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The quality of Jewish Life at B'nai Tikvah is greatly influenced by meaningful and engaging continuing Jewish education for adult learners of all ages and ability. Our Continuing Jewish Education provides wide ranging and quality educational activities with stimulating instructors on a variety of fascinating topics.

REGISTRATION

**Register for classes by calling the Synagogue office,
847/945-0470, or e-mail alurie@bnaitikvah.net**

Tuition fee is applicable for some programs.

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Congregation B'nai Tikvah

LELAND AND MARY GOTTSTEIN

CONTINUING JEWISH EDUCATION PROGRAM

2009-2010/5770



תלמוד תורה כנגד כולם..

***The study of Torah is the most basic of them all -
Talmud***

**The Continuing Jewish Education Program
at B'nai Tikvah is dedicated in memory of
Leland and Mary Gottstein by Peter and Lisa Gottstein.**

Leland and Mary Gottstein were intimately involved in synagogue life and deeply committed to Jewish education. As lifelong Jewish learners, they taught their children that Jewish education was equally as important as secular schooling. We are grateful to Peter Gottstein and his wife, Lisa, who have most generously endowed the Leland and Mary Gottstein Continuing Jewish Education Program to perpetuate their memory and the ideals of Jewish learning that were so important to them.

SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE

FALL

RABBI JONATHAN PORATH

2009 Midwest Region United Synagogue Scholar-in-Residence
Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.

Topic: *Words to Live By: The Ten Greatest Stories from the Talmud and What Do They Have to Do With Us?*

Oct. 29 - *How Much Do Individuals Really Matter: Can We Make a Difference in the World?*

Nov. 5 - *What are the Basic Goals and Perils to our Living a Good Life?*

Nov. 12 - *What is Our Role in Moving from Tragedy and Destruction to Survival and Redemption?*

Rabbi Porath is a proud and passionate Jew. Whether in presenting all of Jewish History in one hour, speaking about his more than 175 visits to the Jews of the Soviet Union and Russia, dealing with soul-felt concerns including marital intimacy, confronting loss and coping with life's transitions, bringing classical Jewish texts to life, recounting stories about his family's deep rabbinic tradition or his aliyah to Jerusalem 25 years ago, he always speaks from the heart and inspires.

He has experienced first hand and been at the forefront of some of the greatest Jewish causes and issues of the past 40 years. He is the son and grandson of rabbis, tradition has it that he is the 18th generation of rabbis in his family.

Tuition: Members/\$35; Non-members/\$50

WINTER

PROFESSOR GARY PORTON

Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. / Topic: *Messianism in Judaism*

Feb. 4 - *Messianism, Messiahs and the Messianic Age — What is it and What Did the Rabbis Say About it in Late Antiquity*

Feb. 11 - *When Jews expect the Messiahs they come: Messiahs and Messianic Movements in Medieval Judaism*

Feb. 18 - *Shabbatai Zvi: The Believers and the Unbelievers*

Feb. 25 - *Messiahs and Messianic Movements in Modern Judaism: From Reform Judaism to Schneersohn*

Gary G. Porton was a member of the Department of Religion at the University of Illinois 1973-2008. During his career there he was the only scholar whose sole area of teaching and research was Judaism.

He has published 7 books on Rabbinic Judaism, dealing with rabbinic literature, midrash, conversion, views of the gentiles, and scores of articles in a variety of publications.

Currently he teaches courses at DePaul University and Spertus Institute.

Tuition: Members/\$50; Non-members/\$65

Celebrate the Joy of Shabbat

שמחת שבת

Simchat Shabbat

at

 Congregation B'nai Tikvah

Let us get together for a

MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF SHABBAT



2009-2010 Dates

2nd Friday of the month - 6:30 p.m.

August 28

October 16 (3rd Friday)

November 13

December 11

January 8

February 12

March 12

April 9

May 14

June 11

as we experience a beautiful and inspiring
Kabbalat Shabbat service, with instrumental accompaniment.

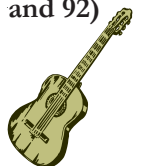
"... singing to Adonai a new song ..."

"... to the music of the lute and the melody of the harp ..."

(Psalms 98 and 92)



Oneg Shabbat following services



B'NAI TIKVAH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Simchat Torah

Festival Service/Hakafot
Saturday, Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 11, 9:00 a.m.



