Method of Payment

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