

Connecting at Emunah: Learning, Living & Laughing



5779 (2018-2019)

Welcome to another year of learning, living and laughing! Within these pages you will find a wide range of opportunities, both one-time and continuous throughout the year. This year we welcome fellow congregants **Jenny Brown** and **Jen Geller** to our lineup. Jenny will teach a writing workshop, and Jen will teach yoga. For Lexington Institute of Jewish Studies, we welcome back fellow congregant **Prof. Jonathan Krasner**, and will learn for the first time with Michael Bohnen and David Link, friends from Temple Emanuel who share a passion for Agnon's short stories.

We are excited to collaborate with Sisterhood, who has generously sponsored several programs including the Community Breakfast on October 14th when we welcome Temple Isaiah member **Leora Tec** who will speak about her work in Poland, Vanyasa Yoga with **Jen Geller** starting October 18th, the Passover program March 6th with **Murray Spiegel** who will enthusiastically share 300 ways to enhance our Seders, and on April 28 the entire community will have a chance to build **Jerusalem with LEGO building blocks!** Also returning this year is the **Women's Community Seder** on March 31st. We are very grateful to Sisterhood for their generosity and enthusiasm for these community programs!

We continue to be blessed with the teaching of **Dr. I Ely Stillman** for Talmud Study Group, and with the enthusiasm of our lay leaders we can continue to study the Tanakh during **Perek Yomi**. Hebrew speakers will have the opportunity to continue to learn **Aggadah** with the Israeli American Council group.

Formal programming continues, with our Hebrew Literacy program, **Ivrit la Kol**, and a variety of Hebrew College offerings – **Me'ah Select** and **Me'ah online** as well as the second year of a two-year cycle of **Me'ah Classic**.

In celebration of the 40th year of the **Glatzer Memorial Weekend**, Hebrew College President Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld will be our Scholar-in-Residence March 15 and 16.

In addition to all of the above-mentioned programs, there are more opportunities to connect to Temple Emunah through experiential learning – meditation, cycling, walking, and traveling to Israel. We are so grateful for our rabbis, our lay teachers and our committee. How wonderful it is to be a part of this awesome community. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions.

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Our Rabbis Teach

Wednesday Morning Study with the Rabbis

Wednesdays 7:00am to 8:20am



Every Wednesday morning Rabbis Lerner and Fel teach about the *Halakhah* (Jewish legal) and spiritual aspects of prayer over a light breakfast. This year we will be studying the third volume of the Mishnah Berurah, laws of Shabbat. Join us each week for minyan at 7:00am followed by breakfast and learning at 7:30am. This event is free of charge. Please join us!

Reading The Christian Bible Through a Jewish Lens

At Brookhaven

With Rabbi David Lerner and Rabbi Michael Fel

Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:30am

November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018

Join Rabbis Lerner and Fel as they reveal Jewish connections to famous Christian passages as a means of deepening our understanding of both traditions and ourselves.

Thursday Night Live!

With Rabbi David Lerner and Rabbi Michael Fel

January 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2019

9:00 - 9:45pm

Too cold to get out of the house? Don't like driving at night? Bring the warmth and light of Torah directly into your home with Thursday Night Live (TNL)! Join Rabbis Lerner and Fel for learning all streamed to the comfort of your home. Streaming details to follow!

Shabbat Minhah/Ma'ariv Study

Ongoing with Rabbi David Lerner and Rabbi Michael Fel

Saturday afternoons between Shabbat Minhah and Ma'ariv

Join rabbis Lerner and Fel every Shabbat Minhah (see calendar for times) as they deepen and expound upon the lessons and teachings in Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's book, The Book of Jewish Values. No need to read the book before class.

Hartman Institute Video Lecture Series: Dilemmas of Faith

Lunch and Learn Tuesdays 12-1:30pm

November 13, December 11, January 8, February 5, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 4



Dessert and Discussion Thursdays 8-9:30pm (except February 6)

November 8, December 13, January 10, Wednesday February 6, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 6

Fee: \$80 for 8 sessions

This year we will be running parallel tracks of the Shalom Hartman Institute video lecture series – one during the daytime with Rabbi Lerner, and one in the evening with Rabbi Fel.

Through video lectures, text study, and lively group discussion, we welcome back the world-renowned faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute into the Temple Emunah community this fall.

In an age of radical polarization in modern society, with a rise in religious fundamentalism on the one hand and a rise of atheism on the other, how does Jewish tradition approach dilemmas of faith? In this series, Hartman scholars explore the foundational issue of faith, engaging in broad and deep analysis of some of the many dilemmas that faith in the modern world raises. Based on classical Jewish tradition and contemporary Jewish thought and life, Dilemmas of Faith addresses the big questions raised by the intersection of faith and reason, faith and history, faith and politics, and the faith experience.

Please bring your own kosher dairy lunch for Lunch and Learn. Participants take turns bringing in kosher dairy dessert for the group. For more information, contact Linna Ettinger (adulded@templeemunah.org).

Emunah HaLev: Meditation Institute

Minhah Meditation Group

With Rabbi David Lerner, Barbara Neustadt and Beni Summers
Thursdays 4:00pm – 4:50pm



Join Rabbi Lerner, Barbara Neustadt and Beni Summers for a special evening meditation group. Meditation experience is not required. Mindfulness meditation groups are a wonderful way of connecting with others to share and deepen your meditation practice. There will be guided meditations and themes will include the joys, difficulties, and insights experienced in meditation practice and the multitude of ways to bring mindfulness alive in relationships, work and daily life and into our Jewish practices. We hope this afternoon group will meet once a month on Thursdays.

For more information or if you are interested, please contact Rabbi Lerner at RabbiAdmin@TempleEmunah.org or Barbara Neustadt at barbneus7@gmail.com.