FAMILY ADVENTURE TO ISRAEL
led by Rabbi Alex Felch
December 20, 2009 -
January 1, 2010



PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 8, 10:30 a.m.



PURIM MEGILAH READING/
PROGRAM /ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Monday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.



EREV PESACH II
B'NAI TIKVAH 2ND SEDER
Tuesday, March 30, 6:15 p.m.

CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

CANTOR'S ASSEMBLY BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, November 22, 3:00 p.m.

Hazzanut Throughout the Ages: The Music of the Cantor in a Changing World

The Concert will feature many local cantors and will highlight the talents of renowned Hazzanim Alberto Mizrahi and Steven Stoehr.

B'NAI TIKVAH CHOIR - Coming this Spring

Enjoy singing old favorites and learning new music with your B'nai Tikvah friends. All who love to sing are welcome, ages 13 and up. Interested? Contact the Synagogue office for more information and to sign up.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH WORKSHOPS

6th graders and their parents explore various aspects of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience in a series of three Sunday workshops with Rabbi Alex Felch and staff. Topics include:

- Understanding the difference between the Torah and Haftarah*
- Opportunities and guidelines for participating in Shabbat services*
- Methods for learning the skills and standards for quality*
- Creative ideas for celebrating in a Jewish way*
- Mitzvah projects available in the Chicago area*
- Opportunities for writing and delivering a D'var Torah*

These workshops are designed primarily for 6th graders and their parents, but all are welcome to attend to learn more about B'nai Tikvah's program and how to make the Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience as meaningful as possible.

SPRING

DR. RACHEL HAVRELOCK

Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. / Topic: *Exodus and Politics*

April 22 - *Moses & Prophecy* / April 29 - *Miriam & Gender*

May 6 - *Aaron & The Priesthood* / May 13 - *Joshua & The Promised Land*

We will discuss how these ideas & institutions have been realized in Jewish politics over time.

Dr. Rachel Havrelock is a Hebrew Bible scholar and assistant professor of English and Jewish Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She specializes in the Hebrew Bible and its interpretation. **Tuition: Members/\$50; Non-members/\$65**

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT 5770

Guest Speaker: **PROFESSOR MEIRA KENSKY**

Tikkun Leil Shavuot -Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: *By the Rivers of Babylon*

We will think about the way the Babylonian exile is remembered in the Bible and the impact of this era on Jewish history.

Shavuot I-Wednesday, May 19, 9:00 a.m.

Topic: *The Return from Exile: Another Look at Ruth*

On Shavuot, the holiday in which we traditionally celebrate the reception of the Torah, we read the celebration of the activities of two women as they return to Bethlehem from Moab.

Meira Z. Kensky is Assistant Professor of Religion at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She received her PhD in Biblical Studies (New Testament) from the University of Chicago in 2009. Her first book, *Trying Man, Trying God: The Divine Courtroom in Early Jewish and Christian Literature*, will be published in 2010.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM SEMINAR

THE WONDERS OF OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

NANCY J. LABBIE

Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - Nov. 1, 15, Dec., Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 14, 28, Mar. 14

The Jewish tradition is filled with wonder --with ideas and practices which are as revolutionary today as when they first arose. Indeed, Judaism has been the most important intellectual and spiritual development in human history, and the source of the values and principles of the modern world.

In this class, we will explore some of the extraordinary ideas in Judaism which can transform us both as individuals and as members of the Jewish community:

- The amazing idea of finite, created man having a relationship with his infinite, Creator God
- The myriad ways in which Jews transformed local, pagan customs into holy activity
- The profound theology providing infrastructure to Jewish ritual and observance
- The tradition of protest and its relationship to justice; the idea of evil and theodicy
- The ever present idea of love in Jewish scripture and theology; how Jewish law is applied to modern issues such as women's role in Conservative Judaism
- How the Jewish Mystics came closer to God
- The Jewish laws of fair speech; the sanctity of and reverence for life.

CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH and AIPAC

are proud to sponsor this year's

DR. SHLOMO MOSKOVITS MEMORIAL PROGRAM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: JONATHAN ADELMAN

Topic: *The Rise of Israel: The History of a Revolutionary State*

Professor Adelman who recently appeared on both Fox News and the Dennis Prager Show, is a frequent and popular speaker on Israel. He has spoken for AIPAC across the country and has given talks on several college campuses and has lectured frequently for several national Jewish organizations.

