

TEMPLE JEREMIAH

THE CENTER FOR LEARNING

ADULT EDUCATION

Winter/Spring Courses
5766/2006

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ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Consistent with its mission to promote lifelong learning, Temple Jeremiah offers programs throughout the year to congregants and the community at large. See the registration form to sign up. Programs are offered at no charge and take place at Temple Jeremiah unless otherwise noted. For more details, call 847/441-5760 or log on to our web site at www.templejeremiah.org.

“TO CONVERT OR NOT TO CONVERT: THAT HAS BEEN THE QUESTION”

This program, offered by the Adult Learning and Outreach Committees and led by Rabbi Cohen, will cover the history of conversion in the Jewish community from Biblical times to the present. We will look at the rabbinic ambivalence toward proselytizing. In addition, we will study classic texts as well as contemporary Reform responses by Reform rabbis and their students concerning issues of faith, study and ritual for the modern seeker.

DATES: Sundays, January 8, 15 & 22
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

“THE TEN COMMANDMENTS & AMERICAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE”

Zohar Raviv, a renowned Israeli scholar, educator and lecturer in the international Jewish community, will explore separation of church and state and its potential for multiple interpretations. Is the principle a religious or theological issue? Is displaying the Ten Commandments in a public park a violation of separation between church and state? Mr. Raviv will look at the fundamentals that gave voice to the Declaration of Independence and point out the striking similarities between this document and another historic publication, the Ten Commandments! The program is being co-sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education.

DATE: Friday, January 13
TIME: 6:00 p.m. Reception
6:30 p.m. Service
7:30 p.m. Dinner & Presentation
COST: \$18 per person (for dinner)

“BACK TO THE SOURCES”

Dr. Anne Lidsky will lead “beginners of Torah study” in an exploration of such texts as the Five Books, the Tanach, weekly Torah portions and Midrash. Get ready for a whole new world of Jewish learning! Attendees are asked to register by January 15.

DATES: Wednesday, January 18 & 25
TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

EMPTY NESTERS’ BOOK DISCUSSION

Elise Barack will host a discussion of Philip Roth’s bestseller, *The Plot Against America*. The book is available in paperback for \$14.95 at Border’s or Barnes and Noble. It is not necessary to read the book to attend.

DATE: Sunday, January 22
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - noon



ADULT RETREAT “INTELLIGENT DESIGN: DO RELIGION & SCIENCE FINALLY MEET?”



Come to a weekend of exploration and lively discussion with Rabbi Paul Cohen as we look at Jewish texts describing the various responses to the question of how the world came to be. We will talk about God’s role in the unfolding of creation and what, if anything, Darwin does to help or hinder our understanding of the world as we experience it today. Can one be a person of faith and accept Darwin’s theory of evolution?

DATES: Friday, January 27 - Sunday, January 29
COST: \$130 per person
(based on double occupancy)
LOCATION: Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

ANNUAL JEWISH UNITED FUND (JUF) BRUNCH & BOOK SIGNING

JOSEPH EPSTEIN

AUTHOR OF *FABULOUS SMALL JEWS*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 • 9:00 A.M.

One of the country’s preeminent essayists, Joseph Epstein will speak on his bestseller, *Fabulous Small Jews*, a compilation of 18 short stories. A lecturer at Northwestern University for almost 30 years, Mr. Epstein’s works have appeared in such publications as *The New Yorker*, *Harper’s Magazine* and the *Atlantic Monthly*.



ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Temple Jeremiah's Adult Learning Committee, in cooperation with our Empty Nesters and Outreach Committees and such organizations as the Union for Reform Judaism, Board of Jewish Education and Jewish United Fund, offers classes dealing with an array of topics - from the teachings of the great scholar Maimonides to the question of "Intelligent Design."



NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY KALLAH

Come to this community-wide Jewish adult education program offered under the auspices of the North Shore Fellowship of Rabbis and sponsored in part by the Union for Reform Judaism. Participants select two from among 15 topics presented by rabbis and religious leaders across the North Shore. Forms have been mailed to sign up.

DATES: Tuesdays, February 7, 14 & 21

TIME: 7:00 - 9:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Am Shalom
840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe

"MAIMONIDES: A GUIDE FOR TODAY'S PERPLEXED"

Dr. Kenneth Seeskin, Chair of Northwestern University's Philosophy Department and the author of books on Maimonides and other scholarly works, will lead a three-part series on the famous 12th century philosopher and sage. The first person to write a systematic code of Jewish law, Maimonides published one of the great philosophical statements of Judaism, *The Guide to the Perplexed*. Session 1 looks at "Is Judaism Really Monotheistic? - A Maimonidean Perspective." Session 2 deals with "From Genesis I to the Big Bang - Maimonides on Creation." Session 3 explores "When God Speaks - Maimonides on Commandment and Revelation."