Mindful Meditation

With Rabbi David Lerner, Rabbi Michael Fel, Barbara Neustadt and Beni Summers
Tuesday mornings from 8:30 - 9:20am
Pious Chapel

Join Rabbis Lerner and Fel, Barbara Neustadt and Beni Summers for a weekly meditation group. Meditation experience is not required. Mindfulness meditation groups are a wonderful way of connecting with others to share and deepen your meditation practice. There will be guided meditations, and themes will include the joys, difficulties, and insights experienced in meditation practice and the multitude of ways to bring mindfulness alive in relationships, work and daily life, and into our Jewish practices. Please contact Barbara with any questions at barbneus7@gmail.com.

Shabbat Morning Meditation

With Rabbi David Lerner, Rabbi Michael Fel, and Paul Neustadt
Shabbat 9:30-10:15 in the Pious Chapel
Dates TBD

Join Rabbis Lerner and Fel and Paul Neustadt for a meditation experience that can include guided, focused and silent meditations, chanting a short prayer or a niggun (melody), and a brief teaching on meditation or the Torah portion. This is a peaceful and meaningful way to celebrate Shabbat. Everyone is welcome: To join the email listserve, please contact Barbara Neustadt at barbneus7@gmail.com.

Shabbat Afternoon Meditation

January 5, 2019

Watch for more details for a Shabbat afternoon meditation.

Informal Text Study

Perek Yomi Study Group: Reading the Bible from Start to Finish

Ongoing, meets monthly
Thursdays 8pm at Temple Emunah

Temple Emunah's Perek Yomi study group meets on a regular basis to read and discuss the Bible. This group meets once a month at 8 pm in the Temple Emunah Library. Usually the group meets on the first Thursday of the month but it varies from month to month.

The original Perek Yomi (daily chapter) concept, promoted by the Conservative movement, was to read one chapter a day, eventually covering the entire Hebrew Bible. Our group has modified this approach since 30 chapters are too much to discuss in one meeting. It is instead proceeding at a more leisurely pace of about 12 chapters per month.

The point of this program is to read material that goes beyond what is read in the synagogue, to do this in consecutive fashion (as opposed to, say, the haftarot), and to discuss it with peers (not experts). Participants use different translations and bring in material from a variety of sources as well as their own ideas, which leads to very insightful discussions.

For the exact dates and more information contact Larry Marin (lbmlbm@aol.com) at (781) 861-7855.

Talmud Study Group

With Dr. I Ely Stillman
September 12 (Holidays), October 10 & 17, November 7 & 28, December 5 & 19, January 2, 23, & 30,
February 13 & 27, March 13 & 27, April 3 & 10, May 15 & 29, June 5, 12, & 19
Wednesdays 8:00pm at Temple Emunah

The Temple Emunah Talmud Study Group invites you to join our ongoing study of Tractate Berakhot. All who are interested are welcome to join; knowledge of Hebrew is not required, since Dr. Stillman translates all Hebrew source materials during the study group sessions.



Dr. Isaac Ely Stillman studied rabbinics and Jewish thought at Har Etzion, Israel with Rabbis Yehudah Amital and Aharon Lichtenstein. A graduate of Yeshiva University, he was a student of Rabbi J.B. Soloveitchik ztz"l, and studied in Boston with Professor Isadore Twersky, the Talner Rebbe, ztz"l. Dr. Stillman teaches Talmud and rabbinic thought throughout the Boston area; his approach reflects the multi-faceted potential of Torah study, exploring fundamental principals and esoteric concepts within a historical context. He is on staff at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/Harvard Medical School, where he practices surgical and renal pathology.

Please feel free to join us to try us out. For more information and to be included on the email list, contact Louis Stuhl (lstuhl@verizon.net) at (781) 275-5499 or Lou Nidus (lounidus@rcn.com) at (781) 862-8132.

Studying Torah Together – in Hebrew

לומדים תורה ביחד

**Wednesdays, 8:00-9:30pm at Temple Emunah
September 5, 26, October 10, 24, November 7, 21, December 5, and 19, 2018**

Join us for a bi-weekly Hebrew group study of selected Aggadah texts from the Talmud and Midrash. These beautiful stories, elusively short and simple, unfold the world of *Chazal* ideas and wisdom. Study material will be given in the meetings. Free and open to all. Hebrew fluency is required.



For more information contact Ehud Grunfeld or Revital Rotlevy at lomdimtorah@gmail.com. This program is a partnership with the Israeli American Council (IAC).

In-House Adult Education

I Remember When...: Writing Your Life Story

With Jenny Brown

Mondays 11-12:30pm at Temple Emunah

October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 19, 26, 2018

Fee: \$18

We all have stories, whether big stories of careers and life-altering events or little stories of favorite friends and special moments. If you've ever thought about writing those stories down, this class is your opportunity. We'll use writing prompts, read examples of memoir, and discuss good memoir writing techniques, as you create a story of your life in this six-week class.

No writing experience is necessary, and all writing will be done in class, with optional prompts given for those who wish to write more on their own. You only need paper and pen or a laptop and your memories. Everyone has a story. Now is the time to tell yours. To register, email adulted@templeemunah.org.



Jennifer S. Brown has published fiction and creative nonfiction in *Fiction Southeast*, *Cognoscenti*, *The Best Women's Travel Writing*, *The Southeast Review*, and *Bellevue Literary Review*, among other places. Her essay "The Codeine of Jordan" was selected as a notable essay in *The Best American Travel* in 2012. She holds an MFA in creative writing from the University of Washington. Her debut novel, *Modern Girls* (NAL/Penguin), set in New York City, is about a mother and daughter who must face the consequences of unplanned and unwanted pregnancies.

