

TEMPLE JEREMIAH

THE CENTER FOR LEARNING

ADULT EDUCATION

Winter/Spring Courses

5769 - 2009

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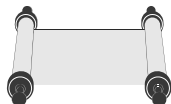
ADULT EDUCATION AT TEMPLE JEREMIAH

Consistent with its mission to promote lifelong learning, Temple Jeremiah offers programs throughout the year - from Torah Study to current events. See the enclosed registration form. 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.

TORAH STUDY

Enjoy bagels and coffee while discussing the weekly Torah portion. On Saturdays when a student is not called to the Torah as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, our worship will include a Shabbat Service at 8:30 a.m., Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. and Aleinu and Kaddish at 10:00 a.m. Pre-registration is not necessary.

DATES: Every Saturday
TIME: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.



“SCIENCE & TORAH: CONFLICTING, COMPATIBLE OR COMPLEMENTARY TRUTHS?”

Science and religion often seem to conflict on the origins of the universe. Did the universe come into existence as science suggests or as the Bible describes in the Creation story? Is it 15 billion years old or does it date back 6000 years + six days as the Bible states? Was man created by God or did he evolve from prior life forms? Are scientific and religious views of these questions necessarily in conflict or can they be brought into harmony?



The Dawn Schuman Institute (DSI) and Temple Jeremiah's Adult Learning Committee present scientist and lecturer Dr. Steven Steinberg who will lead a thought-provoking examination of these and other questions.

DATE: Sun., Jan. 18
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
COST: None (congregants); \$15 for DSI members; \$22 for non-DSI members

LUNCH & LEARN:

“JUDAISM IN THE MARKETPLACE”

Rabbi Paul Cohen continues this year's Lunch and Learn series on how Judaism affects the way we conduct our day-to-day business. Classes are self-contained and do not depend on prior attendance. Guests are welcome. Contact Phyllis Burg at 847/441-5760, x110 or phyllis@templejeremiah.org for more information and to sign up.

DATES: Wed., Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 25, April 29 and May 27
TIME: 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown Chicago (various locations)

ADULT RETREAT

Join Rabbi Cohen and fellow congregants for a weekend of growth, creativity and fun. This year's retreat will look at the nature of Reform Judaism today: what it means to be a Reform Jew, why synagogue matters, the joys and challenges of life cycle and holiday observances, encountering God and struggling with faith. See your brochure for further details.

DATES: Fri., Jan. 30 - Sun., Feb. 1
LOCATION: Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI)
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
COST: \$140 per person (based on double occupancy)

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY KALLAH

Take part in this community-wide adult education program featuring a wide variety of courses. Participants may select two classes, one from the early session and one from the late session, or enroll in the Learn to Read Hebrew program for both sessions. See the enclosed registration form.

DATES: Tues., Feb. 3, 10 and 17
TIME: 7:00 - 9:15 p.m.
LOCATION: Temple Beth El
3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook

DOCUMENTARY - “IN THE FAMILY”

See this documentary from FORCE (Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered) about families undergoing genetic testing and the decisions they make as a result. A discussion by a panel of experts will follow. RSVP to heatherf@facingourrisk.org to attend.

DATE: Thurs., Feb. 12
TIME: 6:30 p.m.



“IMPLICATIONS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDEAST”



Sun., Feb. 22 • 10:00 a.m.

Ethan Bueno de Mesquita will look at: What are the root causes of terrorism? Who becomes a terrorist? Does counterterrorism prevent violence or merely fan the flames of bloodshed? There is no charge for congregants. Cost for non-congregants is \$15 for Dawn Schuman (DSI) members and \$22 for non-DSI members.

ADULT EDUCATION AT TEMPLE JEREMIAH

Temple Jeremiah's Adult Learning Committee offers a variety of programs - from retreats and workshops to lectures. Our affiliation with such organizations as the Jewish United Fund (JUF), Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (JCUA) and the Dawn Schuman Institute (DSI) allows us to provide this wide array of programming to congregants and the community at large.

EMPTY NESTERS' POTLUCK DINNER & SPEAKER: "ON WAGNER & THE JEWS"

Enjoy dinner and a fascinating discussion. Robert Yaffee, lecturer, instructor and expert on the opera, will discuss Richard Wagner, famous composer and one of the world's most notorious anti-Semites, from a uniquely Jewish perspective. Despite his controversial beliefs, Wagner is credited with changing the musical landscape of the 20th and 21st centuries.



