



**2019—2020 // 5780**

## **Program Brochure**



**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 of equal importance to 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.

# B'nai Tikvah Scholar-In-Residence

## **Professor Elie Rekhess**

Sundays, 10:30am

### **November 3**

The Political Turmoil Following Knesset Elections

### **November 17**

The Arab Minority in Israel

*Between Integration and Alienation*

### **November 24**

Dangers in Security Challenges Facing Israel Today

Professor Rekhess is the Crown Visiting Professor in Israel Studies at Northwestern University and Associate Director for Israel Studies within the Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies.

Professor Rekhess is concurrently a Senior Research Fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Tel Aviv University. He served as a Strategic Advisor to Prime Minister Ehud Barak and as an Advisor to the Ministerial Committee on the Arabs in Israel.

## **Casino Night!**

Please join us to support Congregation B'nai Tikvah at our  
casino night fundraiser and silent auction

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH AT 7PM @ B'NAI TIKVAH

Join us for a night of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres,  
desserts and casino games.

\$50/person

Trade in your winning chips to be entered in the grand prize drawing!

NON-MEMBERS WELCOME!

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## Rachel Havrelock, PH.D. Lecture Series

### **The Visions of Ezekiel the Prophet**

*How to See a World Different From Our Own*

Sundays, 10:30am

#### **February 23**

*Mystical Incarnations of God, Ezekiel 1:1–3:27*

Many consider these chapters as laying the foundation of Jewish mysticism. What does it mean to see forms of the divine?

#### **March 1**

*When God Abandons the Earth, Ezekiel 8 & 15-19*

What does it mean for God to leave Israel? The principle of covenant insists that the People of Israel and God are locked in an eternal bond. If the People neglect it, then they run the risk that God will depart. In the wake of the exile, Ezekiel witnesses scenes of God's departure and the human behaviors that caused it.

#### **March 15**

*Resurrection, Ezekiel 37-39*

How does the prophet foresee resurrection and a new era of peace? The scenes of a Valley of Dry Bones coming to life and the end of the enemies Gog and Magog have inspired commentary, literature, and art.

#### **March 22**

*Restoration of the Earth, Ezekiel 40-48*

How can the earth be reborn following devastation? We will follow Ezekiel's prophetic journey to explore the answer.

## **Studies/Programs With Rabbi Alex**

### **Torah Class**

*Tuesdays, 9:30am - Begins October 29*

Join us for our on-going weekly class of study and discussion of the Torah with special focus on the Bible as living tradition perceived by classical and modern commentaries, and its implications for our contemporary society. You may join this class any time even if you have not attended before. Everyone is welcome!

### **Lore in the Loop & Lore in the Suburbs**

*Teachings From Our Rabbis* - We will study the teachings from our Rabbis and how the wisdom of Judaism can continue to influence our daily lives. Cost: \$25/session per person

#### **Lore in the Loop**

**First Session :** Tuesday, November 12, noon

**Dates:** December 10, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 21, May 12

#### **Lore in the Burbs**

**First Session:** Tuesday, November 19, noon

**Dates:** December 17, January 21, February 18, March 17, April 28, May 19

### **Parenting Through a Jewish Lens**

*Lisa Moss, MSW, LCSW Laurie Amram, LCSW & Rabbi Alex*

*October 27 & November 3 –11:00 am - 12:00 pm*

Gain insight into how to navigate raising children with a Jewish perspective in these challenging times.

### **Seminar on Anti-Semitism**

*Tuesdays, 8:00 pm*

*October 29, November 5, 12, 19, December 3, 10*

We will discuss its historical reasons and current realities.

## Ritual Education

### **Trope Academy with Hazzan Hery**

*2nd Thursday of each month, beginning November 14, 7:45pm*

Please join us to learn how the tropes are chanted as we navigate through portions of the Torah. We will meet together for minyan @ 7:30pm, and continue our studies immediately after.

### **Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class**

It is never too late to celebrate your Jewish coming of age.

### **Torah Reading**

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 service.

## Language Classes

### **Crash Hebrew 2020**

*Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00pm–8:30pm*

*Instructor: Marsha Kasanov*

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. Dates to be determined.

### **Intermediate Conversational Hebrew 2019–2020**

*Wednesdays, 6:30pm*

*Instructor: Silvi Freedson*

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.

\$160/members, \$190/nonmembers

## Sisterhood Programs

### **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 usually meets the third Wednesday of each month. For more information please contact Debbie Nathan, [debbie.nathan.il@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.nathan.il@gmail.com)

### **Mixology & Torah**

**Wednesday, November 13, 7:00pm** - Tippling through the Torah with Andrea Frazier. We will be creating and crafting our own biblical cocktails. \$18/per person.

### **Sisterhood Shabbat**

**Saturday, January 11, 9:00am** - Members will participate in the Shabbat morning service and sponsor a lovely Kiddush. Please also join us for Shabbat dinner on Friday, January 10.

### **Game Night**

**Thursday, March 5, 7:00pm** - 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!

### **Theater Night**

**Upcoming in April 2020** - Sisterhood will be going to see Brighton Beach Memoirs at the Citadel Theatre, more details coming soon!

## Family Programs

### **Fondue & Family Feud**

November 3rd 2019 // 3:00pm—5:00pm

Families of all ages join us for Fondue and Family Feud!

\$25/family—Register online.

### **Dinner & Baking**

Challah: November 21, January 23, April 23, May 24

Hamantaschen: February 27

Mandel Bread: March 19

Join us for light dinner and baking. We are expanding our offerings this year to include Hamantaschen and Mandel Bread! Enjoy dinner and learning with our family community.

