

Adult Education Fall Edition

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 Mincha and Ma'ariv, through 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. Mincha 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

Materials fee: \$8 single, \$15 couple, \$20 family

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: We are 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.

Registration:

- Visit <http://www.harshalom.org/lifelonglearning/adulted.asp>
- Leave a message on the Adult Education voice mailbox: 301-299-7087, ext. 315
- Don't be shy, just show-up!