Mr. Yaffee will discuss the factors that shaped Wagner's anti-Semitism, examine his influence on Hitler and trace the fascinating history of his music in Israel, culminating in Daniel Barenboim's daring but controversial decision to break the long-standing ban on Wagner's music in the Jewish state. We will hear samples of his music and address the question, "Can one be a Jewish Wagnerite?" Registration is required.

Empty Nesters will provide the main course, Please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert (enough for 12 people).

DATE: Sun., Feb. 22
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
COST: \$5 per person for dinner

JUF PROGRAM

Every year the Jewish United fund presents a brunch and program featuring a renowned speaker. Stay tuned for details on this year's exciting presentation.

DATE: Sun., March 15
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

RABBI'S READING TABLE

Modernity gave rise to a Jewish consciousness that has increasingly distanced itself from the sacred in favor of worldliness and secularity. Rabbi Cohen leads a discussion of *Judaism Musical and Unmusical* by Michael P. Steinberg which traces the formulation of this secular Jewishness from its Enlightenment roots through the 20th century. The author explores the infinite variations of modern Jewish experience in central Europe and beyond while engaging the works of such figures as Sigmund Freud.



DATE: Sun., March 22
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

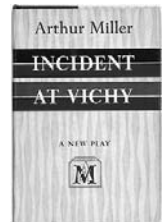
"DISCOVERING JEWISH ART: WHAT IS IT AND WHERE DO WE FIND IT?"

Linda Rubin, a well known art lecturer and educator, will present a slide lecture on Jewish art. She has created and presented numerous programs including "Art Works" at the Spertus Museum. Linda is a popular lecturer at the North Shore Senior Center, OASIS, Lake County College and several synagogues. She leads Temple Jeremiah's Confirmation class on art tours in Chicago and also conducts tours of houses of worship, of which Temple Jeremiah's Golder Chapel is among her favorite spots.

DATE: Sun., April 12
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

DISCUSSION OF PLAY: "INCIDENT AT VICHY"

Congregant Ruth Adler will look at "Incident at Vichy," a compelling one-act play by dramatist Arthur Miller focusing on the subjects of human nature, guilt, fear and complicity set during World War II.



The play revolves around a group of primarily Jewish detainees awaiting inspection by German officers in Vichy, France in 1942. "Incident at Vichy" portrays the characters' persistent state of denial and struggles to accept why they are there while posing the haunting question of how the Nazis were able to perpetrate the Holocaust with so little resistance from their victims.

DATE: Sun., April 19
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL JUSTICE & ADVOCACY

The Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (JCUA) presents this workshop on how we define social justice and ways to effect change, including organizing, advocacy and practical ways to achieve reform. JCUA representatives will talk about the importance of community as an engine of social change and a way of organizing one's neighborhood as well as a tool for partnering with other communities. Learn about past and ongoing JCUA campaigns and how you can get involved. All are welcome to this exciting, hands-on experience.

DATE: Sun., April 26
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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STANLEY C. GOLDER INTERFAITH LECTURE
“RACE AND RELIGION: A PANEL DISCUSSION”
MODERATED BY PULITZER PRIZE WINNING
COLUMNIST CLARENCE PAGE

Saturday, May 2 • 8:00 p.m.

Clarence Page, Pulitzer Prize winning writer, has been a columnist and member of the *Chicago Tribune's* editorial board since July 1984 and writes a syndicated column providing incisive and insightful commentary on American society and politics.

Mr. Page is an occasional guest panelist on the *McLaughlin Group*, a regular contributor of essays to *News Hour with Jim Lehrer* and an occasional host of documentaries on PBS. He is a regular panelist on Black Entertainment Television's (BET) weekly *Lead Story* news panel.

Mr. Page was a reporter and assistant city editor for the *Chicago Tribune* from 1969 to 1980. He joined WBBM-TV in August 1980 as a director of the Community Affairs Department.

His awards include a 1980 Illinois UPI award for community service for the investigative series, "The Black Tax," and the Edward Scott Beck Award for overseas reporting of a 1976 series on the changing politics of South Africa. Mr. Page also participated in a 1972 *Chicago Tribune* Task Force series on vote fraud which won the Pulitzer Prize. He has received awards from the Illinois and Wisconsin chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union for his columns on civil liberties and constitutional rights. Mr. Page was inducted into the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame in 1992. His articles have appeared in a wide variety of publications including *Chicago Magazine*, *Chicago Reader*, *Washington Monthly*, *New Republic*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Newsday* and *Emerge*. He has also appeared on *Nightline*, the *Today Show* and *Sunday Morning with David Brinkley*.