\$36/family

### **Grandparents Havdalah**

November 23rd, 2019 // 5:30pm—7:00pm

Join us for Havdalah, dinner, music, and an art project!

### **Purim Carnival**

March 8th, 2020 // 9:30am—11:30am

### **Purim Megillah Reading**

March 9th, 2020 // 6:30pm

Program/Ice Cream Social

### **Bingo Night**

March 15th, 2020 // 3:00pm—5:00pm

### **Simchat Torah Celebration**

October 10th, 2020 // 6:30pm

October 11th, 2020 // 9:00am

Service/Hakafot/Torah Procession

Adults and children will join in the Hakafot in celebration of our Torah!

**Frankel Cultural Arts Program**

**December 15th 2019**

**3:00pm**

**Choir Concert**

Spring Concert Date to Follow

**Men's Club**

**Thursday, December 5th 2019**

**6:30pm—10:00pm**

**Latkes and Booze with the Bears**

Join us to celebrate Chanukah and watch the Bears game.

**Selichot**

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

**Havdalah/Reception - 7:45 pm**

**Program and services will follow**

**Save the Date**

**Congregation B'nai Tikvah's Annual JUF Event**

On behalf of the 2019 Jewish United Fund Annual Campaign

**April 26th, 2020**

**10:30am**



**AIPAC Policy Conference**

**March 1st—3rd, 2020**

**Washington, D.C.**

Join Rabbi Alex Felch and fellow members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah in our nation's capital, March 1st—3rd, 2020, 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.

**Why attend?**

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

For more information or to register for the conference,  
please visit [policyconference.org](http://policyconference.org)

**ADULT WINTER COAT DRIVE**  
**NEW/GENTLY USED**

Please drop off winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to  
Congregation B'nai Tikvah through December 31st, 2019.

Items are being donated to Momma's Soup Kitchen at  
Congregation K.I.N.S.

## Religious School Programs

### **Family Education**

Family Education happen several times a year for Pre-k through 7th grade.

These programs happen during Religious School from 9-10 am. These programs will highlight content taught within the Religious School Curriculum as well as working on Social Action Projects.

### **B'nai Mitzvah Seminar**

During 6th grade, families will come together once a month on Sunday morning 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. As well as the overall significance of becoming B'nai Mitzvah.

Monthly sessions will be taught by Rabbi Alex and Carly Valfer.

### **Junior Congregation**

Students in Kindergarten through 6th grade will engage in the Shabbat Morning experience twice a month from 10:30-12:00 pm. Students will be divided into appropriate age groupings and will create a Shabbat experience with their peers that is age and developmentally appropriate. During this Shabbat morning experience students 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.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

### **Religious School Fundraiser**

Sunday, November 24th

8:30am—9:10am

\$12 per adult // \$10 per child

## Beyond B'nai Mitzvah

### **8th Grade**

Students in 8th grade will focus on Hot Topics regarding being a Jewish teen in today's world. Students will explore their place in the different communities that they are a part of. Students 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. Students will also spend several sessions preparing for their Ta'am Yisrael Trip.

### **9th Grade**

Students in 9th grade will focus on their relationship with Israel. Students will explore what it means to be a Jew living in America as opposed to their Jewish peers living in Israel. Students will have the opportunity to study Midrash as their text study. Students will also continue their mentoring program as Madrichim and what it means to be a role model in our community. Students in 9th grade will engage in a several week curriculum around the Holocaust.

# Simchat Shabbat

Let us get together for a

## **Musical Celebration of Shabbat 2019—2020 Schedule 6:30pm**

**November 8th, 2019**

\*Shabbat Dinner

Different Time: 6:00pm Dinner, 7:30pm Service

**December 13th, 2019**

**January 10th, 2020**

\*Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner

**February 14th, 2020**

**March 13th, 2020**

**May 8th, 2020**

\*Shabbat Dinner

**Experience a beautiful and inspiring Kabbalat Shabbat  
service with instrumental accompaniment.**

Oneg Shabbat following services with no Shabbat Dinner.

Shabbat Dinners require reservation in advance, please call the  
synagogue office or visit our website to register.

**Save the Date**

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot**

**Thursday, May 28th 2020**

**6:30pm Service, Program to Follow**

## Youth Programs

### **CHUSYFest**

November 8th—10th

### **BTUSY Friendsgving**

November 24th 2019

### **Kadima Konvention**

December 6th—8th 2019

### **Kadima & Makor go Snow Tubing**

January 20th 2020

### **Mini Makor Under Nighter**

January 25th 2020

### **Kadima Mitzvah & Movie Night**

February 22nd 2020

### **BTUSY Purim Lock-In & Kadima Under Nighter**

March 7th—8th 2020

### **USY Kinnus**

April 3rd—5th 2020

### **Mini Makor/Makor Event**

April 19th 2020

### **Kadima Event**

May 3rd 2020

**USY — 9th-12th Grades**

**Kadima — 6th-8th Grades**

**Makor — 3rd-5th Grades**

**Mini-Makor—K-2nd Grades**



**Rabbi Alex Felch**

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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 and programs by  
calling the Synagogue office, 847-945-0470,  
by visiting us online, [bnaitikvah.net](http://bnaitikvah.net), or  
e-mail [info@bnaitikvah.net](mailto:info@bnaitikvah.net)

Tuition fee is applicable for some programs.