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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

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Tuition fee is applicable for some programs.

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LELAND AND MARY GOTTSTEIN

CONTINUING JEWISH EDUCATION PROGRAM

2017-2018/5778



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.

2017-2018 LECTURE SERIES

B'NAI TIKVAH SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
RABBI ANDREW SHAPIRO KATZ

Topic: *Rebels and Rabbis - When the Authorities Are Wrong:
 Resistance, Critique and Acquiescence*

Sunday, October 29, 10:30 am - *Authority & Resistance in the Torah*

Sunday, November 5, 10:30 am - *Authority & Resistance
 in the Prophet & Kings*

Sunday, November 12, 10:30 am - *Authority & Resistance in the Talmud*

Rabbi Andrew Katz is a community-builder, educator, and avid cook. He moved to Beer Sheva in 2010 with his family to start a new intentional pluralistic religious community called Kehilat Be'erot. He is an alumnus of Project Otzma, the Conservative Yeshiva, and the Pardes Educators Programs and Kollel, receiving smicha in 2004 from Rabbi Daniel Landes and Rabbi Aryeh Strikovsky.

While living in San Francisco from 2005-2010, Andrew served as Assistant Head of School at the Jewish Community High School in the Bay and was an active participant/leader of the Mission Minyan.

He also teaches pizza-making, caters small events, and hosts a periodic pop-up restaurant at a local soup-kitchen. He and his wife Emily have two boys and two girls.



RACHEL HAVRELOCK, PH.D.

Sundays, 10:30 am

Topic: *Wisdom, Reflection, and Resignation
 in the Book of Ecclesiastes*

• April 15 • April 22 • April 29

Our 2018 mini-course will explore the Book of Ecclesiastes as a work of wisdom literature with distinct perspectives about politics, social connections and the earth. Using the framework of wisdom, we will examine the book with broad and deep angles.

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 taught a course at B'nai Tikvah for the past seven years

Celebrate the Joy of Shabbat



Simchat Shabbat at
Congregation B'nai Tikvah



Let us get together for a

MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF SHABBAT
2017-2018 Schedule - 6:30 pm

August 26	December 9	March 9
September 8	January 12	April 13
November 10	February 9	May 11



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

Oneg Shabbat following services

FAMILY PROGRAMS

CHALLAH BAKING

March 15, April 19, May 10, 5:30 - 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, December 9, 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



DR. SEUSS YOUNG FAMILY

LILAH TOV HAVDALAH

Saturday, February 10, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Dr. Seuss, Havdalah, an art project and milk and cookies await you. Join us in your pajamas for a whimsical family program!!



PURIM MEGILLAH READING

Wednesday, February 28,
 6:30 pm

Program/Ice Cream Social



PURIM CARNIVAL

STAR WARS

RETURN OF THE JEWS
 Sunday, March 4, 10:30 am

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 study with Judy Levin. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month. For information contact Phyllis Nathan, fpnathan@comcast.net

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Saturday, June 9, 2018, 9:00 am - Members will participate in the Shabbat morning service and sponsor a lovely Kiddush.

JEWISH MINDFULNESS MEDITATION GROUP

Tuesdays, April 10, May 1, June 5 - 7:00 pm

A Jewish theme related meditation facilitated by Laurie Garber-Amram

ANNUAL GAME NIGHT

Bring your friends, Mah Jong sets, cards or any games you wish to play! Raffle prizes, snacks and more!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SERVICES

6TH GRADE BAR/BAT MITZVAH WORKSHOP

Sundays – Sept. 17, 24; Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017 - 9 - 10 am

Parents and children attend these sessions, which include B'nai Mitzvah content that is important for families to learn and experience together. Classes are taught by Rabbi Alex and Carly Valfer.

VAV SHABBAT

Vav Shabbat includes Parsha discussions, values clarification sessions, games and review of basic Jewish concepts, and most importantly, a student run Shabbat service where children gain fluency leading and participating in the prayers they have learned in religious school throughout the years. Class ends with students joining the main congregation for concluding prayers. They then join in a Kiddush lunch with the Congregation.

RUACH SHABBAT

Beginning in Kita Gimmel each class is assigned 2 Saturday morning Ruach Shabbat services for their grade level. Ruach Shabbat features songs, games, parsha discussion and role playing in addition to a service geared to each grade level. Students participate in prayers they study in class and each child has a chance to lead parts of the service.