STUDIES WITH RABBI ALEX FELCH

TORAH WITH THE RABBI

Tuesdays, Begins Oct. 27; 9:30 a.m.

An on-going weekly class of study and lively discussion of the Torah, with special focus on Bible as living tradition as perceived by classical and modern commentaries, and its implications for our contemporary society. You may join this class any time during the year.

Tuition: Members/ No charge; Non-members/\$25 per semester

LORE IN THE LOOP & LORE IN THE SUBURBS

To Be a Conservative Jew: Understanding Some of the Most Burning Issues in Life Through the Lens of Jewish Law

LORE IN THE LOOP

Tuesdays, 12 noon at the Loop Synagogue

Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 20, May 11

LORE IN THE SUBURBS

Tuesdays, 12 noon

Nov. 10 - 1st session; Alan Kalfen's office

Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 23, March 9, April 27, May 25

Tuition: \$20 per session includes lunch/Loop & Suburbs

CUBA MISSION WITH RABBI ALEX FELCH

MISSION TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF CUBA

June 13, 2010 - Overnight in Miami / June 14-21, 2010 - Cuba

Join Rabbi Felch, your fellow members & friends on a uniquely insightful trip of cultural discovery and humanitarian effort. We will have experiences offered to few travelers to this tropical island nation. Through your presence you will be connecting with and helping the Jewish Community of Cuba in its growth. You will make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

Cuba is changing rapidly – Now is the time. Call the Synagogue office for information.

SISTERHOOD PROGRAMS

ROSH CHODESH STUDY

Im lo achshav, eimatai? "If not now, when?" - Pirkei Avot

The new Rosh Chodesh format will offer all Sisterhood members and friends the opportunity to lead one of our monthly conversations that will focus on topics about how a particular experience has impacted you or your family's Jewish life. Call Lynn Miller at 847/948-0672 if you are interested in leading one of our monthly sessions. **Dates are: Nov. 17, Dec. 17, Feb. 10, March 16**

BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. - Discussion Leader: Judy Levin

Oct. 21 - *Mr. Pip* by Lloyd Jones / Nov. 18 - *The Space Between Us* by Thirity Umrigar

Other dates are: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, May 12, June 16

For information, call Phyllis Nathan, Book Club Coordinator, 847/564-3117.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

January 22-23, 2010

B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood - On Friday evening, Sisterhood members will participate in the Kabbalat Shabbat Service, and host a lovely Shabbat family dinner. On Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m., members will participate in the Shabbat Morning Service, and sponsor a lovely kiddush.

MENS CLUB

LOX & LEARN

Sunday, November 1 - Speaker: JAY TCATH - Topic: *Iran's Pursuit of Nukes: Is it too Late to Stop? What Are We Doing?*

9:00 a.m., Minyan / 9:45 a.m., Breakfast / 10:00-11:00 a.m., Speaker

Program features a broad spectrum of topics and speakers from our B'nai Tikvah family as well as guest speakers.

Other dates are: Sundays, Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 9

EMPTY NESTERS

The B'nai Tikvah Empty Nesters encompass over 250 Synagogue families who are loosely defined as having children of college age or older, and who are interested in joining their peers at cultural and social programs with a Jewish slant. The Empty Nesters' events are a great way to renew old ties or make new friends and keep active in synagogue and Jewish community life.

THE SHOAH IN CINEMA

Sunday, November 8, 7:00 p.m.

Leon Stein, Professor of History at Roosevelt University, will bring us his excellent program on the rise of Nazi Germany through the birth of Israel as depicted in film. We'll view clips of feature films, documentaries and oral histories such as *Cabaret*, *The Great Dictator*, *The Eternal Jew*, *Europa, Europa*, and *Judgment at Nuremberg*, and discuss how these works have told the story of that fateful period in our history. 7:00 pm coffee and dessert; 8:00 pm program. \$6/person.

RITUAL EDUCATION

ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Instructor: Rachel Rosenberg

Learn how to chant the Haftarah and from the Torah. Study various aspects of prayer, Synagogue ritual and Jewish life. Celebrate from the Bimah during a Shabbat or Festival service. **Prerequisite:** Ability to read Hebrew.

