

Adult Education

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Special Summer Adult Education Edition

While you have been enjoying the summer, a newly reconstituted Adult Education Committee has been hard at work. We have been meeting since early May to develop programs that cover a wide range of interests and needs. Although the full Adult Education class catalogue will be in the brochure for the High Holy Days, we wanted to make sure that we had a program in place to get you ready for the New Year, and get in the mood for a full year of exiting events and classes.



We are excited about our rejuvenated program, built in coordination with Men's Club, Sisterhood, the Religious School, and our clergy including our new Senior Rabbi, Neil Zuckerman. To give you a taste of the range of the new program, here are the several subject tracks of events and learning that we are developing:

Ethics	What Judaism teaches us about biomedical and business ethics
Cooking & Crafts	The joy of cooking, eating, and understanding our cultural heritage
Judaism	Classes on the Diaspora, Hebrew skills, Talmud, Mishna, and holiday preparation and meaning
Politics & Israel	Up-to-date views of the issues that surround Israel
Ecology	How being Jewish makes us caretakers of the land, water, and air
Parenting	Special programs for parents looking to better understand how to help both their children and themselves in navigating difficult parenting issues

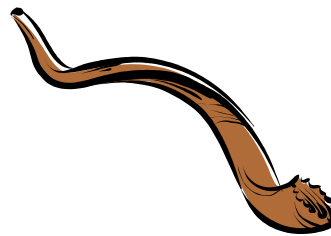
Listed below are the classes that start in the summer. They are specifically designed to open your mouth (for blowing the shofar), open your palate (for the taste of Yemenite cooking for Sukkot), open your mind (for understanding evolving norms from the Torah), and open your soul (by preparing for teshuvah and yizkor, cleaning the slate for 5770).

Ba'al Tikiyah

Classes: September 8 and 15, at 8:00 pm

Instructor: Richard S. Sternberg

Description: Share your techniques, practice with friends, learn new things about your shofar, or learn how to blow a shofar for the first time. Learn how to clean and store your shofarot until next Yom Tov; learn a little more about the history or halakhah of the shofar; or just share, practice, and encourage each other, while learning more about the traditions, techniques, history, maintenance, and care of your shofar. Rabbi Cahan and Richard Sternberg will have shofarot from different cultures, including one from Yemen. No shofar required – we provide the horn while you provide the hot air. Novices welcome.



Preparing for Teshuvah: Maimonides' Laws of Repentance (Teshuvah)

Class: Shabbat between Minha and Ma'ariv, July 25-September 26

Instructor: Stan Seigel

Description: The objective of this 10-session course is to help you prepare for the High Holy Days. The context for this preparation will be the laws of repentance as set down by Maimonides, the unparalleled twelfth century Jewish Law codifier and physician. This work consists of 10 chapters. Each class will focus on one chapter and will last approximately 35 minutes. The course text is: *Maimonides Mishneh Torah—Hilchot Teshuvah, The Laws of Repentance* (a new translation with commentary by Rabbi Eliyahu Touger), Maznaim Publishing Corporation, New York/Jerusalem, 1987. The books will be provided. Hebrew is not a prerequisite. It is not necessary to attend every class. Minha starts 15 minutes before the candle lighting time of the preceding Friday. The exact start time of the class will be announced every Shabbat.



Sukkot: The Yemenite Perspective

Class: September 15 at 6:30 pm

Instructors: Mindy Blonder, Meliha Perez Halpern, and Yvonne Paretzky

Description: If you have ever wondered about the festival of booths, this multifaceted event is for you. We will cover the basic *what and why*. Tying the



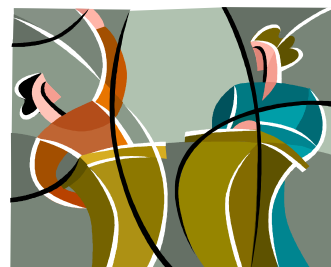
Torah and more recent history, we'll weave in the story of Operation Magic Carpet – the amazing story of how the newborn Jewish State transported over 49,000 Yemenite Jews to Israel. A four-species market, sukkah decoration material and ideas, and other fun activities are in store. In keeping with the Magic Carpet theme, cooking will be Yemenite food with Yemenite music in the background. The program is open to everyone.

High Holy Days – A Liturgical Controversy

Class: September 8 at 8:00 pm

Instructor: Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Description: Our new Senior Rabbi will lead our discussion on finding the deeper meaning of the liturgy of the High Holy Days. Specifically, we will discuss why we pray to forgive and yet we read what could be termed insensitive readings from the Torah. Why we read these portions and an exploration of the alternatives will provide an ideal situation to interact with our new Senior Rabbi.



Talmud According to Steinsaltz

Class: Starting September 14 at 8:00 pm

Instructor: Rabbi Leonard Cahan

Description: Energized and continuing to study damages and negligence law in Tractate of Bava Kamma. This perennial favorite has been around for over a decade. Hebrew or prior study helpful, but not required. Novice students always welcome! Touch the sources created by the Sages.



Yizkor: From Sadness to Strength

Class: September 1 at 8:00 pm

Instructor: Rabbi Risa Weinstein & Hazzan Henrique Ozur Bass

Description: During the High Holy Day season, we have two opportunities to take part in Yizkor, the service of remembering our loved ones who have passed. What is the history of this service? How do its liturgy and music help us honor our deceased relatives and friends? Exploring the yizkor service in depth will help us use the High Holy Day season to transform past sadness into strength for the New Year.



Adult Education Registration

We have made registration for these Adult Education activities as easy as possible – there is no base charge. The Sukkot program has a small fee for materials.

Registration Methods:

- Fill out this form and mail or leave it at the synagogue office
- Visit <http://www.harshalom.org/lifelonglearning/adulted.asp>
- Leave a message at the Adult Education voice mailbox: 301-299-7087, ext. 315

Summer Classes:

Please sign up for the courses you plan on attending:

Name (Student 1)	
Name (Student 2)	
Name (Student 3, ...)	
Charge to Har Shalom Account	
Email	
Phone	

Course	Check if attending		
	Student 1	Student 2	Student 3,...
Ba'al Tikiyah			
Preparing for Teshuvah: Maimonides' Laws of Repentance (Teshuvah)			
Sukkot: The Yemenite Perspective (\$8 single, \$15 couple, or \$20 family)			
High Holy Days – A Liturgical Controversy			
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