The mission of the Golder Interfaith Lecture Series is to promote understanding among every faith and embrace the unifying spirituality of all religions. The lecture is free and open to the public.



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List the name(s) of registrant(s) and circle A, B, C and/or D to indicate who will attend. If a cost is not indicated, there is no charge. Please submit this registration form with payment. 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	"Science & Torah" - 1/18	None for congregants; \$15 for Dawn Schuman (DSI) members and \$22 for non-DSI members	
A B C D	Lunch and Learn: "Judaism in the Marketplace" 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29 & 5/27, Downtown Chicago	Contact Phyllis Burg at 847/441-5760, x110 or phyllis@templejeremiah.org for cost and to sign up.	
A B C D	Adult Retreat - 1/30 - 2/1, Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin	\$140 per person (based on double occupancy)	
A B C D	Documentary: "In the Family" - 2/12	None. RSVP to heatherf@facingourrisk.org	
A B C D	"Implications For Peace in the Mideast" - 2/22	None for congregants; \$15 for Dawn Schuman (DSI) members and \$22 for non-DSI members	
A B C D	Empty Nesters' Potluck Dinner & Speaker: "On Wagner & the Jews" - 2/22	\$5 for dinner (Bring an appetizer, salad or dessert)	
A B C D	Rabbi's Reading Table - 3/22	None	
A B C D	"Discovering Jewish Art" - 4/12	None	
A B C D	Discussion of Play: "Incident at Vichy" - 4/19	None	
A B C D	Workshop on Social Justice - 4/26	None	
Torah Study - Every Saturday. Registration is not required.		<i>Payment for the above programs:</i> TOTAL FEES	
North Shore Community Kallah - 2/3, 2/10 & 2/17, Temple Beth El. See the insert to sign up.		<i>Donation to the Center for Learning:</i> DONATION	
Jewish United Fund Program - 3/15. Stay tuned for details.		<i>Donation to the Bill and Norma Brown Fund for Lifelong Learning:</i> DONATION	
Golder Interfaith Lecture - 5/2. Registration is not required.		TOTAL ENCLOSED	



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ADULT EDUCATION CALENDAR
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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Office Closed New Year's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception 6 pm • Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Winter Break: No Religious School No Adult Hebrew	Hebrew School resumes*		Hebrew School resumes*		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erev Shabbat Service with Adult Choir 8 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Religious School resumes* Adult Hebrew resumes* • Parenting Workshop 9 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewish Employment Network - "Change Your Approach & Change Your Outcome" 7 pm 		• Chai Society 12 pm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Grade Dinner 6:30 pm • H(OUR) Shabbat Service 7:30 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Yeladim 10 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am • Teen Songleading 2:30 - 9 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Parenting Workshop 9 am • Teen Song Leading 9 am - 2 pm • Science & Torah 11:30 am 	No Hebrew School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner 6:30 pm • Sisterhood Shabbat Service 8 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Parenting Workshop 9 am 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch and Learn 12 pm Downtown Chicago 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Retreat OSRUI • Erev Shabbat Service 8 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Retreat OSRUI • Shabbat Service 8:30 am • Torah Study 9 am • Aleinu & Kaddish 10 am

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Retreat OSRUI • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Parenting Workshop 9 am 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Shore Community Kallah 7 - 9:15 pm Temple Beth El 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tot Shabbat 6:30 pm • Erev Shabbat Service 8 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am • Outreach Scavenger Hunt 2 pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Shore Community Kallah 7 - 9:15 pm Temple Beth El 	• Chai Society 12 pm	• Documentary: "In the Family" 6:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erev Shabbat Service with Adult Choir 8 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
No Religious School No Adult Hebrew	No Hebrew School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Shore Community Kallah 7 - 9:15 pm Temple Beth El 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Grade Dinner 6:30 pm • H(OUR) Shabbat Service 7:30 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Yeladim 10 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Peace in the Mideast 10 am • Pot Luck Dinner & Speaker: "On Wagner & the Jews" 4 pm 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch and Learn 12 pm Downtown Chicago 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erev Shabbat Service 8 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Services 9 & 10:45 am

*Unless otherwise indicated Religious School will take place Sundays at 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. and Hebrew School will take place Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.



