



Gates to Learning

Educational Encounters

at Temple Israel

5778 ♦ 2017-2018



**Temple
Israel**

Welcome to Another Year of Learning at Temple Israel!

V'shinantam L'vanecha! In the *Shema*, which we recite twice each day, we learn the obligation to teach Torah to our children. The word that is usually translated as “diligently” is “*V'shinantam*.” From the same root as *Shana*, year, this word implies that it is not enough to learn things once and assume they are safely uploaded to our hard drives. We must repeatedly, regularly, and faithfully continue the lifelong process of learning — because the lessons of Torah are truly the treasures of our Jewish inheritance.

This *Shana* (year) we are blessed to see Temple Israel continue in its central role as a place of learning. With joy and gratitude, I invite you all to join us in lovingly taking hold of the gift past generations have given us — and passing it on.

May we all have a truly good new year. *Shana Tova*.

~ Rabbi Ron Fish

Pirkei Avot teaches, “Make for yourself a teacher, and acquire for yourself a friend”.

As we embark on another year of learning together, it is my hope that our community will find many teachers and acquire many friends. The opportunities to learn and grow are many. I hope that you will find classes that speak to you and take advantage of all that is being offered.

If you're looking for something that isn't listed here, please don't hesitate to reach out. I would love to learn with you or point you towards helpful resources.

Wishing you a sweet New Year. *Shana tova!*

~ Rabbi Rachel Silverman

What you will find in these pages are an array of the offerings for the 2017-18 program year (5778 Jewish year) prepared by a variety of our committees and affiliated “arms.” By engaging with these activities we urge you to become a “text person” in our community; sharing together your insights and interpretations and growing as we learn together in community. By immersing yourself in film, reading, study, prayer, song,

or whichever of these programs sparks your interest, it is our hope is that you will enrich not only yourself but our entire community. Your participation in these classes and experiences help us become a holy community.

I look forward to engaging together with you this year in these experiences.

~ Marion Gribetz, President

The committees that sponsor the programs listed in this brochure welcome your ideas and participation! See descriptions for contact information.

Please note that the programs listed here are subject to change.

Visit the Temple Israel website at www.tisharon.org for new programs added throughout the year, the latest program details and updates, fees and registration information, and sponsorship opportunities.

Adult & Family Education

www.tisharon.org/adult-ed

adultandfamilyed@tisharon.org

The Temple Israel Adult and Family Education committee's goal is to offer classes of interest to the whole Temple Israel community – for all ages, interests, and backgrounds. We hope you will find something in this brochure that will pique your curiosity. We welcome your ideas for new programs and events. Would you like to learn to chant from the Torah? Read Hebrew? Attend a Shabbat learner's service? Make your own tallit?

Visit www.tisharon.org/adult-ed for more information about all programs listed here and new programs and speakers that will be added throughout the year. Join our mailing list by sending your name and email address to adultandfamilyed@tisharon.org.

Me'ah Select Fall: Jews and Christians in the First 100 Years

11 Monday nights starting October 16, 7:30 pm-9:30 pm at Temple Israel

www.tisharon.org/meah

With Michael Satlow, Ph.D., professor of Judaic studies and religious studies at Brown University. This course covers the emergence of Christianity from its Jewish context and the ways in which Jews and Christians created their own distinctive identities in dialogue with each other. Me'ah Select is a semester-long class series and is open to all.

