

Congregation B'nai Tikvah

LELAND AND MARY GOTTSTEIN

CONTINUING JEWISH EDUCATION PROGRAM

2018-2019/5779



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.

2018-2019 LECTURE SERIES

B'NAI TIKVAH SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHALOM ORZACH

Sundays, 10:30 am

October 21 - *Every Dream Requires a Dreamer, Every Action Requires an Actor* - The Establishment of the State of Israel required audacious dreamers and courageous doers. What is striking in the Israel story is that many were both. We will meet some of them and learn about their contributions in making the dream a reality.

October 28 - *On Being a Citizen of the Jewish World in the Modern Era* - What does it mean to be a citizen of the Jewish world today?

November 4 - *Belonging or Believing* - This dilemma has become one of the core challenges facing the Jewish community. To this extent we have moved from being the Chosen to the Choosing People. How can our engagement with Israel enrich and inform these choices?

Shalom Orzach is a senior educator and consultant for the iCenter, and serves on the faculty for the Foundation for Jewish Camp. He teaches a course in experiential education at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He was the Central Shaliach for USY. He is an acclaimed public speaker on contemporary Israel who brings extensive knowledge, humor and passion. He has published articles on Israel and Jewish education in the Times of Israel and eJewishPhilanthropy.

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RABBI STEVEN BOB

Sundays, 10:30 am

Rabbi Steven Bob will teach a three-part course on the commentaries to three key verses in the Book of Jonah. He will bring these ancient verses alive showing important connections to our lives today.

December 2 - We will seek to understand what exactly swallowed Jonah.

December 9 - We will explore how the rabbis view Jonah's ship as a microcosm for the entire world.

December 16 - We will look at the conclusion of the Book of Jonah, 4:10-11.

Rabbi Steven Bob is the author of 'Jonah and the Meaning of Our Lives: A Verse by Verse Contemporary Commentary,' recently published by JPS, and "Go To Nineveh: Medieval Jewish Commentaries on the Book of Jonah." He is recognized as an expert on Yom HaShoah and is the founder of the Fourth Day Initiative, an interfaith solar energy project.

Rabbi Bob served as Senior Rabbi of Congregation Etz Chaim for 35 years. His delight in the Bible, his sense of humor, his love of teaching and learning, and his ability to connect with people of all ages are some of the gifts he brings to everything he does.

RACHEL HAVRELOCK, Ph.D.

Sundays, 10:30 am

Topic: *The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah*

Ezra and Nehemiah chronicle the return of Judean exiles from far-flung locales in the Persian Empire to Jerusalem where they reestablished the Temple and a small polity around it. As we study the books, we will examine the decisions made by the returning Judeans, discuss their motivations, and consider the legacy of these momentous decisions.

February 10 - *The Return* - The return of exiles to Jerusalem marks a momentous restoration. Why did the Persian Empire authorize the migration? How were the leaders of the returning community chosen? What was it like to arrive in an unfamiliar homeland? What might have been left behind? How did the fact of return frame Judean history? What were the barriers to rebuilding the Temple?

February 24 - *The Land* - Not all Judeans and Israelites experienced exile, instead many communities remained within the land and adapted to its changing circumstances. The encounter between the remaining and returning communities involved several clashes. What were the issues that divided these communities? How did this friction feed the development of different movements at the time and in later Judaism?

March 3 - *The Lineage* - Among the legacies of The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah is the notion that being a Judean – later a Jew – involves a distinct hereditary. Such a notion about identity stands at the center of the books' controversial scenes of the mandatory divorce of non-Judean women.

March 10 - *The Torah* - Ezra was a scribe who produces and reads a manuscript before the community. What was the nature of the document that Ezra produced and what are some of the traditions regarding Ezra as a scribe?

Rachel Havrelock is Associate Professor of Jewish Studies and English at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Rachel's book, *River Jordan: The Mythology of a Dividing Line* illustrates her distinct methodology of combining biblical studies, literary and political theory, and the politics of interpretation.

Rachel's current book project, *The Joshua Generation: Politics and the Promised Land*, focuses on the structure and meanings of the book of Joshua.

Rachel co-edits *AJS Perspectives*: The Magazine of the Association for Jewish Studies with Professor Matti Bunzl. She has been teaching classes at B'nai Tikvah for the past seven years.

SAVE THE DATE

**CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH & THE AMERICAN
ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (AIPAC)**

**Thursday, March 7, 6:30 pm
Program & Dessert Reception**

Congregation B'nai Tikvah's

ANNUAL JUF EVENT

**On behalf of the 2019 Jewish United Fund
Annual Campaign**

Featuring Guest Speaker:

YOCHI DREAZEN

Sunday, April 7, 2019

10:30 am - Brunch

There is no charge to attend. Babysitting will be available free of charge.

Yochi Dreazen most recently was the foreign and national security editor of Vox.com, where he ran its coverage of national security, foreign policy, and news from around the world.