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MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am	2	3	4	5	6 • Tot Shabbat 6:30 pm • Shabbat Across America Dinner 6:30 pm • Shabbat Service 8 pm	7 • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Services 9 & 10:45 am
8 Purim Celebration - Shushan Shuffle, Purim Spiel and Purim Carnival No Religious School No Adult Hebrew	9	10	11 • Chai Society 12 pm	12	13 • Erev Shabbat Service with Adult Choir 8 pm	14 • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am
15 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • JUF Brunch & Speaker 10 am	16	17	18	19	20 • Youth Department Dinner 6:30 pm • H(OUR) Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	21 • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Yeladim 10 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am
22 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Rabbi's Reading Table 10 am	23	24	25 • Lunch and Learn 12 pm Downtown Chicago	26	27 • Erev Shabbat Service 8 pm	28 • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am
29 Spring Break: No Religious School No Adult Hebrew	30 No Hebrew School	31				

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 No Hebrew School • Chai Society 12 pm • Women's Seder 6:30 pm	2	3 • Tot Shabbat 6:30 pm • Erev Shabbat Service 8 pm	4 • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am
5 Spring Break: No Religious School No Adult Hebrew	6 No Hebrew School	7	8 No Hebrew School 1 st Passover Seder	9	10 • Erev Shabbat Service 8 pm	11 • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am
12 Religious School resumes Adult Hebrew resumes • Discovering Jewish Art 10 am	13 Hebrew School resumes	14	15 No Hebrew School Office Closed	16	17 • H(OUR) Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	18 • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Services 9 & 10:45 am
19 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • Discussion of Play: "Incident at Vichy" 10 am	20	21	22 Hebrew School resumes	23	24 • Erev Shabbat Service 8 pm	25 • Torah Study 9 am • Shabbat Service 10:45 am
26 • Adult Hebrew 9, 10 & 11 am • JCUA Workshop 10 am • Empty Nesters' Holocaust Trip 4 pm	27	28	29 • Lunch and Learn 12 pm Chicago	30		

Saturday, May 2, 8 pm - Golder Interfaith Lecture: "Race & Religion: A Panel Discussion" with Clarence Page

Wednesday, May 27, 12 pm - Lunch and Learn: "Judaism in the Marketplace," Downtown Chicago

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY KALLAH

A Celebration of Jewish Adult Education

**A community-wide Jewish Adult Education program under
the auspices of the North Shore Chavurah of Rabbis and sponsored in part by
The Union for Reform Judaism and
The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism**

**Tuesday, February 3, 2009
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
Tuesday, February 17, 2009**

**Courses will be held at:
*Temple Beth-El
Northbrook, Illinois***

Session presenters are from the following organizations:

**Am Shalom, Glencoe
Congregation Beth Or, Deerfield
Congregation B'nai Torah, Highland Park
Congregation Solel, Highland Park
Jewish Community Center of Chicago
Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation, Lincolnshire
Lakeside Congregation for Reform Judaism, Highland Park
North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe
North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, Highland Park
Temple Beth-El, Northbrook**

KALLAH REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

Tuesday, February 3, 2009, Tuesday, February 10, 2009
Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Courses held at:
Temple Beth-El
3610 Dundee Rd., Northbrook, IL

- Each Kallah course continues for 3 consecutive weeks. Participants should plan to attend all 3 sessions.
- Choose 2 of the 12 courses listed, one for the early session and one for the late session, or Hebrew for the entire evening.
- Each evening will be comprised of 2 one hour sessions with a 15 minute dessert and coffee break.

Early Session
7:00 – 8:00pm

Dessert & Coffee Break
8:00 – 8:15pm

Late Session
8:15 – 9:15pm

NO charge to attend, however *REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!*

REGISTRATION FORM (Please print clearly)

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Street _____
City _____ Zip _____ Synagogue _____
Home ph. _____ Work ph. _____
Email Address _____

- Learn to Read Hebrew (This is both your early and late session choice)
7:00 – 9:15 pm

EARLY SESSION

- Kabbalah – Jewish Mysticism
- Love in the Tanakh
- What's So Funny About Peace, Love & Understanding
- Sex in the Talmud
- Timeless Torah
- What I Learned from My Teacher

LATE SESSION

- Israel Cinema
- Modern Midrash- Beyond the Red Tent
- Strange Stories of Our Sages
- The Beginning of Kabbalah
- The Most Important Verse in the Bible
- Who Is/Was a Jew?