Synagogue Skills For All

Temple Emunah Wants You! Are you interested in brushing up on your Torah leyning, haftarah reading, and davening skills? We will help you become a more confident Torah and haftarah reader or davenner by matching you up with a coach who will guide you step by step through the process at your own pace until you are ready to participate publicly. Here is a great opportunity to strengthen your community by gaining the skills to participate more fully in synagogue services. To learn a synagogue skill please contact Mark Weiner (mark.weiner.te@gmail.com) at (781) 863-6356 or Max Klein (kleinm@alum.mit.edu) at (781) 259-1004. In lieu of charging a fee we ask participants to consider donating to either the Sefer Haftarat fund or the Religious Committee Torah Repair Fund.



Community Events

Community Breakfast: Fragments of a Lost World: Why I am Moved to Bring People to Poland to Teach about Jewish Life

With Leora Tec

Sunday October 14th, 2018

9:45am

Fee: \$8 for Sisterhood and Brotherhood members; \$10 for all others

Leora Tec first went to Poland in 2005 when her mother, Holocaust survivor and scholar Nechama Tec invited her daughter to accompany her on a book tour. Leora was astonished by the warm welcome they received and by the remembrance work being done in Poland by non-Jews. As she returned again and again, Leora knew that she had to bring others there to see how lovingly the fragments of the Jewish people's lives were being taken care of. We invite you to listen as Leora Tec shares the story of her journeys to Poland, a land many think of as a place filled with haunted memories, but a place where she has discovered, and works to show others, is a place filled with hope for humanity.



Leora Tec is the Founder and Director of Bridge to Poland, and is the American Ambassador to Brama Grodzka-Teatr-NN and serves on the Board of the American Association for Polish Jewish Studies. She holds a B.A. from Wellesley College and a J.D./LL.M. from Duke University School of Law. She is thrilled and humbled to be the 2018 recipient of the Mary Elvira Stevens Traveling Fellowship from Wellesley College which she was awarded to pursue several projects related to Jewish memory in Poland.

LEGO Build: Jerusalem

With Stephen W. Schwartz AIA, Architect

Sunday, April 28th, 2019

2:00-4:00pm

This family program is generously sponsored by Sisterhood.

No fee by RSVP is requested since space is limited.

Your family is invited to join us as we build Jerusalem "one LEGO at a time". The Old City of Jerusalem will come alive on a 20 foot by 20 foot drawing complete with the Walls, the 8 gates to the city, the Kotel, King David's Tower, the Beit Hamikdosh, and all of the other important landmark elements. We will take you on a tour of the city so everyone learns about Jerusalem with a whole new vision. The architect will bring approximately 70,000 LEGO building pieces!

*Building blocks workshops was founded and developed by **Stephen W. Schwartz AIA, Architect**. Stephen is a graduate of the School of Architecture, at Washington University in St. Louis. Much of the structure of the program is a result of combining architecture and model building to achieve a unique learning experience. Stephen is a past president of the Newark Suburban chapter of The American Institute of Architects, and many other civic and Educational organizations. He is a licensed Architect in NJ, NY, CT, MA, PA, DE, NC, VA, and MD.*

A Testimonial from Rabbi Neal I. Borovitz
Temple Sholom, River Edge, NJ

"Saying thank you can hardly express my level of appreciation for your amazing program of "Building Jerusalem One LEGO at a Time." Last Saturday afternoon you were able to hold the attention and truly inspire the more than 150 people, ranging in age from 3 to 80, who participated with you in building Jerusalem. As you led us to connecting LEGOS to build Jerusalem of the second

temple period, you also created an atmosphere through which we built new connections among our families and across generations. Moreover, you not only helped our families link themselves more closely to each other, but also helped us link people to Jerusalem. The program continues to be the talk of our community and those who missed it have actually asked me when we are going to repeat it. I do plan to have you return to do this program again, and also as I said to you last Saturday hope to arrange for you to bring your Warsaw Ghetto LEGO program to our teen community”

Lexington Collaborative Programs

Ivrit la-Kol/ Hebrew For All

Fall Session starts the week of September 20th OR October 15th

Winter Session starts the week of November 29th OR December 17th

Early Spring Session starts the week of February 14th OR March 18th

Late Spring April 25th OR June 10th



Ivrit la-Kol: Hebrew for All, an adult Hebrew literacy collaborative, will begin its 22nd year of providing and supporting Hebrew literacy in the community. The mission of Ivrit la-Kol is to enable all individuals, regardless of skill level, to acquire, improve or enhance their knowledge and comfort with Hebrew in a supportive and motivating learning environment.

Collaborative members include Temple Emunah and Temple Isaiah. The affiliating synagogue is Beth El Temple Center in Belmont. Ivrit la-Kol offers courses starting with Learning to Read Hebrew, Intermediate Hebrew, and progressing up to Biblical Hebrew for Scholars.

Fundamentals of Hebrew

Learning to Read Hebrew

With Caroline Nudelman

Mondays 9-10:30am at Temple Emunah

Mondays 7:30-9:00 at Temple Isaiah

Fee: \$250 members/\$275 non-members

For those who are tired of reading Hebrew in transliteration and regret never having learned the Hebrew alphabet and vowels, this class is appropriate for absolute beginners who want to learn the *alef bet*.

Texts will be available for purchase at the first class.