Prior to joining Vox, he was the managing editor at Foreign Policy. His book, *"The Invisible Front: Love and Loss in the Era of Endless War,"* was picked as one of *The New York Times* Notable Books of 2014 and one of Amazon's Best Books of 2014. Mr. Dreazen was a contributing editor at *The Atlantic* and the senior national security correspondent for *National Journal*.

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT 5779

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Erev Shavuot I Festival Service - 6:30 pm

Sunday, June 9, 9:00 am

Shavuot I Festival Service

12:00 pm - Shavuot Luncheon

Program Leader: DR. RACHEL HAVRELOCK

Topic: *Sexuality in the Tanakh*

Hints in the Book of Ruth suggest that Shavuot was the beginning of summer, a looser, more free time to explore romance in the wheat fields. Taking our cues from Ruth, we will explore scenes of overt and covert sexuality including Tamar's seduction of Judah, Potiphar's Wife's obsession with Joseph, King David's love affairs, and the mysterious relationship between Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. How do modern ideas about the Tanakh and sexuality extend and differ from these alluring tales?

Erev Shavuot II Festival Service - Sunday, 6:30 pm

Shavuot II Festival Service / Yizkor - Monday, 9:00 am

STUDIES / PROGRAMS WITH RABBI ALEX FELCH

TORAH CLASS

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, Beginning October 16

An on-going weekly class of study and lively discussions 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. You may join this class any time during the year. Everyone is welcome!

There is no charge. Everyone is welcome.

THE REBIRTH OF ISRAEL: From the Early Beginning of Zionism to Current Day Israel - The Palestinian Conflict

Tuesdays, 8:00 pm

October 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20, 27
December 4, 11, 18; January 8, 15

These classes will highlight rarely shown documentary films dating back to the early 1900's to the present day. There is no charge. Everyone is welcome!

LORE IN THE LOOP & LORE IN THE SUBURBS

Teachings From Our Rabbis - We will study the teaching from our Rabbis and how the wisdom of Judaism can continue to influence our daily lives.

Tuesdays, 12 noon at participants offices

LORE IN THE LOOP

Dates: Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 15, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 7

LORE IN THE SUBURBS

Dates: Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 19, March 19, April 16, May 14

Cost: \$25/session per person

RITUAL EDUCATION

ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS - It is never too late to celebrate your Jewish coming of age.

TORAH READING @ B'NAI TIKVAH - Learn to read from the Torah for Shabbat and Festival services.

GABBAI TRAINING - Learn to participate as a makri, page caller, or floor gabbai in our Shabbat and Festival services.

RSVP to the office, 847-945-0470 for more information on these ritual programs.

Celebrate the Joy of Shabbat



Simchat Shabbat at

Congregation B'nai Tikvah

Let us get together for a

MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF SHABBAT

**2018-2019 Schedule
6:30 pm**

August 31

October 12

November 9

December 14

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 12

May 10

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

LANGUAGE CLASSES

CRASH HEBREW 2019

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm

Offered each August for students who have little or no knowledge of Hebrew. You will be reading Hebrew in time for Rosh Hashanah. \$75 registration fee. 2019 dates to be determined.

INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Instructor: **Silvi Freedson**

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Silvi will enhance the Hebrew language experience while exploring the Israeli culture using a variety of media and tools such as video clips, songs, news articles and culinary experience.

Tuition : \$160/Members; \$190/NM,

SISTERHOOD PROGRAMS

Sisterhood is comprised of women who have a wide range of interests, and come from varying age groups and backgrounds.

ROSH CHODESH STUDY

Rosh Chodesh, marking the beginning of the new month, has traditionally been a special holiday for women which offers us an opportunity to meet for prayer, study and schmoozing.

BOOK CLUB

The Sisterhood Book Club looks forward to another excellent year of reading and studying with Judy Levin. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month. For information contact Debbie Nathan, debbie.nathan.il@gmail.com

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Saturday, April 6, 9:00 am - Members will participate in the Shabbat morning service and sponsor a lovely Kiddush.

JEWISH MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Tuesday, November 6, 7:00 pm - Join us for conversation, meditation, and community as we breathe, stretch, meditate and explore the week's Torah portion. Meditation and discussion will be facilitated by Laurie Garber-Amram. RSVP to cathymkot@sbcglobal.net.

GAME NIGHT

Thursday, February 28, 7:00 pm - An evening of Canasta, Mah Jong, cards, or any game you wish to play. Raffle prizes and snacks for everyone. Bring your friends and any game you wish to play. Fun for all!!

AIPAC 2019 POLICY CONFERENCE

March 24-26, 2019

Washington, D.C.

Join Rabbi Alex Felch and fellow members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah in our nation's capital, March 24-26, 2019, for the largest gathering of America's pro-Israel movement.