Sponsored by Adult & Family Education with Hebrew College, CJP, and Temple Sinai

Documentary Film: "Ahead of Time"

October 18 at 6:45pm

The remarkable story of photo-journalist Ruth Gruber, youngest PhD in the world at age 20. As a Jewish woman in Berlin in the 1920s, she documented the rise to power of Nazism in Europe and sailed aboard the ship Exodus to document the escape from Nazi-occupied Europe of Jews who tried to enter Palestine. She recorded the historical emigration of Ethiopian Jews from Addis Ababa to Israel. Film maker Patti Askwith Kenner will discuss the film. To register: www.Hadassah.org/events/ruthgruberfilm

Sharon-Stoughton Chapter of Hadassah; Co-sponsors: Southern New England Region, Hadassah; Temple Israel Sisterhood, Adult & Family Education and Hazak

Evening Talmud Class with Rabbi Fish

Starting Oct. 18, every other Wednesday night, 7:45-9:00pm, drop in to any class

Join Rabbi Fish for some serious Talmud learning! Picking up from last year's class, we will continue to explore the Ein Yaakov, the compilation of the wisdom, philosophy, and aggadah of the Babylonian Talmud. For those who are open to studying Talmud with some background (translations provided), we will dive into the text, discuss its implications for Jewish thought, and find our own path into the spiritual meaning of Torah. Open to returning and new students.

Hebrew Conversation: Beginning & Intermediate Classes

Visit www.tisharon.org/adult-ed for more information.

TI Reads! The Temple Israel Book Club

Nov. 1 (*The Zookeeper's Wife*), Jan. 23 (film TBD), Mar. 12 (*Judas*) at 7:45 pm

Join Margie Maidman and the community for a book discussion. November book is *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman: "A true story in which the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo saved hundreds of people from Nazi hands." February book is *Judas* by Amos Oz: "At once an exquisite love story and a coming-of-age novel, *Judas* offers a surprising perspective on the state of Israel and the biblical tale from which it draws its title."

Israel 101: A Short Course on Israel

November 2, 9, 16 in a member's home
Everything you wanted to know about Israel but were afraid to ask! "Israel 101(b)" is an advanced-beginner mini-course on the history of Zionism, the State of Israel, and the Arab-Israeli conflict, and a taught by a member of Gann Academy's stellar faculty.

Sponsored by Adult & Family Education with Gann Academy and CJP

Parenting Your 'Tween Through a Jewish Lens

Starting Nov. 2, Five Thur. 7:30-9:00
Join other parents of pre-teens (ages 10-13) for an inspiring program with expert facilitator and Sharon High psychologist, Cheryl Harris, Ed. M. Discuss the joys and challenges or raising "twens" in today's world. Learn from both ancient and contemporary sources of wisdom that you are not alone in your journey through this complicated life stage. For more information visit

www.hebrewcollege.edu/parenting or email parenting@hebrewcollege.edu. (Have a teen? See the website for **Parenting your Teen** program at Young Israel!)

Sponsored by Hebrew College and CJP

Ritual Round Robin –

Hands-On Learning Workshop

Sunday morning, January 7, 2018

Through hands-on learning for all ages, try out synagogue and home-based Jewish rituals like having an aliya to the Torah, making kiddush, and blowing the shofar.

Sponsored by Ritual Committee and Adult & Family Education

Me'ah Select Spring:

Muslims and Jews

11 Thursday nights starting February 1, 2018, 7:30 pm-9:30 pm. at Temple Sinai

www.tisharon.org/meah

With Alan Verskin, Ph.D., assistant professor of history at the University of Rhode Island. By looking at case studies of Muslim-Jewish relations in Spain, Iraq, Egypt and Syria, we will try to identify the religious and social factors that led to toleration or persecution of Jews in those lands historically, and in the Middle East today. Me'ah Select is a single semester of classes that is open to all.

Sponsored by Adult & Family Education with Hebrew College, CJP, and Temple Sinai

A Game of Thrones: Studying the Biblical Text of Samuel 1

6 weeks starting March 20, 2018

With Maureen Mintz. Turbulent times call for steady, sober leadership. Can the nation survive with a Commander-in-Chief who might not be up to the task? Let's explore together—using text, art, poetry and our own thoughts—the way the first book of Samuel examined the challenge of leadership over 2500 years ago. This class meets you right where you are: with or without previous knowledge or Hebrew skills.

Shabbat for All Ages...