Modern Hebrew Classes

Intermediate Advanced Hebrew

With Sigalit Davis

Mondays 7:30 to 9:00pm at Temple Isaiah

Fee: \$250 members/\$275 non-members

We will continue our Hebrew Journey and Israeli Culture with the focus on acquiring the more advanced skills and ability to use the future tense, increase vocabulary, and read Modern Israeli literature, news and other media. In addition, the student will be able view and understand current video clips of songs and articles. The emphasis is on expanding *speaking* skills. Students will have the opportunity to practice their writing skills by using Hebrew script. The text, Hebrew From Scratch Vol II & CD should be purchased prior to the class.

*** NEWCOMERS are welcome! Please contact the instructor to determine appropriate level.

Hebrew for Travelers to Israel

With Sigalit Davis

Mondays 5:30 to 7pm at Temple Emunah

November 12, 19, 26

January 7, 14, 28

Mini-class Fee: \$100

Ideal for preparing your trip to Israel, for personal and /or professional reasons or even if you just want to get acquainted with daily conversational Hebrew. This two part 3-week mini-course is designed to give no-Hebrew-speakers a chance to learn key words and phrases to help a visitor to Israel navigate basic social situations. There are no prerequisites. This will be a good introduction to the colorful and delightful modern spoken Hebrew language.

Biblical Hebrew

Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

With Michael Singer

Thursdays 7:30 to 9:00pm at Temple Isaiah

Fee: \$250 members/\$275 non-members

Enjoy reading and discussing biblical Hebrew in this interactive class that will make the Tanakh come alive for you. Students are empowered to understand and translate the text of the Tanakh and the Siddur. Each class features a review of newly introduced vocabulary and grammatical concepts, and we will continue to delve deeply into the Hebrew verbal system. The ability to read Hebrew is a prerequisite for this class. We will continue through *Tav is for Torah: Hebrew for Adults, Book 4* by Linda Motzkin.

*** NEWCOMERS are welcome! Please contact the instructor to determine appropriate level.

Biblical Hebrew for Scholars

With Michael Singer

Sundays 8:00 to 9:30pm

at Temple Emunah

Fee: \$400 members/\$425 non-members

This class is for students with an advanced understanding of Biblical Hebrew. We will employ various lexica and grammars as well as advanced commentaries to aid in understanding the Hebrew text. This year we will begin by reading and discussing the "Festival Legislation" found in Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy, and compare and contrast each version of the laws. Important grammatical, literary, and historical-critical points will also be included. We may then turn to reading and discussing a group of Psalms, or compare and contrast similar texts in the Books of Samuel/Kings and Chronicles. Students may also be given the option to explore texts of their choice.

This 11 session course meets every other Sunday evening. Dates will be set at the first meeting.

The faculty of Ivrit la-Kol are:



***Sigalit Davis** is an expert in the history and development of the Hebrew language. She has developed numerous curricula and approaches to Hebrew teaching while at Hebrew College. Born in Tel Aviv and a native Hebrew speaker, Davis has taught Hebrew and Jewish studies at many levels for more than 20 years in diverse educational settings throughout the United States. She holds a dual degree in education and Hebrew language from Hebrew University.*



Caroline Nudelman earned a BA in Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh, with a minor in Hebrew. She works at Temple Aliyah, is a private tutor and continues her ongoing study of Hebrew.

Michael A. Singer holds an MA in biblical studies from Brandeis University, and has completed work toward a PhD, also in biblical studies from Brandeis.



Mini-Classes are three sessions; others are 7 sessions/semester except "Biblical Hebrew for Scholars" which is 11 sessions. For more information call 781-861-0300 or email

IvritlaKolHebrew@gmail.com. Registration deadline for fall classes is September 13, 2018. Financial aid is available. Please mail your check payable to Temple Emunah to:

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We lovingly remember Golda Dockser (z"l) who founded our Hebrew literacy program and named it, Ivrit la-Kol: Hebrew For All. Golda was a long-time member of Temple Emunah who was a passionate visionary, role model and friend. It is through the Ivrit la-Kol program that her legacy lives on

Lexington Institute of Jewish Studies

Founded over twenty years ago, the LIJS is the fruit of a longstanding collaboration between the Adult Education committees of Temples Isaiah and Emunah. The LIJS provides classes in Jewish history, the Bible, sacred Jewish text and Judaic culture and is open to the entire community regardless of affiliation.

Kosher refreshments will be served from 7:45-8 pm. For additional information, contact Bob Frankel (sfrankel@rcn.com) at (781) 863-1783. Please register by sending a note with your name, email and phone number, the course name, and a check payable to the Lexington Institute for Jewish Studies to: Bob Frankel, 3 Kimball Road, Lexington, MA 02421.

Selected Short Stories of Shmuel Yosef Agnon: A Five-Session Introduction to Israel's Nobel Laureate in Literature

With Michael Bohnen and David Link

Dates: October 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 2018

Fee: \$75

Location: Temple Emunah

7:45 to 8pm Kosher refreshments served; 8-9:30pm class

Agnon received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1966 for his Hebrew fiction. Over the course of five Wednesday evenings, we will read and discuss eight of Agnon's short stories in English translation. The discussions will be led by David Link and Michael Bohnen.

Participants will be asked to read one or two short stories and one article prior to each session. All the stories (except one) are in *A Book That Was Lost: Thirty-Five Stories*. Toby Press, 2008. (Paperback - \$14; Kindle - \$8). The articles (and the one story not in the book) will be available in a Dropbox file.

Born in Buczacz, Austro-Hungary, now Ukraine, in 1888, Agnon moved to Palestine as a young man and died in 1970. His stories narrate the vanished Jewish life of the old country, as well as tales of life in 20th century Israel. His language has resonances of Biblical and Rabbinic texts. A complex person, Agnon was torn between the two worlds, and his stories often have a hidden and sometimes subversive subtext.

David Link is a retired pediatric nephrologist. His interest in Agnon goes back over 60 years when he read the author's short stories with his father in the original Hebrew.

