

LELAND & MARY GOTTSTEIN  
CONTINUING JEWISH EDUCATION SPRING PROGRAMS

Spring Lecture Series with

**DR. RACHEL HAVRELOCK**

**SUNDAYS, 11:45 am**

**Topic: *Jewish Politics***

The distinct history of the Jews informs many of the political positions held by Jews today. This series explores the history while considering the scope and ramifications of contemporary political opinions.

• **February 5, *The Ancient Jewish State*** - We will look at the biblical books of Deuteronomy and Joshua to survey how these biblical precedents contribute to ideas of the nation state. We will consider how the borders were determined, when wars were fought, and how the states in question treated non-Jewish citizens.

• **February 12, *The Ancient Jewish Diaspora*** - As we consider the ancient diasporas we will discuss the techniques with which Jews dealt with foreign rulers, pressures to assimilate, and contact with other cultures. We will further consider how the beginnings of Jewish diaspora parallel American Jewish life today.

• **February 26, *The Modern Jewish Diaspora*** - Among its ontributions, diaspora politics argues that a people does not require a state in order to survive and flourish. As we will see, these ideas flourished after the destruction of the Temple, during the push for Jewish emancipation in Europe, and in present times.

• **March 4, *The Modern Jewish State*** - We will look broadly at the central forms of Zionism and the State of Israel in order to survey how Israel's domestic and international positions have formed. We will discuss how American Jewish positions on Israel differ from Israeli ones.

**Dr. Rachel Havrelock** is a professor of Jewish Studies and English at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is a Hebrew Bible scholar and expert on Jewish, Christian, and Muslim interpretation.  
**Tuition: Members/\$50; Non-members/\$65**

**STUDIES WITH RABBI ALEX FELCH**

**TORAH WITH THE RABBI**

**Tuesdays, 9:30 am**

An on-going weekly class of study and discussion of the Torah, with special focus on the Bible as living tradition as perceived by classical and modern commentaries, and its implications for our contemporary society.

**FAMILY EDUCATION SERIES**

**Celebrating Shabbat Together**

***Family Jewish Life and You: Everything You Wanted to Know About Jewish Parenting . . .***

**Sundays, 9:00 am, Dec. 11, Jan. 15, Feb. 12, Mar. 18**

Rabbi Alex will present four sessions on succeeding in Jewish parenting:

- Shabbat & Your Family
- Prayer & Your Family
- Jewish Symbols & Your Family
- Acts of Loving Kindness & Your Family

- **LORE IN THE LOOP and**
- **LORE IN THE SUBURBS**

Join us as we study Mishnah, the legal discussions and practical teachings regarding every aspect of Jewish life by the Rabbis of the first 200 years of our era. The class will focus on issues regarding spiritual life, devotion in prayer, creativity in the ritual and the service of the heart, and possible venues for a closer relationship with God. Classes are held at various member's offices.

Let us continue this beautiful tradition of fellowship and study which has been ongoing at B'nai Tikvah for many years.

- **LORE IN THE LOOP - 12 noon**
- **Tuesdays, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 13, April 17**

- **LORE IN THE SUBURBS - 12 noon**
- **Tuesdays, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 20, April 24**

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