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT 5778

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Festival Service - 6:30 pm / Dinner - 7:15 pm / Program: 8:15 pm

Program Leader: DR. RACHEL HAVRELOCK

Topic: Home at Last: Rethinking the Biblical Household and the Political Role of Women

Bayit, the Hebrew word for house, can also mean lineage, clan, even temple. Although we tend to project ideas about the modern house and nuclear family onto biblical homes, they are best envisioned as active sites of agriculture and production. These households formed the basis of the tribal and state systems in ancient Israel. Biblical texts repeatedly associate the household with women. As we reconsider the biblical household, we will investigate the economic and political lives of women anew.

Professor Rachel Havrelock is a Hebrew Bible scholar and professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Issues of gender and Judaism are among her areas of expertise.

Shavuot I Festival Service - Sunday, May 20, 9:00 am

Erev Shavuot II Festival Service - Sunday May 20, 6:30 pm

Shavuot II Festival Service / Yizkor - Monday, May 21, 9:00 am

Congregation B'nai Tikvah's

ANNUAL JUF EVENT

**On behalf of the 2018 Jewish United Fund
Annual Campaign**

Featuring Guest Speaker:

AMOTZ ASA-EL

***Topic: ISRAEL'S PLACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST:
FROM LEPER TO NEIGHBOR***

Sunday, February 25, 10:30 am - Brunch

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

Amotz Asa-El is the Jerusalem Post's senior commentator, senior editor at the Jerusalem Report, and political commentator at Israeli TV's English news

Co-Chairs:

Ilisa & Michael Brown • Helene & Burton Herbstman
• Sheri & Gary Hokin • Nicole & Steve Katz
• Lauren & Harold Kugelman • Gail & Saul Rudo

STUDIES / PROGRAMS WITH RABBI ALEX FELCH

TORAH WITH RABBI ALEX

Tuesdays, 9:30 am

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.

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 - \$25 per session for lunch.

LORE IN THE LOOP

Dates: Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 2, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10

LORE IN THE SUBURBS

Dates: Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 20, March 20, April 17

ADULT REINTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM CLASS with RABBI ALEX

Sundays, 11:00 - 11:45 am

October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 19, December 3

These classes cover Judaism's biggest and most inspiring ideas as well as the nuts-and-bolts of daily Jewish living. This series of programs is intended for Jews from all walks of life. We'll cover history, holidays, practices, text, values and more.

Whether you're back to learning after a long hiatus or you're just looking for a deeper understanding of our heritage, we could all use a bit of a refresher. This program is intended for Jews from all walks of life.

RACHEL WASSERMAN MELTON SCHOLAR SERIES with RABBI ALEX

BEYOND BORDERS: THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

Part I - Tuesdays, October - December - 7:00 - 8:30 pm

This 10-session Scholars Course provides students with a strong, text-based historical overview from the late nineteenth century through today. Course material is designed to encourage discussion and debate, and to challenge students to appreciate the basis of the conflicting historical claims made by all sides in the conflict. The complexity of the conflict forces students to grapple with issues of religion, culture, history, politics, economics, identity and survival - all reflected through primary sources, including newspaper articles, poetry, songs, government documents, speeches, photographs and memoirs.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

CRASH HEBREW 2018

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm - Aug. 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 & 30

Offered each August for students who have little or no knowledge of Hebrew. You will be reading Hebrew in time for Rosh Hashanah. \$50 registration fee.

INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Instructor: Silvi Freedson

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm / January thru March

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 includes dinner: \$160/Members; \$190/NM, October thru May

OUR SHABBAT TABLES

OUR SHABBAT TABLES builds community and connections through the shared experience of Shabbat dinner in congregants homes.

How does it work:

- * Congregants sign up to be hosts or guests
- * Congregants are matched with each other according to their preferences
- * On Friday, hosts will welcome fellow congregants into their homes to join together around the candles, wine, challah and meals.
- * On Saturday, all who participated are honored during the Shabbat morning services at B'nai Tikvah.
- This program is for all congregants, regardless of whether you have been a member for 1 year or 40 years.

FRANKEL CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAM

A CELEBRATION OF CHANUKAH

Sunday, December 11, 2017 - 3:00 pm

Join the B'nai Tikvah Choir and the voices of our Religious School students as we present a joyous program in celebration of Chanukah. You will hear some great familiar tunes, as well as songs that will inspire you in this season of light, with themes of freedom, family, fun, and, of course, candles. Reception to follow.

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO CANTOR JOE DAVIS

Sunday, April 29, 3:00 pm

Our beloved Cantor Joe filled the B'nai Tikvah sanctuary with song and helped to create a congregation with a love of music. We hope you will join our very own B'nai Tikvah Choir and other performers as we honor his memory singing melodies that he wrote to sing from our Bimah. We will also remember Joe with musical selections with a connection to his life.