Michael Bohnen practiced corporate law for over three decades and now works for a charitable foundation. His interest in Agnon was sparked by the author's abundant use of idioms from the Hebrew Bible and rabbinic literature.

Out of Bounds: LIJS's Third Annual Course on Jews in Film

With Jonathan Krasner

Dates: March 27, April 3 and April 10, 2019

Fee: \$50

Location: Isaiah

7:45 to 8pm Kosher refreshments served; 8-9:30pm class

"Men may change their clothes ... [but] they cannot change their grandfathers." So wrote Jewish philosopher Horace Kallen in 1915. A century later, this is no longer quite true. We live in a world where identity is increasingly a matter of choice rather than a function of birth. This year, the LIJS Jews in Film course takes boundary-crossing as its theme. The films we will discuss center around how modernity challenges Jews to become a "choosing people," not simply a chosen people.

March 27 "Hester Street" (1975)

April 3 "The Chosen" (1981)

April 10 "Yentl" (1983)

Please watch the films in advance of our discussion.



Jonathan Krasner is excited to be teaching about Jews in Film for the third consecutive year in the Lexington Institute for Jewish Studies. Jonathan is the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Associate Professor of Jewish Education Research at Brandeis University. He has written extensively on American Jewish culture and the history of American Jewish education. Jonathan and his family live in Lexington, MA, and are members of both Temple Emunah and Temple Isaiah.

Hebrew College Programs



This year we continue with the second year of the Me'ah Classic two-year course. In addition, we are offering two one-semester courses during the day. Descriptions, dates and registration information follow. New this year: Me'ah on-line for those who wish to study remotely. In recognition of our military, Me'ah on-line is free for all military and their families.

Me'ah Classic

Me'ah, an adult learning program of Hebrew College and the Commission on Jewish Continuity, is made possible with funding from the Combined Jewish Philanthropies. *Me'ah* is an intensive two-year program designed to provide a solid foundation for adult Jewish learning.

To apply for a future *Me'ah* Classic cycle, a two year program, please email Linna Ettinger adulded@templeemunah.org.

Me'ah CLASSIC Year 2 dates:

Monday evenings, 7-9 pm

Fee: \$700



Fall semester: "Medieval Jewish History"

with Dr. Jacob Meskin

at Temple Isaiah: October 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19, 26; December 3, 10, 17; January 7, 14. (Please note: No class on December 24, 31, and January 21. January 28 reserved for a snow/sick day.)

Winter/Spring semester: "Modern Jewish History"

with Rabbi Natan Margalit

at Temple Emunah: February 11, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 29; May 6, 13. (Please note: No class on February 18, April 15 and 22. May 20 and June 3 reserved for snow/sick days.)

Me'ah Select

Fall 2018 Me'ah Select: The Modern Jewish Experience Through The Lens of Short Stories

With Dr. Jacob Meskin

(Part Two of the class provided last fall at Temple Emunah; all new material!)

Meets: Thursdays, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm at Temple Emunah

Class dates: October 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29; December 6, 13, 20; January 3 (Please note: No class on November 22 or December 27. Also, January 10 and 17 reserved as snow/sick days.)

Cost for 10 sessions: \$350, financial aid available {This course is FULL}

Most of us learn the history of Jews and Judaism in the modern period from scholarly history texts and original documents. This provides an invaluable view of the big picture, but also leaves out the *lived dimension* of the events and developments. How did particular Jewish men and women, living in widely separated and quite different communities, *experience* the many challenges and changes of modernity? Perhaps even more significantly, how did these individual experiences and the many sorts of feeling they evoked, go on to shape new Jewish hopes and projects?

This course uses Jewish short stories to explore the experiences of Jews facing modernity's exciting opportunities and often agonizing trials. Beginning in the late nineteenth century we proceed chronologically, studying compelling stories that reveal the progression of changing concerns that confronted Jews in England, Russia, Eastern Europe, Israel, and America. Just as separate and far flung communities of modern Jews lived through distinct historical periods (e.g., WWI and aftermath, the time between the wars, WWII, the 1950's and 1960's, etc.), so individuals in those communities faced their own distinctive and evolving problems.

The stories give us unique affective insights into generational struggles, changing gender roles, and the search for “authentic Judaism” outside the precincts of religion. They show us the struggle between Jewish collective values and the yearning for individual satisfaction, the tension between the traditional virtue of self-control and the modern celebration of hedonism and libido, and the quest for contemporary Jewish spirituality. The most recent stories highlight the fear that traditional forms of Jewish memory and identity may be disappearing entirely, and ask whether these can be replaced with a commitment to social justice or with “Israeliness”.

Writers include Mizrachim and Ashkenazim, a European Christian, Christian Arab and Muslim Arab citizens of the state of Israel, Eastern European and Russian Jews, British Jews, American Jews, and Jewish Israelis. A partial list of authors includes: Grace Aguilar, Sholem Aleichem, Isaac Babel, Chaim Grade, George Eliot, Nathan Englander, Michal Govrin, Dara Horn, Franz Kafka, Sayeed Kashua, Amy Levy, Savyon Liebrecht, Bernard Malamud, Arthur Miller, Amos Oz, Cynthia Ozick, Grace Paley, Philip Roth, Mendele Mocher Seforim, Yaakov Shabtai, Moshe Shamir, Anton Shammas, Ayelet Tsabari, Israel Zangwill, and Stefan Zweig.