MAIL REGISTRATION TO:

Alan Levin, Regional Educator, Union for Reform Judaism
555 Skokie Blvd, Ste. 333, Northbrook, IL 60062
847-239-6973

KALLAH COURSES – EARLY SESSION

7:00pm – 9:15pm (Early & Late Session)

- Learn to Read Hebrew - This course is an introduction to Hebrew. Walk in a beginner and walk out reading!
Sharon Morton, RJE, Educator Emeritus
Am Shalom, Glencoe, IL

7:00pm – 8:15pm

- Kabbalah – Jewish Mysticism In An Age of Rationalism
The development of a mystical approach to Judaism and its primary texts will be discussed. The focus on personal ethical living as well as the radical theologies embedded within will be emphasized.
Rabbi David Oler
Congregation Beth Or, Deerfield, IL
- Love in the Tanakh
An exploration of love in the biblical. text.
Rabbi Lisa Greene, Rabbi Wendi Geffen, Cantor Devorah Avery
North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, IL
- What's So Funny About Peace, Love and Understanding: Peace Education in Jewish Context
We speak of peace frequently in our prayer, but in our lives we don't necessarily achieve it. What is peace? How is peace different from shalom?
What do we need to learn and know to make it real in our world?
David Steiner, EdD, Director of Education
Congregation Solel, Highland Park, IL
- Sex in the Talmud
The pages of the ancient Talmud are filled with frank discussions about sexuality. We will read three stories that open the door to a hidden world.
Cantor Michael Davis
Lakeside Congregation for Reform Judaism, Highland Park, IL
- Timeless Torah: Ancient Words, Modern Meaning
Come and study the ancient stories of the Rabbis (Midrash) and learn timeless lessons about how to live a meaningful life.
Rabbi Michael Schwab
North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, Highland Park, IL
- What I Learned from My Teacher: Rabbi Harold Kushner's ideas and their impact on American Society
Rabbi Bob Feinberg
Congregation B'nai Torah, Highland Park, IL

KALLAH COURSES – LATE SESSION

8:15 – 9:15pm

- **Israel Cinema - Reflections of Societal Tensions**
Using clips from Israeli films (English subtitles) and documentaries, Rabbi Nina J. Mizrahi will explore themes such as: how the portrayal of the Israeli Army reflects a changing political landscape; economic struggles never anticipated in the “Land of Milk and Honey; and seeing Judaism and Jewish life through Israeli eyes.
Rabbi Nina J. Mizrahi
Jewish Community Center of Chicago
- **Modern Midrash – Beyond The Red Tent**
The essence of midrash is exploring the creative possibilities opened by traditional law and literature. In modern times, some have tried to revive this creative process. What have they discovered?
Rabbi Adam Chalom
Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation, Lincolnshire, IL
- **Strange Stories of Our Sages**
The image of our Sages cloistered in the beit midrash debating fine points of Jewish law tells but a sliver of the story. Midrashim and the aggadot (lore) of the Talmud sometimes describe the sages in wild and surprising situations: encountering ferocious demons; struggling mightily to overcome illicit desires; manipulating nature; trash-talking each other. In these cases, we will read some of these stories, taking note of their literary artistry and lessons they teach.
Rabbi Jeffrey Weill
Temple Beth-El, Northbrook, IL
- **The Beginning of Kabbalah**
The oldest book of Jewish mysticism is *Sefer Yetzirah: The Book of Formation*. Join in text study which teaches about the mystical view of creation, the shape of God, and the way we can become closer to God.
Rabbi Ike Serotta
Lakeside Congregation For Reform Judaism, Highland Park, IL
- **The Most Important Verses in the Bible**
Our ancient sages, to get to the essence of Judaism indeed to the core, of what we call “Religion”, each chose a verse in the Torah to express this. We will explore the implications of significant choices and discuss our “take” on them.
Rabbi Herbert Bronstein,
North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, IL
- **Who Is/Was a Jew?**
Jesus or Paul? The case of Benedict Spinoza? Felix Mendelssohn or Walter Rathenau?
Rabbi Victor H. Weissberg
Temple Beth-El, Northbrook, IL