Mishpacha Minyan

Friday evenings, Oct. 27, Nov. 17, Jan. 19, Feb. 9, March 9, Apr. 27, May 18, June 8

www.tisharon.org/mishpacha-minyan

Mishpacha Minyan is a lay-led spirited Kabbalat Shabbat service for the entire community. Full of melody and song, the service is both intimate and engaging at any level of Hebrew or musical ability. Stay for Shabbat dinner with friends.

Shabbat Torah Talk

Oct. 28, Dec. 9, and other dates TBD

www.tisharon.org/adult-ed

After Kiddush on Shabbat, join a lively discussion of the weekly Torah portion, current events in Israel, and other topics of interest.

... and the Whole Family

Family Havdalah & Games

Oct. 14, Feb. 10, March 24 late afternoon

www.tisharon.org/adult-ed

Following on last year's success, please join us again for schmoozing and board games for all ages, followed by a family-oriented Ma'ariv and Havdalah service led by our clergy. Light refreshments will be served.

Bim Bam Shabbat

Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, May 18, June 15, 5:30-6:30

www.tisharon.org/youth-services

For families with kids under 5 (siblings welcome). Join us on the bimah, once a month, on Friday nights for a preschool family Shabbat experience followed by a catered Shabbat dinner. Led by Rabbi Silverman.

Tot Shabbat

Every Saturday at 11:15am

www.tisharon.org/youth-services

For families with kids under 5 (siblings welcome). We celebrate Shabbat every week and finish on the bimah in the sanctuary with the concluding prayers and lollipops! All are invited to join the congregation at Kiddush after services.

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 1-3, 2018

Community Shabbaton Weekend at Camp Ramah in Palmer, MA

Stay tuned for more info about this multi-generational, fun-filled educational Shabbat weekend for the whole family! Kosher community dining – davening by the lake – swimming and outdoor activities – meditation & yoga – campfire singing, s'mores and lots, lots more! Special programming for children of all ages!

Tiferet Center: A Place for Jewish Spirituality, Wellness & Healing

www.tisharon.org/tiferet-center
tiferet@tisharon.org

We are a community resource welcoming the entire Jewish community, offering creative classes, workshops, and prayer services that bring together Jewish wisdom, insights, and spirituality with concepts of health, wellness and healing. Participants cultivate connection and friendship around common interests, passions, and needs in an intimate setting.

Shabbat Meditation, Poetic Text Study

Every Shabbat morning 8:55-10:00 am
Enrich your Shabbat experience and learn how to meditate from a Jewish lens.

Sukkot Meditation Welcoming New Members

Oct.17, 2017 at 9:30-11:00 am
Meditate in the Sukkah, wave the lulav and etrog, meet new friends, and have a nosh.
Sponsored by the Tiferet Center & Ritual Committee

Tu B'Shvat Environmental Seder

Jan. 30 at 7-9pm
Celebrate the New Year of the Trees and heighten your environmental consciousness at a special community seder.

Sing-Along with Ruth Spillberg

Every other Wednesday starting Sept. 13, 10:45-12:00
Communal singing is much more fun than singing alone. We will sing together for the joy of singing. No experience is necessary!

Hazak (Over 55)

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Hazak is the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's organization for Jews who are 55 and older. Hazak, in Hebrew, is an acronym for Wisdom, Maturity and Looking Forward. We believe in collaborating with and sharing programs with all of the arms of the synagogue, including the youth and the children of the Religious School.

In the spirit of sharing programs with other arms of the synagogue, we are joining Hadassah, Sisterhood, and Adult & Family Education in October for the screening of Ahead of Time; November is Boston Jewish Film Festival on the South Shore at Patriot Place; in December, the Sandra Gamm Concert; Musical Hanukah Party and Hazak Kugels; winter months are Sunday Brunches and guest speakers.