Jacob Meskin, PhD., both teaches in and trains faculty for Hebrew College's Jewish adult-learning program, Me'ah, and is one of the co-authors of the curriculum for Parenting Through A Jewish Lens, in which he also teaches. In addition, he works as a consultant on adult Jewish education and teacher training in the Boston area. Prior to joining Hebrew College, Meskin was the inaugural holder of the Ruderman Chair in Jewish Studies at Northeastern University and taught at Princeton University, Rutgers University, the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University, Williams College and Lehigh University. His articles have appeared in Modern Judaism, The Journal of Religion, Soundings,

Levinas Studies, Judaism, Cross Currents and in several edited volumes.

Winter/Spring Me'ah Select 2019

Shared Stories: The Afterlife of Biblical Heroes and Heroines in the New Testament and Quran

with Rabbi Leonard Gordon

Meets Mondays, 9:30 am-12:00 pm (Note new day of the week!) at Temple Isaiah

Class meets 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/29, 5/6 (No class 2/18, 4/15, 4/22, please hold 5/13 and 5/20 for snow/sick days)

Cost for 10 sessions: \$350

From Abraham, Sarah and Hagar to Joseph, Moses, Miriam, King David and the Queen of Sheba, biblical figures loom large in the classic stories of Christians and Muslims. **Do these shared stories connect us, divide us, or both?**

Our class will offer a basic introduction to Christianity and Islam as we read these fascinating stories. In seeking answers, we will address several larger issues: the nature of the Bible as a literary work of art; the shifting political and religious roles of prophet, judge, priest, and king over Books of Samuel; and the meanings projected onto the Bible by later poets, artists, and novelists.

Rabbi Leonard Gordon is co-Director, along with the Rev. Dr. Peter Pettit, of Interfaith Partners for Peace, a project of the Jewish Federations of North America and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. At the JCPA, he co-chairs the task force on Jewish-Muslim relations. Previously, he served as the chair of Interfaith Relations. In that capacity, he has travelled to Israel with delegations of Evangelical thought leaders, Episcopalian and Muslim leaders, and with Interfaith Partners for Peace.

Register at <https://www.chaverweb.net/COALogin.aspx?key=T21833000712> Please note: when registering via chaverweb, Temple Emunah members may use their login; all others may create a guest account. Then go to "events sign-up" and look for "Me'ah Select Winter/Spring."

Me'ah Online

New **FREE Program** in honor of the Jewish Military Community

You have heard of Hebrew College's acclaimed Me'ah Classic program that has engaged more than 6,000 adult learners—including many from Temple Emunah—in a 100-hour journey through Jewish history. Did you know that the college also offers [Me'ah Online](#)? Taught by Me'ah's master educators, Me'ah Online provides access to this extraordinary experience to individuals and groups around the world! **Through the generosity of a private donor, Hebrew College is now offering this pluralistic, nondenominational program free of charge to Jewish service members and their families, in partnership with the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council.** (Non-military congregation members can enroll for just \$45 per person per class, or \$75 for both classes!)

Two options:

- Participate as part of a group led by military chaplains and lay leaders.
- Individual, self-paced sign-up.

Courses:

- [Journey through the Bible](#), taught by Professor Marc Brettler of Duke University.
- [Rise of the Rabbis](#), taught by Professor Christine Hayes from Yale University; Rabbi Jane Kanarek and Rabbi Micha'el Rosenberg of Hebrew College; and Professor Jonathan Klawans of Hebrew College and Boston University.

Dive into high-quality, online adult learning at your own pace, or with a group led by a facilitator who works with our easy-to-use facilitator guides, to deepen your Jewish knowledge!

Next Step:

If you, or someone you know within the Jewish community, are part of a military family, contact Marilyn Stern, Me'ah Online Course Administrator, to learn about options for individual and group registration in the free program at mstern@hebrewcollege.edu. Interested in enrolling in a class separate from the military program? Marilyn is also happy to answer your questions!

Community Programs

Theme Minyans

Dates TBA

7:30pm



Come to minyan with fellow congregants who have professional and /or personal interest akin to your own. You will help to sustain our daily minyanim and have an opportunity to meet and learn with others who share your interests. To learn more or to brainstorm ideas, please contact Joelle Gunther (joellegunther@gmail.com) or Anne Miller (annehlmiller@verizon.net). Theme minyans are sponsored by the Ladle Fund.

The Wisdom Project

Facilitated by Toni Stechler

Sundays, 12:00-1:30pm, in the Pious Chapel

September 16, October 21, November 11, December 9, 2018; January 27, February 10, April 7, May 19, 2019

Need a negotiator? Hire Grandpa!

Studies have shown that older people are more skillful in resolving conflicts, and appreciated the perspectives, dynamics, and opportunities involved. As we age, our need for a supportive community increases, as does our wisdom.

We gather once a month to talk about the challenges of aging with others and listen to the creative solutions that emerge. Everyone is invited to come whenever they like. For more information, email Toni Stechler at Antonia.stechler@gmail.com.

LIMMUDBOSTON 2018

**Sunday, December 2, 2018
9:00am to 6:00pm**



Mark your calendar and plan to attend! LimmudBoston (Limmud is Hebrew for learning) is an annual day-long Jewish learning festival of arts and culture. This year's conference (our 9th!) takes place at Temple Reyim in Newton. LimmudBoston is an annual, volunteer-driven, day-long conference and offers nearly 100 learning presentations and hands-on sessions on Torah, text, Jewish identity, movement, meditation, music, food, life cycle, theory and practice. Many synagogues and organizations become Friends of LimmudBoston, for which some levels include tickets. Everyone is encouraged to attend this community-wide celebration of lifelong Jewish learning

Register today! Propose a session today! Bring your friends and family. For more information, visit www.limmudboston.org

Glatzer Memorial Weekend

**With Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld
March 15 and 16, 2019**



Every year we honor the memory of Dr. Nahum Glatzer and Mrs. Anne Glatzer, beloved and revered active members of Temple Emunah for more than twenty-five years. This year we have invited renowned scholar and author Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld

Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld became President of Hebrew College in July 2018, after being appointed President-Elect in fall 2017 and serving as Acting President from January-June 2018. Rabbi Anisfeld first came to Hebrew College in 2003 as an adjunct faculty member of the Rabbinical School and then served as Dean of Students from 2005-2006. She went on to serve as Dean of the Rabbinical School for eleven years, from 2006-2017. Rabbi Anisfeld graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1990, and subsequently spent 15 years working in pluralistic settings as a Hillel rabbi at Tufts, Yale and Harvard universities. She has been a regular summer faculty member for the Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel since 1993 and is co-editor of two volumes of women's writings on Passover, "The Women's Seder Sourcebook: Rituals and Readings for Use at the Passover Seder" (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2002) and "The Women's Passover Companion: Women's Reflections on the Festival of Freedom" (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2002). From 2011 to 2013, she was named to Newsweek's list of Top 50 Influential Rabbis in America. In 2015, Rabbi Anisfeld was named one of the 50 most influential Jews in the world by The Jerusalem Post. She writes and teaches widely, weaving together Torah, rabbinic commentary, and contemporary poetry and literature in her wise and compassionate approach to the complexities of the human experience and the search for healing and hope in a beautiful but fractured world.

For further information, and to help with the weekend, please contact Terri Swartz Russell (terrirussell@yahoo.com) at (781) 861-6399 or Lois Bruss (lois.bruss@gmail.com) at (781) 861-9270.

Phyllis Klein Thrope Memorial Program

TBD

Following Phyllis Klein Thrope's death in 1986 at the age of 33, her family established the Phyllis Klein Thrope Memorial Fund to honor her memory. The Fund's purpose is to build bridges and promote better understanding between the Jewish community and its neighbors. It seeks to achieve these goals by sponsoring programs that bring together people from throughout the community to examine issues and concerns shared by all. All Phyllis Klein Thrope Memorial Programs are free and open to the public. You are encouraged to invite your neighbors and friends. Temple Emunah is located at 9 Piper Road in Lexington, MA.



Holiday Programs

Yom Kippur: What the Story of Jonah can add to our Spiritual Journey on Yom Kippur

September 19, 2018

3:30pm – 4:30pm

On Yom Kippur afternoon, rabbinic intern Rebecca Weintraub will lead a text study during the break on the book of Jonah.



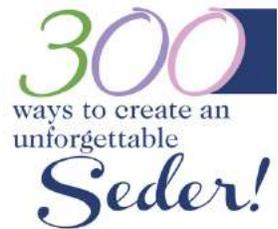
Becca is excited to join our community this year as a Rabbinic Intern. After a fulfilling year studying, traveling, and eating in Israel, she is starting her 4th year of rabbinical school at Hebrew College. Becca is a proud mikveh guide at Mayyim Hayyim and a passionate alumni coordinator for the Hadar Institute. When she is not learning in the beit midrash, you can find her enjoying an ice-cream cone, hosting a Shabbat meal, or adventuring with her husband, Jeremy. She can't wait to meet you!

300 Ways to Enhance Your Seder: Make an Unforgettable Seder With Murray Spiegel

March 6, 2019

8:00-9:00pm

**This program is generously sponsored by Sisterhood
And is a collaboration with Adult Education and the Religious School**



Murray Spiegel's highly acclaimed multimedia presentation will cover a rich variety of topics - the history of the *seder*, the origins of its customs, and novel approaches for everyone's *seder*. Murray will focus on providing creative and educational ideas and how to integrate them into *Seders* organized around different topics. Themes, discussion topics, activities to enrich the *seder* - apart from what's in his book - are included. Murray will also share the fascinating story of how he and his co-author obtained Four Questions translations from an amazing span of people across the globe: Jews from Uganda to Uzbekistan, Aboriginals in Australia, Eskimo Bishops, and even a Circassian princess.

The workshop is both scholarly and fun. Personally inscribed books will be available for purchase after the program.

All attendees will receive a richly annotated resources handout to supplement the workshop.
<http://whyisthisnight.com>

***Murray Spiegel** is a telecommunications speech researcher with a reputation for innovative seders. Murray has led more than 40 seders, each one different. Murray's family has transformed their house into a Bedouin tent, a jumbo jet taking the Israelites out of Egypt, and an ancient Egyptian tomb. In addition to a New York Times write-up, Murray's seders were featured on PBS. His car even carries the NJ license plate "Pesach."*

Women's Community Seder: Women Who Dared: Stories of Rebels and Scandals

March 31, 2019

2:00-5:00pm

Fee: \$18 per adult; \$10 young women under 18

Temple Emunah of Lexington cordially invites all women—daughters, mothers, sisters, and friends—to a Women's Community Seder.

This year's seder will combine music, sharing, and learning as we come together to celebrate the meaning of Passover and celebrate the women who defied the norms to bring about change and improve the lives of women. We will dance, sing, and eat in the spirit of the Passover seder. Light refreshments will be served. We will once again be collecting brown rice, whole grain crackers, and tzedakah for the Jewish Family & Children Services Family Table.

The Women's Community Seder is a joint program of Temple Emunah's Adult Education Committee and Temple Emunah Sisterhood. For more information please contact Jenny Brown, 781-316-8014 (jbrown68@yahoo.com).

Haikus

We invite you to bring a haiku reflecting either Passover traditions or Daring Women to be read aloud during the seder.

A haiku is a three-line poem. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5 syllables.

Make checks payable to Temple Emunah and mail with this form to: Women's Community Seder, Temple Emunah, 9 Piper Rd., Lexington, MA 02421

Shavuot

June 8-10, 2019

Stay tuned for more details.