DATES: Sundays, February 19 & 26 and March 5

TIME: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

"THE RABBI'S READING TABLE"

Join Rabbi Paul Cohen in a discussion of two important pieces of literature. The February 19 program will look at *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz, which follows the author's family from 19th century Ukraine to Palestine and the struggles leading to modern-day Israel. The April 16 program will focus on *The Cubs and the Kabbalist: How A Kabbalah Master Helped the Chicago Cubs Win Their First World Series Since 1908* by Byron Sherwin. Both books are available at the temple's Gift Shop.

DATES: Sundays, February 19 and April 16

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

TORAH STUDY

Join Temple Jeremiah for bagels and coffee while studying and discussing the weekly Torah portion. Become one of our Torah Study regulars! Drop-ins are welcome.

DATES: Every Saturday

TIME: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

LUNCH AND LEARN: "A TASTE OF TEXT"

Join Rabbis Paul Cohen and Michelle Greenberg in downtown Chicago as they look at Jewish texts from the past and present and how they shed light on our lives today. Each class is self-contained and does not depend on previous attendance. Contact Phyllis Burg at 847/441-5760, x110 or phyllisburg@templejeremiah to attend.

DATES: Wednesdays, January 18, February 15,
March 15 & May 17

TIME: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

SISTERHOOD HEALING CLASSES

Reiki Master Teacher Stephanie Meis shows how to use spiritual healing in your everyday life. Whether you are experienced in metaphysics or just beginning to explore your own spirituality, this program has something for you!

DATES: January 19, February 16, March 16,
April 20, May 18 (3rd Thursday of month)

TIME: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

COST: \$18 per class (pay at the door)

PULSE OF OUR WORLD: OUR RABBI READS THE HEADLINES

Join Rabbi Cohen as we discuss current events, pulled from the headlines, and the Jewish response. Please note Empty Nesters will provide refreshments on February 5.

DATES: Sundays, February 5 & March 5

TIME: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.



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THE STANLEY C. GOLDER INTERFAITH LECTURE WEEKEND

“WHEN LOVE IS SHARED” with Rabbi David Nelson

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 • 8:00 P.M. SHABBAT SERVICE



As a people, Jews have an enduring love for the land of Israel stretching back many millennia. But love for Israel does not belong to Jews alone. How can we understand, cope with and react to Christians' and Muslims' deep-rooted passion for the land? Rabbi Nelson, Associate Director of the Association of Reform Zionists of America and the author of *Judaism, Physics and God: Searching for Sacred Metaphors in a Post-Einstein World*, will talk about Jews' sense of connection to the Holy Land and how our feelings are impacted by the religious communities around us.

“THE FUTURE OF ISLAM” WITH IRSHAD MANJI

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 • 8:00 P.M. INTERFAITH GOLDER LECTURE



The author of the international bestseller, *The Trouble with Islam Today: A Muslim's Call for Reform in Her Faith*, Ms. Manji assesses the likelihood of a liberal reformation in Islam, one that promotes competition of ideas, empowers women and fosters respect for human rights and religious minorities. A young, devout Muslim, she offers key insights about the struggles and expectations of the new generation of Muslims and how they have inspired her to launch the world's first leadership center for reform-minded Muslims.

Ms. Manji hosts the weekly television show, “Big Ideas,” featuring innovative thinkers in fields ranging from science to spirituality. In addition, she sits on the interfaith editorial board of *Seventeen* magazine. Her ideas for a reformation of Islam have earned her praise from such diverse individuals as Khaleel Mohammed, an imam and professor of Islam at San Diego State University, Ambassador Swanee Hunt, Director of the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard University, and *TIME* magazine journalist Andrew Sullivan. She received Oprah Winfrey's first annual “Chutzpah Award,” was named “Feminist for the 21st Century” by *Ms.* Magazine and was the recipient of the Simon Wiesenthal Award for Valor. The *New York Times* has described Ms. Manji as “Osama bin Laden's worst nightmare.” She takes this as a compliment.



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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day No Adult Hebrew No Religious School	2 8 th Day of Chanukah No Hebrew School No Florence Melton Office Closed	3	4 Hebrew School resumes	5	6	7 •Torah Study 9 am
8 Religious School resumes • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Outreach - "To Convert or Not to Convert" 10 am	9 Hebrew School resumes • Florence Melton resumes 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	10	11	12	13 •"10 Commandments & the Declaration of Independence 6 pm Reception 6:30 pm Service 7:30 pm Dinner & Program	14 •Torah Study 9 am
15 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Outreach - "To Convert or Not to Convert" 10 am	16 Martin Luther King Day No Hebrew School • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	17	18 • Lunch & Learn 12 pm Chicago • "Back to the Sources" 7 pm	19 • Sisterhood Healing Class 7:30 pm	20	21 • Torah Study 9 am
22 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Outreach - "To Convert or Not to Convert" 10 am • Empty Nesters' Book Discussion 10 am	23 • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	24	25 • "Back to the Sources" 7 pm	26	27 • Adult Retreat - OSRUI	28 • Adult Retreat - OSRUI • Torah Study 9 am
29 • Adult Retreat - OSRUI • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Robyn Helzner Trio Concert 4 pm	30 • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	31				