Through demonstrations of groundbreaking Israeli innovations, keynote speeches by American and Israeli leaders, inspiring moments on stage, and intimate educational sessions, Policy Conference delegates experience the full scale of pro-Israel activism in three days. The conference culminates with the opportunity for delegates to lobby their members of Congress in support of legislation that enhances the relationship between the United States and Israel.

Expand your experience by also joining us for the pre-conference Shabbaton! The Shabbaton is an educational seminar available exclusively for AIPAC Policy Conference delegates. On Friday and Saturday, March 22-23, 2019, we will host in-depth discussions about the US-Israel relationship in a restful and respectful Shabbat environment.

Why Attend?

- 600 speakers to learn from
- 535 Congressional appointments to help shape US policy
- An opportunity to make your voice heard

Learn More - For more information or to register for the conference, please contact Lauren Waldstein at 312-253-8969, or lwaldstein@aipac.org.

\$100 off early bird discount - REGISTER TODAY!!

FRANKEL CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAM

A POTPOURRI OF JEWISH CHORAL MUSIC, FROM LITURGICAL TO ISRAELI FOLK SONGS

Sunday, January 13, 2019, 3:00 pm

Join the B'nai Tikvah Choir under the direction of Bernie Ebstein, as we explore a wide range of Jewish music, including familiar songs with new melodies, new songs with gorgeous harmonies and tunes that you won't be able to forget. Enjoy a celebration reception with us afterward! Admission is free.

B'NAI TIKVAH SPRING CONCERT

Date to be determined

The B'nai Tikvah choir will present a joyous program of familiar tunes, as well as songs that will inspire you. A reception will follow the program. Everyone is welcome.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PROGRAMS

FAMILY EDUCATION

Family Education happens several times a year for Pre-K through 7th grade, during Religious School from 9-10 am. They will highlight content taught within the Religious School Curriculum as well as working on Social Action Projects.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Students in Kindergarten through 6th grade will engage in the Shabbat Morning experience twice a month from 10:00-12:00 pm. Students will be divided into appropriate age groupings and will create a Shabbat experience with their peers that is age and developmentally appropriate. They will help to lead their own service, engage in Torah study, discuss Mitzvot and Middot and have the opportunity to spend Shabbat morning with their Religious School friends.

B'NAI MITZVAH SEMINAR

During 6th grade, families will meet once a month on Sunday mornings to study the process of becoming B'nai Mitzvah as a family and will explore Jewish texts, what it means to participate in social action and social justice. Monthly sessions will be taught by Rabbi Alex and Carly Valfer.

BEYOND BAR/BAT MITZVAH

MOVING TRADITIONS

Moving Traditions' approach to educating Jewish pre-teens and teens is rooted in this multi-dimensional view of character development. Their signature programs, Rosh Chodesh and Shevet, will challenge your teens to think critically about and apply Jewish wisdom to the issues that matter to them most, including academic stress, friendship, body image, and peer pressure.

8TH GRADE

Students will focus on Hot Topics regarding being a Jewish teen in today's world and will explore their place in the different communities that they are a part of. They will also spend time being mentored as they begin their work as Madrichim. Students will continue their study of Jewish history from the creation of the State of Israel to present day, and will prepare for their Ta'am Yisrael Trip.

9TH GRADE

Students will focus on their relationship with Israel and will explore what it means to be a Jew living in America as opposed to their Jewish peers living in Israel. Students will study Midrash as their text study, and will also continue their mentoring program as Madrichim and what it means to be a role model in our community. They will engage in a several week curriculum around the Holocaust.

TEEN MIDRASHA: A Jewish Institute for 8th thru 12th Graders - Preview 2018-2019

Join us as we pilot a program that will give Jewish teens an opportunity to meet, hang-out, and learn together. Sponsored by Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Moriah Congregation and North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. **Spring Program will be Sunday, March 3, 5:00-7:00 pm at Congregation B'nai Tikvah.**

FAMILY PROGRAMS

CHALLAH BAKING

Nov. 8, Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14,

April 11, May 9, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Join us for a light dinner and challah baking. We will spend time braiding, baking, enjoying dinner and learning about Shabbat with our family community.



GRANDPARENT'S HAVDALAH

Saturday, November 17, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Bring your grandchild(ren) to learn and celebrate about the beginning of a new week with singing, stories, and an art project.

Cost: \$10/family



PURIM MEGILLAH READING

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

6:30 pm

Program/Ice Cream Social



PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 17, 2019

10:00 am

Adults and children will join in the Hakafof in celebration of our Torah

Monday, October 21, 2019 - 6:30 pm

Service/Hakafof/Torah Procession



Tuesday, October 22, 2019 - 9:00 am

Service/Hakafof/Torah Procession

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

Like us @ [facebook.com/bnaitikvahdeerfield](https://www.facebook.com/bnaitikvahdeerfield)

Tuition fee is applicable for some programs.

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