Physical Fitness

Vinyasa Yoga

With Jen Geller

Eight Thursday mornings 9:30-10:30am

Starting October 18, 2018

Fee: \$50 for all 8 sessions or \$10 drop-in fee per session, payable to Temple Emunah Sisterhood

Join fellow congregant Jen Geller for yoga on Thursday mornings in the Temple Emunah Social Hall.

Vinyasa yoga is a physical form of yoga where postures are combined to create a flow. By combining breath with movement, this flow can build strength, increase flexibility, and can also help calm the body, and bring clarity to the mind. Vinyasa yoga is a dynamic form of yoga but is accessible for all levels of yoga practitioners- beginners, veterans, young and old.

Bring your own yoga mat.



Jen Geller MS, PT RYT 200. Jen is a physical therapist, yoga instructor, and has been a member of Temple Emunah since 1997. Jen was a competitive athlete and distance runner for many years until a severe hamstring injury brought her to yoga. After practicing on and off for years, Jen realized that yoga was much more than postures and wanted to share the benefits of yoga with as many people as possible. Drawing on her knowledge of anatomy and biomechanics, Jen will guide her students through a very safe practice, offering specific modifications when necessary.

Jen lives in Lexington with her husband Dave, and three daughters- Hannah, Jocelyn and Madison. She teaches at Lexington Power Yoga and is excited to bring yoga to the Temple Emunah community.

Morning Ride

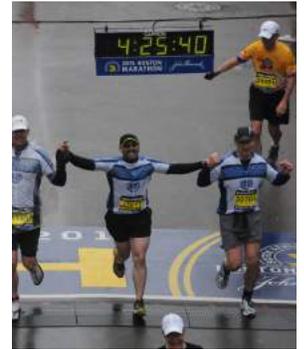
Weekdays 6:00am

Join Emunah Cyclists for a fun, fast ride from Lexington out to Concord and back. 18-23 Miles; no stops, but the average pace is 15-16 mph. Email Lester Blumberg (Lester.Blumberg@gmail.com) for details and updates.

Running With the Rabbi

Dates and Times TBA

Join Rabbi Lerner for a fun Shabbat run around the neighborhood; meet at Rabbi Lerner's home for a 3.65 mile run. Pace varies from 8:30/mile to 9:30 depends on who is running; sometimes, we break into groups. And we make sure we are back in plenty of time to make it to shul on time! Email Ellen (RabbiAdmin@TempleEmunah.org) in Rabbi Lerner's Office for details and updates.



Emunah Walks

**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:30 to 9:30am
Center Track on Worthen Road, Lexington**

Join fellow congregants who are interested in keeping fit and staying connected socially! Contact adulted@templeemunah.org for information.



Israeli Dance

**With Angela Schatz
Mondays 8pm to 9:45pm at Temple Emunah
Fee: \$10 per class**

Please bring soft-soled shoes. 8:00pm Beginner, 9:00pm Intermediate. Cost: \$10/class. For more information, email Angela Schatz at angelaschatz57@yahoo.com.

Men's Shul Softball League

Sundays in April, May, June

For more information contact David Goldberg (david.goldberg6@verizon.net) at (617) 489-7175.

Steve Teitelbaum Memorial Basketball Tournament

Wednesday 5:30 to 8:30pm
Date

Join us as we honor the memory of Steve Teitelbaum with 3 on 3 basketball tournaments, dinner and games. Open to all ages.

Experience Israel

Temple Emunah Multi-Generational Israel Adventure

February 12-24, 2019

Join Rabbi David Lerner and Me’ir Sherer and Explore Israel with your family and friends. Touring options will be available for both first timers and returnees. Visit Tel Aviv with its rich story of the modern Jewish People and modern Israeli spirituality; the Negev in all its splendor and mystery; the wonders of Eilat with an optional visit to Petra; and Jerusalem, Old and New with Senior Makor Tour Guide Ezra Korman, who has led two previous Emunah trips. Family programming will be provided throughout the adventure. For more information, contact Ellen Weene (rabbiadmin@templeemunah.org).

Shalom Hartman Institute Community Leadership Program (CLP)

June 25-July 2, 2019

At the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, Israel

For the past sixteen years the Shalom Hartman Institute has been hosting lay leaders from around the world to study texts with world renowned scholars, learn about current Israeli policies and politics, and explore Israel. Each year, the Shalom Hartman Institute hosts over 150 lay leaders to study a specific topic. (Over 150 rabbis study the same topic immediately following the CLP program, in the Rabbinic Torah Study Seminar (RTS). Join Linna Ettinger for deep learning. Members of the “Ettinger Group” include friends from Temple Emunah and Temple Isaiah in Lexington MA and other locations.



The Ettinger Group 2018: (From left to right) Linna Ettinger, Joe Wolke, Wendy Lebow, Sue Tafler, Chuck Koplik, and Barbara Posnick.

Interested in learning more about the Shalom Hartman Institute? Contact Linna Ettinger at linna@alum.mit.edu to find out more and be notified about a Hartman Info session coming soon.

Hazon/Arava Institute Israel Ride

Join cyclists of all levels on the Annual Hazon/Arava Institute Israel Ride from Jerusalem to Eilat. Plan ahead!! Upcoming dates: 2018: Oct. 23 – Oct. 30; 2019: Nov. 5 – Nov. 12; 2020: Oct. 27 – Nov 3; 2021: Oct. 19 – Oct. 26. There are three tracks: Beginner (25 miles/day), Intermediate (50 miles/day), and Advanced (75 miles/day). See www.israelride.org or contact Lester Blumberg (Lester.Blumberg@gmail.com) for more details.

