

“Turn it and turn it, for everything is in it.” Ben Bag Bag said this about Torah, referring not just to the five Books of Moses but to all of Jewish knowledge. Temple Beth Tikvah has a proud heritage of adult education, and we think that this year will continue and strengthen that heritage. We have programs for all tastes and learning styles. Some are courses with defined beginnings and endings, while others are ongoing study opportunities. Whichever one you prefer, please join us. Following congregational practice, the tuition for the adult education program is \$18 for TBT members, which entitles that member to participate in as many courses as s/he would like during the current synagogue year. The tuition per course for non-synagogue members is \$36. Please contact Sandy Walsh, our synagogue secretary, to enroll in classes. Tuition can be paid in advance or at the first class session. There may also be a book/material fee. Courses are listed by the day of the week.

Sunday

Men’s Spirituality Group (10:30 a.m.) 10/25, 11/22, 12/20, 1/10, 2/7, 3/21, 4/4, 5/9

Leaders: Rabbi Kogan and participants.

This is an informal opportunity for the men of TBT to meet and reflect on what Judaism can mean to men in America in the 21st century. This year, we shall begin by exploring the changing role of men in the synagogue. All adult men in our community are invited to attend. The spirituality group is preceded each month by a bagel brunch sponsored by the Men’s Club.

Learn to lead: A practical guide to leading services (10:30 a.m.)

Starting in the summer of 2010, members of TBT will have more opportunities to lead Shabbat services. Cantor Goldberg will teach this class, which will cover everything you need to learn to lead both spoken and musical prayers. No special knowledge of Hebrew, music or the prayers is necessary, just a willingness to learn to be a *shaliach tzibbur* – leader of prayer.

Four sessions: March 7, 14, 21, 28

Wednesday

We can call them “Learning Wednesdays,” because this has traditionally been a day for both children and adults to study here at TBT. This year will be no exception.

Weekly Study Group (9:30 a.m.)

Led by the participants.

All are welcome to share in this lively discussion group. Based on the readings which explore Jewish philosophy, ethics, and theology, the group members pick a book to read and share their thoughts and ideas.

Rabbi’s Mishnah Class (10:30 a.m.) Begins Oct. 7

Instructor: Rabbi Kogan

This class is beginning its 27th consecutive year of study. This year, the class will continue to explore the world of the Talmud through an exploration of the Mishnah. This rabbinic text reflects some of the earliest post-biblical writings, dating from the first century BCE. The text is in translation. No prior knowledge of Mishnah or Talmud is necessary.

Taste of Judaism (7:30-9:00 p.m.) 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/18

Instructor: Rabbi Kogan

One of the most important ways that we can assure the continuity of the Jewish people is by studying. That is why the first class that I would like to teach will be “Taste of Judaism”. This will be a series of four classes for beginners — Jewish or not — that explores the topics of Jewish spirituality, ethics and community values. This class is designed for those who would like to explore or re-explore the foundations of our tradition and are looking for an entry into Jewish life. *A Taste of Judaism* has achieved remarkable success with unaffiliated Jews, those who are not Jewish but who are interested in learning about Judaism, interfaith couples and their families and those considering conversion. The curriculum for is based on texts from Torah and Jewish tradition. We will explore in those sessions how Judaism understood the meaning of God, Torah and Israel. Come and learn with your friends.

Introduction to Judaism (7:30-9:00 p.m.)

3/3, 3/17, 3/24, 4/7, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/26

Instructor: Rabbi Kogan

After studying the basic concept in Judaism, we will explore the fundamental Jewish thoughts and practice. This class is for everyone who would like to know more about Judaism. Topics include Jewish holidays and life cycle events, theology and prayer, Israel, history and Hebrew. Bring your friends and let’s explore together our history and our traditions. We will explore in eight sessions important and relevant topics. Each class will be independent from the other.

The Jewish Experience on Film (7:30 p.m.) Jan. 20, 27 and Feb. 3

Instructor: Ken Gamerman

All are welcome to join Ken as he shares his insights and reflections on films that explore the Jewish experience in America, Israel, and the rest of the world, past, present, and (maybe) future. Please note that this offering will take place later in the year than is usual.

Saturday (Shabbat)

Weekly Torah Study (9:00 a.m.) Meets every week; there is no charge.

All are welcome to share in this weekly hour-long discussion on *parashat hashavuah* (the weekly Torah portion). Currently, the group is exploring the insights contained in the Conservative Movement Torah Commentary (*chumash*), *Etz Chaim*. The commentaries are in English. You do not need any previous knowledge of Torah study to participate in the weekly discussions.

Monthly on Various Days

Rosh Chodesh women's spirituality group (7:30 p.m.)

Starting in October, women are invited to join TBT's monthly Rosh Chodesh (New Moon) prayer group. Rosh Chodesh is a biblical holiday that sanctifies the appearance of the first sliver of moon each month, symbolizing renewal and the cycle of life. Since the Middle Ages, it has been set apart as a holiday particularly important to women, for a variety of historical and religious reasons. Almost neglected by women during the last century or so, Rosh Chodesh was revived as a spiritual focus for women during the feminist movement of the 1970s. Today, it offers a varied forum for prayer, study and discussion of issues of particular concern to women. There is no fee to participate.

Rosh Chodesh is a participatory experience in which all have the opportunity to lead. Please contact Cantor Goldberg by e-mail at: cantor@templebethtikvahct.org, or call her at the synagogue, 203-245-7028, ext, 18 for further information.

Rosh Chodesh dates, 5770

2009

Monday, Oct. 19 (Cheshvan)
Tuesday, November 17 (Kislev)
Thursday, December 17 (Tevet)

2010

Tuesday, January 19 (Shevat, actual date Jan. 16)
Tuesday, February 16 (Adar, actual date Feb. 15)
Sunday, March 14, 6 p.m. (Nisan – actual date March 16)
Wednesday, April 14 (Iyar)
Thursday, May 13 (Sivan, actual date May 14)
Sunday, June 13 (Tammuz)

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