Community-Wide Events

Divrei shalom v'emet / Words of peace and truth: The Jewish State and the unrealized dream of Zionism

November 30 at 7:45 pm
Rabbis Fish and Silverman of Temple Israel will join with Rabbi Meszler of Temple Sinai and Rabbi Cheses of Young Israel to discuss their different yet overlapping views of God, Torah and Israel. This is the 2nd meeting of this group of rabbis to discuss their ideas. This session will focus on the nature of Judaism in Israel today.

Temple Israel Sisterhood

www.tisharon.org/sisterhood
sisterhood@tisharon.org

Our award-winning Sisterhood is a vibrant arm of the TI community. We offer programs for women of all ages and interests in the areas of Education, Social, Religious, and Caring. We also run the Walter Family Judaica Shop for all your Judaica needs.

Some of our upcoming programs include:

- Lunch and Learn- entering its 31st year- is a study group with the Rabbi divided into 3 trimesters. We study Torah, Current Events and other interesting topics. 1st trimester begins 10/16. Come try a taste of Lunch and Learn on Oct. 16th or 23rd.
- Museum visits
- Brewery tour
- Joint programs with Orchard Cove
- Paint night
- Sisterhood Shabbat

Watch for your weekly Sisterhood Scoop. If you don't receive it, email us at sisterhood@tisharon.org. Please join us and see what we are all about!

Cultural Arts

www.tisharon.org/cultural-arts-1
culturalarts@tisharon.org

Annual Sandra Gamm Memorial Concert Featuring the Music of BANOT

Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2:00

Sponsored by the Sandra Gamm Memorial Fund for Music and the Creative Arts, and organized and presented by the Cultural Arts Committee and Hazak

Brotherhood of Temple Israel

www.tisharon.org/brotherhood
brotherhood@tisharon.org

Brotherhood Jewish Routes Program with Rabbi Fish

Starting Sunday, October 29th at 10:15am

Join us for Sunday breakfast throughout the year for our Jewish Routes program with Rabbi Fish. This year's theme explores Jewish Business Ethics.

Hearing Men's Voices (HMV)

Dates TBD

HMV is a nationally recognized program of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and is designed to provide a safe, supportive environment in which men can delve into areas of mutual interest and concern. Temple Israel Brotherhood's discussion series for 2017-2018 is entitled "Honest Emotions" and will cover these topics:

- Gratitude
- Self-Doubt vs. Self-Confidence
- Happiness
- Grief
- Peak Moments
- Loneliness vs. Togetherness

Be on the lookout for dates and times.

Brotherhood Weekend

The annual Robert Zeitsiff Annual Brotherhood Weekend is January 5-7, 2018. Stay tuned for details on speaker, and save your appetite for Brotherhood's renowned Gala Kiddush!

Adult & Family Education Scholar in Residence Weekend

Save the Date: November 3-5, 2017

A&FE Scholar in Residence: Rachel Fish, Ph.D., Associate Director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University

Join us at events Friday evening through Sunday morning at the Adult and Family Education committee's inaugural Scholar in Residence Weekend!

- **Friday Evening: Israel on Campus – especially for high school students (college students also welcome).** Dr. Fish will lead this special program for high school and college students to help them prepare to respond to the discussions and debate about Israel they'll encounter on the college campus.
- **Shabbat Morning: One Hundred Years Since Balfour:** November 2, 2017 marks the 100 year anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, asserting the British government's support for the establishment of a Jewish homeland. Dr. Fish will speak about the meaning of that historic event a century ago, and what it means for Israel and the Middle East today.
- **Saturday Evening:** Relax and celebrate at our Israeli-style coffee house!
- **Sunday Morning: Israel on Campus – for all adults, including high school and college students and their parents.** Dr. Fish's final talk of the weekend will help us all understand the myths and reality about the contentious debate regarding Israel on the college campus, and how that debate fits within the larger geopolitical context.

Scholar in Residence Weekend is sponsored by Adult & Family Education and Brotherhood.

Please consider becoming a sponsor of this program by contacting

adultandfamilyed@tisharon.org

Look for details and RSVP information at www.tisharon.org/adult-ed

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