

**“...and The Study of Torah**

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**Adult Education  
at  
Temple Beth Tikvah**

**September 2005 – June 2006**

### **Mondays**

**Cantillation: The Art of Torah Chanting (7:30 pm) Begins 11/7 - 6 sessions**

**Instructor: Cantor Dorothy Goldberg**

If you have ever wanted to learn the hows and whys of Torah chanting, this course is for you. Cantor Goldberg will explain the various trope marks, their meaning and how they are sung. A basic level of Hebrew reading knowledge is a prerequisite.

**Jewish Liturgical Music: The Beauty of Communal Prayer (7:30 pm)**

**Begins 3/20/06 – 6 sessions**

**Instructor: Cantor Dorothy Goldberg**

Cantor Goldberg will explore the different musical prayer settings for the Shabbat, the High Holy Days and the Shelosh Regalim (the holidays of Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot). No prior knowledge of Hebrew or music is necessary.

### **Wednesdays**

**Weekly Study Group (9:30 am) No tuition**

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

**Rabbi's Bible Class (10:30 am) Begins 9/7. Year-long course**

**Instructor: Rabbi Sommer**

The class, beginning its 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of studying the books of the Tanach (the Bible), is presently examining the Book of Chronicles. The reading is done in English translation. Each class member is welcome to bring his/her own Bible. No prior knowledge of bible studies is necessary.

## Wednesdays continued

### Basics in Judaism (7:30 pm) Begins 9/7. Year-long course

Instructor: Rabbi Sommer

This is a two-year study program which gives a good overview of Jewish history, holidays, life-cycle events, beliefs and Hebrew. The first year of the class will focus on Hebrew studies beginning with aleph-bet, phonics and foundational reading skill. The course will then progress into prayerbook reading and focus on the basic liturgy of the Shabbat services.

For those who are interested in Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah at the conclusion of the two-year program, a special ceremony of Bar/Bat Mitzvah will be planned. There will be a book fee of \$36 to cover the cost of Aleph Isn't Tough and Aleph Isn't Enough (An Introduction to Hebrew for Adults).

Our Adult Education offerings this year range from mini-semesters of three or four sessions to year-long study opportunities. Please note a special one-time session co-sponsored by TBT and the Department of Jewish Education of the Greater New Haven Jewish Federation. We also welcome Cantor Goldberg to our Adult Education staff. She will be offering a course this Fall and another course in the Spring. The tuition for the adult education program is \$54 for TBT members and entitles a member to participate in as many courses as he/she would like during the current academic year. The tuition per course for non-synagogue members is \$72. Please contact Sandy Walsh, our synagogue secretary, to enroll in classes. Tuition can either be paid in advance or at the first class session. There may also be a materials and/or book fee. Courses are listed by the day of the week.

## Sundays

### Days of Awe (9/11 – 11:00 am; 9/18 & 9/25 – 10:30 am)

Instructor: Rabbi Sommer

This mini-course will explore, through the use of Rabbinic midrashim and commentaries, the emotional aspects of the High Holidays. How does Judaism understand the importance of these days? What is our personal challenge as we prepare for these days and how will our preparations impact on the New Year ahead? Rabbi Sommer will use texts as a starting point for personal reflection and introspection. All the texts will be in translation. No prior knowledge of the sources is required.

### Legends of the Rabbis (10:30 am) Begins 10/9. Meets once a month.

Instructor: Rabbi Sommer

One of the great collections of Rabbinic parables and moral stories is entitled, "The Book of Legends" (Sefer Haggadah). While these stories were written many generations ago, they still offer wonderful insights into life's experiences. All are welcome to join this lively discussion. The class members examine a story trying to understand not only its classic meaning but also its relevance for us today. The text is in English and no prior knowledge of the sources is necessary.

### Men's Spirituality Group (10:30 am) Begins 10/23. Meets once a month.

Leader: Rabbi Sommer

This is an informal opportunity for the men of TBT to meet and reflect on moral and ethical concerns. Rabbi Sommer begins each session with an ethical passage that is used as a starting point for an open-ended discussion. All adult men in our synagogue community are invited to attend. The spirituality group is preceded each month by a bagel brunch sponsored by the Men's Club.

## Sundays continued

**Topics For Our Times** (7:30 pm) Begins 9/21. Meets once a month.

Discussion Leader: Rabbi Sommer

Want to hear what Judaism has to say about the challenging issues of our time? Want to share your thoughts and ideas with other members of our community? Then please join us for this lively monthly discussion. Rabbi Sommer provides the resource materials which can either be downloaded from a website (through the kindness of Steve Eppler-Epstein) or picked up at the synagogue office. Our topic for September 21 will be: "The withdrawal from Gaza, the Security Barrier and the changing political landscape of Israel." Topics for subsequent monthly sessions will be determined by the members of the group at our first meeting.

**The Jewish Experience On Film** (7:30 pm) Jan. 4, 11, 25 & Feb. 1, 2006

Instructor: Ken Gamerman

All are welcome to join Ken as he shares his insights and reflections on films which explore the Jewish experience in America, Israel and Europe, past and present.

Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust (1/4)

Nina's Tragedies (1/11)

The Substance of Fire (1/25)

Rosenstrasse (2/1)

## Thursdays

**"What Should We Feel When the High Holy Days Come?"**

(Program under the auspices of the Dept. of Jewish Education to be held at TBT on 9/15 at 7:00 pm.

There will be no charge for this program.

Panel Discussion: Rabbi Sommer will be joined by a Conservative Rabbi and an Orthodox Rabbi (to be arranged by Rabbi Joel Hoffman of the DJE).

## Saturdays

**Weekly Torah Study** (9:00 am) Meets each week. No tuition.

All are welcome to share in this weekly hour-long discussion on the Parshat Hashavuah (the weekly section of Torah). Presently, the study group is exploring the commentary of Nechama Lebowitz, a brilliant and insightful Israeli Bible teacher. The commentary is in English. You do not need any previous knowledge of Torah study to participate in the weekly discussions.

Registration for Adult Education 2005-2006

I/We are interested in taking the following adult education classes:

*(If you are registering for more than one person, please indicate by inserting initial of your first name on the line next to the class. This enables us to know whether one or both of you are taking a particular class.)*

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| _____ Jewish Liturgical Music  | _____ Weekly Torah Study                                   |
| _____ Weekly Study Group       | _____ What Should We Feel When<br>the High Holy Days Come? |

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuition:**

\$54 for a TBT member which entitles the individual to all adult education courses and programs during the current academic year.

\$72 for non-TBT members for each course

There may be an additional fee for course materials/books.

Please mail this registration form to: Temple Beth Tikvah  
ATTN: Adult Ed  
P.O. Box 1269  
Madison, CT 06443

Or drop it off at the synagogue office.