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 • Torah Study 9 am
5 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Pulse of Our World 10 am (Refreshments provided by Empty Nesters)	6 • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	7 • North Shore Community Kallah 7 pm Am Shalom	8	9	10	11 • Torah Study 9 am
12 • JUF: "Fabulous Small Jews" with Joseph Epstein 9 am • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am	13 Tu B'Shevat • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	14 • North Shore Community Kallah 7 pm Am Shalom	15 • Lunch and Learn 12 pm Chicago	16 • Sisterhood Healing Class 7:30 pm	17	18 • Torah Study 9 am
19 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Maimonides Program 10 am • Rabbi's Reading Table 3 pm	20 No Hebrew School • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	21 • North Shore Community Kallah 7 pm Am Shalom	22	23	24 • Sisterhood Retreat	25 • Sisterhood Retreat • Torah Study 9 am
26 • Sisterhood Retreat • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Maimonides Program 10 am	27 • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	28				



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MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 • Torah Study 9 am
5 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Maimonides Program 10 am • Pulse of Our World 10 am	6 • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	7	8	9	10	11 • Torah Study 9 am
12 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am	13 No Florence Melton	14 Purim	15 • Lunch and Learn 12 pm Chicago	16 • Sisterhood Healing Class 7:30 pm	17	18 • Torah Study 9 am
19 • Shushan Shuffle, Purim Spiel and Purim Carnival No Adult Hebrew No Religious School	20 • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	21	22	23	24	25 • Torah Study 9 am
26 No Adult Hebrew No Religious School	27 No Hebrew School • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	28	29 No Hebrew School	30	31	

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 • Torah Study 9 am
2 No Adult Hebrew No Religious School	3 Hebrew School resumes • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	4	5 Hebrew School resumes • Women's Seder 6:30 pm	6	7	8 • Torah Study 9 am
9 Religious School resumes • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Empty Nesters Theatre Trip 2:30 pm	10 • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	11	12 Pesach Eve No Hebrew School	13 1 st Day of Pesach Office Closed	14	15 • Torah Study 9 am
16 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Rabbi's Reading Table 3 pm	17 No Florence Melton	18	19 No Hebrew School Office Closed	20 • Sisterhood Healing Class 7:30 pm	21	22 • Torah Study 9 am
23/ 30 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am	24 • Florence Melton 9:15 am & 7:15 pm	25 Yom Hashoah	26	27	28 • Golder Interfaith Weekend Shabbat Service & Presentation with Rabbi David Nelson 8 pm	29 • Torah Study 9 am • Golder Interfaith Weekend Keynote Speaker: Irshad Manji 8 pm



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List the name(s) of registrant(s) and circle A, B, C and/or D to indicate who will attend. Multiply the cost by the number attending to calculate your subtotal. If a cost is not indicated, there is no charge. Please submit this registration form with payment in the enclosed envelope. Make checks payable to Temple Jeremiah. If there is no charge for any of the programs you are signing up for, you may Fax this form to the number above. If there are more than four registrants, please list the additional names and programs for which they are registering below.

REGISTRANT A _____ REGISTRANT B _____

REGISTRANT C _____ REGISTRANT D _____

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS - Please list name(s) and program(s) _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE # _____ TEMPLE JEREMIAH MEMBER Yes No

REGISTRANT(S)	PROGRAM NAME	COST PER REGISTRANT	SUBTOTAL
A B C D	Torah Study - Ongoing	_____	
A B C D	"To Convert or Not To Convert: That Has Been the Question" - 1/8, 1/15 & 1/22	_____	
A B C D	"The Ten Commandments & American Declaration of Independence" - 1/13	\$18 (dinner only)	
A B C D	Lunch and Learn - 1/18, 2/15, 3/15 & 5/17 Downtown Chicago	Contact Phyllis Burg to find out cost of lunch and to sign up.	
A B C D	"Back to the Sources" - 1/18 & 1/25	_____	
A B C D	Empty Nesters' Book Discussion - 1/22	_____	
A B C D	Adult Retreat - 1/27 - 1/29 at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute	\$130 per person (based on double occupancy)	
A B C D	"Pulse of Our World" - 2/5 & 3/5 Please specify which date(s)	_____	
A B C D	JUF Brunch & Program with Joseph Epstein - 2/12	_____	
A B C D	"Maimonides: A Guide for Today's Perplexed" 2/19, 2/26 & 3/5	_____	
A B C D	"The Rabbi's Reading Table - 2/19 & 4/16	_____	

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY KALLAH - 2/7, 2/14 & 2/21:
Please register using the information sheet in the December Covenant. For more information or additional brochures, contact the URJ at 847/509-0990, x28. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required.

Payment for the above programs:

TOTAL FEES

Donation to Center for Learning:

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TOTAL ENCLOSED