Tuition: \$180

TEFILAH SERIES - THE FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Sundays, 11:00 a.m., November 8, 22

Instructor: Rachel Rosenberg

For those who want to get more out of the Friday evening service, we will look closely at the beautiful prayers sung on Friday evenings through *Siddur Sim Shalom*. The seminar will include the study of the structure of the service, the choreography of the service, and the meaning of key prayers.

SHABBAT ZEMIROT

Rachel Rosenberg and Hazzan Hery Chulef

Learn traditional and new Shabbat songs that are great to sing with your family. Join together in Birkhat Hamazon. Share the beauty of Shabbat in song following *Kiddush* on several Shabbatot throughout the year.

BEYOND BAR/BAT MITZVAH

ETZ CHAIM

Instructors: Rabbi Alex Felch, Felicia Lev, Lawrence Levine, Samuel Rodin

This program is designed for students in Grades 8 through 12. The curriculum consists of relevant topics that contain teachings of Jewish morals and values, debatable issues and text study. The classes are designed for discussion and are taught by our B'nai Tikvah staff and specialists from the Chicagoland area.

The program focuses on topics such as current events, ethics, politics, and social issues and how they relate to Judaism and Jewish life. The students are able to have input into the curriculum.

As part of the Etz Chaim program in the past, our students have had the unique opportunity to experience two Jewish communities outside the Chicagoland area at the end of Grades 10 and 12.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

MOADON MISHPACHA

Sundays, 9-10:40 a.m.

An intergenerational program for families to study together to enrich their Jewish identity. Classes are divided into ten units, three weeks each unit. Programs are geared to the study of the holidays and ritual practices in the home and in the synagogue.

Minimal cost for materials

B'NAI TIKVAH'S ANNUAL JUF EVENT

Sunday Brunch

February 21, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: DAVID MAKOVSKY
Ziegler Distinguished Fellow and
Director of The Washington Institute's Project on the
Middle East Peace Process

AVANT PREMIER PRESENTATION SPECIAL VISIT FROM SOUTH AMERICA

The Fire Within - Jews in the Amazonian Rain Forest

Guest Speaker: RABBI GUILLERMO BRONSTEIN,
Chief Conservative Rabbi of Peru

Thursday, May 27, 2010, 8:00 p.m.

A fascinating documentary reflecting survival of spirit, belief and heritage. It is the story of a unique Jewish community in the Amazonian rainforest. In the late 19th century, among the adventurers who came to the rainforest were Moroccan Jewish men, some of whom settled in the isolated town of Iquitos, Peru. They married indigenous women, raised families, mixed their Jewish traditions with Amazonian culture, yet maintained names such as Cohen, Pinto, and Khan. Following their "discovery," many of the Iquitos' Jewish community sought rabbinical assistance to help them "return" to Jewish tradition, religion and to the land of Israel.

Rabbi Guillermo Bronstein and Rabbi Alex Felch participated in the "return."

FAMILY HEALTH & WELLNESS

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONFERENCE

Sunday, March 7, 2010 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Keynote Speaker: MARCUS NEWMAN, Founder of Array Education

Focus will be on relevant issues facing us and our children. He will address issues of teenage substance abuse and prevention to both parents and their children. Following his presentation, several breakout sessions will be offered related to health and wellness by experts in the field, including issues related to adolescent peer conflict, aging parents, accessing resources for children with special needs, guiding healthy adolescent body image, awareness of toxins in commonly used household products, and internet bullying.

JEWISH FILM SERIES

This year's film presentations will include a broad selection of comedy and drama from the best American and European Jewish films. Films will be presented free of charge on Mondays at 8:00 p.m., on the following dates, and Sunday, Feb. 14, at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 19, *Crossfire*, with Robert Young and Robert Mitchum, was one of the first movies to deal with issues of anti-Semitism. A weary Washington detective must get to the bottom of a seemingly motive-lacking murder, with the prime suspect a boozy soldier who can only vaguely recall the events of the night. The story digs its heels into postwar issues and readjusting to civilian life.

Monday, November 2, *My Favorite Year* - Peter O'Toole, Mark Linn-Baker. In the Golden Age of live TV, a dashing, alcoholic, swash-buckling movie star needs watching before his first TV appearance. The unlikely duo experience numerous adventures together and form a lasting bond in the process.

Monday, November 16, *Hannah & Her Sisters* - Woody Allen's insightful film is a thoroughly enjoyable mature look at the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of family life and the changing relationships among three sisters living in New York.

Monday, December 7, *Au Revoir Les Enfants (1987)* - During WWII, in a Catholic boarding school in the French countryside, two boys become friends. One is a French boy, and the other is a Jewish boy who is being hidden from the Nazis by the friars who run the school. Rivals at first, the roommates form a bond and share a secret. Louis Malle directed this film based on what actually happened when he was at a boarding school himself during the war.

Monday, January 11, *James Journey to Jerusalem* - James, a devout Christian, becomes part of Tel Aviv's migrant force after making a pilgrimage from his African village to the Holy Land in a quest to find spiritual fulfillment. James' subsequent involvement with the impoverished migrant workforce finds his religious journey sidetracked by an increasing desire to give his wealthy employers an unanticipated run for their money.

Sunday, February 14, *Black Book* - The story is about a young Jewish woman, Rachel Stein, in the Netherlands who becomes a spy for the resistance during World War II after tragedy befalls her in an encounter with the Nazis. Rachel a young, pretty German Jewish woman, falls for a high-ranking Gestapo officer while seeking revenge for her family's murders.

Monday, March 8, *Sixty Six* - A gentle, deeply touching film about the ups and downs of childhood, as well as the joys and sorrows that come with adulthood. Bernie Rubens is a nerdy 12-year-old preparing for his Bar Mitzvah, which he wants to be a huge, ornate affair. However, his parents have accidentally scheduled it for the day of the 1966 World Cup final, so if England makes it, no one is expected to show for Bernie's big day.

Monday, March 22, *Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World* - A thoughtful film that manages to strike a sweet balance between comedy and sincerity. The plot follows Albert Brooks, a Jewish-American comedian, sent by the United States government into India and Pakistan to find out "what makes Muslims laugh." Brooks's mission races towards its deadline with stress levels rising and precious little insight into the comic workings of the Muslim mind.

Monday, April 12, *Love Comes Lately* - Based on the complicated love life and three short stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer, this poignant, charming film captures the humor and bittersweet melancholy of his writing. Features pungent dialogue of his lively women and a memorable supporting performance by Barbara Hershey.

Monday, April 26, *Aviva My Love* - Aviva is a middle aged mother of two children living in Tiberias, the northern town of Israel, harboring dreams of getting her stories published. She is hard working in both the jobs that she does, a day time cooking job in a big restaurant and her writing. But the journey to greatness affects her life and the lives of her family.

Monday, May 10, *Barbarian Invasions* - A Cannes Film Festival favorite, this provocative comedy is about the hope and unspoken bonds that hold family and friends together against the onslaughts of life in our contemporary time. An estranged father thinks his son a "barbarian" with nothing left in common until they come to confront a major crisis together in an unconventional but fitting climax.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

CRASH HEBREW

Instructors: Rachel Rosenberg and Hazzan Hery Chulef

Offered each August for students who have little or no knowledge of Hebrew.

HEBREW FROM THE SIDDUR

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Semester I begins November 3

Instructor: Marsha Kasanov

Improve your reading and become familiar with some of the Shabbat prayers. Prerequisite: Ability to read simple Hebrew or Crash Hebrew Course.

Tuition each semester: \$110/Members; \$150/NM

BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Sundays 11:00-12:00 - November 1, 15, December 6, 13

Instructor: Rachel Rosenberg

Planning a trip to Israel now or in the future? This is your opportunity to learn key phrases and engage in basic conversation in modern Hebrew. Learn the foundations of grammar and build your vocabulary. Prerequisite: Ability to read Hebrew.

INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m. Semester I begins October 28

Instructor: Rachel Rosenberg

Engage in conversation, read stories and newspaper articles. Prerequisite: Ability to read Hebrew and be familiar with the basic fundamentals of Hebrew vocabulary and grammar; some previous classroom experience with modern Hebrew is helpful. **Tuition each semester includes dinner: \$135/Members; \$185/NM**

MITZVAH DAY

OPERATION MITZVAH

Sunday, April 18, 2010

Celebrate another year of performing *mitzvot* with a day filled with more *mitzvot*! Choose from many volunteer opportunities, activities and projects designed for all ages to participate in, either at B'nai Tikvah or off site at locations throughout the community.