

Institute of Adult Jewish Studies

2010 Winter Semester
January 18—March 8

All classes will be held Monday nights at the
Charles Schusterman JCC, 2021 E. 71st Street

Co-sponsored by:

Congregation B'nai Emunah, Temple Israel, and the
Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center

*For Judaism to be
Judaism it has to
be part of our
everyday lives
and, through
learning, it
becomes so.*



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Studies is funded by the
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HOUR 1 • 7:15 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE VALUES OF THE TALMUD

Rabbi Marc Boone Fitzerman and Rabbi Charles P. Sherman, Instructors

While the Jewish Bible is the cornerstone of Judaism, the Talmud provides many central values for living. The Talmud sets out specific guidelines regarding many of life's ordinary events and offers profound words of advice for life's dilemmas. This course will utilize a new book by Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins – winner of the National Jewish Book Award – to explore the essence of Judaism through reflections on the words of the Rabbinic sages. We will explore rabbinic insights in relationships, family, and community as we all struggle with the enduring questions we face as human beings.

TEXT: *The Wisdom of Judaism*

**Rabbinic*

PORTRAITS IN LEADERSHIP: TIMELESS TALES FOR INSPIRED LIVING

Rabbi Yehudah Weg, Instructor

Trying times? Uncertain future? How do you muster the inner resources to move forward? Experience a breathtaking saga of resilience and renewal. When Roman dispersion threatened to bring Judaism to an end, six legendary leaders demonstrated uncompromising courage and character to preserve the timeless wisdom of Jewish culture for all generations. The strength of their personalities and the wisdom of their hearts are sure to calm your fears, infuse you with hope, and inspire you to unleash the power within. This will be a **double period class**.

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**Rabbinic*

Hour 1 continued...

MORE JEWISH CINEMA CHOLLENT

Eliyahu Krigel, Instructor

Join us for an opportunity to see and discuss classic Jewish cinema. This will be a **double period class** so we have an opportunity to watch, interpret, and discuss these Jewish films. Building on films explored last semester, this semester we will compare and contrast the new films with the modern reality of Jewish life. We will explicate the films just like Jewish texts are explored. Under this close focus, the films will serve as a way of expressing Jewish values and identity. The films we will investigate and discuss include: *The Jewish Americans*, *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, *The Chosen*, *Annie Hall*, *Blazing Saddles*, *School Ties*, *Europa Europa*, and *Biloxi Blues*. Films may change depending upon student interest.

TEXT: N/A

**Jewish Thought*

JEWISH AMERICAN POETRY

Professor Cheryl Pallant, Instructor

This class focuses on poetry by Jewish American writers such as Jacob Glatstein, Adrienne Rich, Gertrude Stein, and Charles Bernstein. Discussion will focus on Jewish identity and how these authors welcome or struggle with their heritage. Class will look at the impact of the Jewish Diaspora on Judaism and how these poets use words to celebrate or recover purpose and deepen their sense of belonging in the U.S.

TEXT: *Norton Anthology: Jewish American Literature* **Contemporary Jewish Literature*

ISRAELI DANCE

Aya Rikin, Instructor

Let's get together and enjoy (low impact) Israeli dancing to the tunes of timeless melodies. Aya Rikin is a native Israeli who loves teaching this class. She encourages both beginners and novices alike to come dance with her!

TEXT: N/A

**Experiential*

HEBREW DEPARTMENT

BEGINNING HEBREW: PART I

Alin Torianyik, Instructor

Designed for the beginning Hebrew student, this is the second part of a two-semester course. Classes will continue to cover decoding the alef-bet, basic vocabulary, and a look at Hebrew grammar. Students will continue using the text and CD, *Shalom U'vracha*. This book greatly enhances the student's ability to quickly grasp new material by providing reading practice and vocabulary exercises and games. The same books will be used from last semester.

TEXT: *Shalom U'vracha*

**Language*

HOUR 2 • 8:20 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM: PART II

Rabbi Marc Boone Fitzerman and Rabbi Charles P. Sherman, Instructors

A course designed to provide the tools needed to understand the literature, religion, and culture of the Jewish people. Discussion of the core issues of Jewish life – the nature of God, prayer and salvation, ritual patterning, and living a life of righteousness. The basic course runs a full year and is open both to those who are deepening their Jewish roots and those who may be interested in joining our community. Part I is offered in the fall of each year; Part II is offered during the winter semester. Both semesters are team taught by Rabbis Sherman and Fitzerman, and new students are welcome to join the course at any point.

TEXT: *Jewish Literacy and To Life!*

**Jewish Thought*

MODERN ISRAEL: SO WHAT IS NEW?

Itai Lavi, Instructor

Israel 2010. Behind the conflict, the politics and what we hear in the news, what's going on?

What are the new technology developments - Agriculture, Energy, High-tech...?

What's with the culture, the arts?

Who are the new "Olim" to Israel?

What's going on with the Kibbutzim in Israel?

For my last semester as your Shaliach, we will try to explore modern Israel and discuss issues that we don't normally read, see or talk about.

TEXT: N/A

**Israel*

The Institute of Adult Jewish Studies offers a variety of exciting
adult learning opportunities!

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Hour 2 continued...

GIANTS OF JEWISH AMERICAN MUSIC
Jon Glazer, Instructor

From the moment Jews assimilated into American society, they began making an indelible mark on the sounds of their new nation. Join musician/singer-songwriter Jon Glazer on a multimedia journey from the tunes of Tin Pan Alley to the songs of Broadway and film scores of Hollywood. From George Gershwin to Billy Joel and all of the richness in between, learn the history and theory behind the music of these talented, influential American Jews.

TEXT: N/A **Experiential*

HEBREW DEPARTMENT

INTERMEDIATE HEBREW I: PART II
Alin Torianyik, Instructor

In this second semester students will continue their study of Hebrew. This class is not open to new students except with the approval of the instructor. The same books will be used from last semester.

TEXT: *Israeli Hebrew for Speakers of English* **Language*

MINI-MESTER: First 4 Week Session Jan. 18 – Feb. 8

First Hour 7:15 p.m.

STORIES OF THE HOLOCAUST
Dr. Jacob Howland, Instructor

The Jewish author Primo Levi and the Polish author and journalist Tadeusz Borowski wrote a number of non-fiction narratives about their experiences during the Holocaust. We will read and discuss several of these stories, drawn from Levi's *The Periodic Table* and *Moments of Reprieve*, and from Borowski's *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*. These stories will serve as a basis for discussion about the fate of fundamental human values during the Holocaust, including friendship, dignity, loyalty, curiosity, honesty, and faith.

TEXT: N/A **History*

Second Hour 8:20 p.m.

AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY
Dr. Harvey Blumenthal, Instructor

The syllabus for this class is as follows:

Week 1 – A review of the American Jewish experience during our Civil War.
Week 2 – An examination of "Order #11," the worst anti-Semitic official act in the history of the United States.

Week 3 – The study of the Jewish response to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

Week 4 – Dr. Blumenthal will tell the very personal story of how the World War II combat death of his cousin, Sgt Albert Boxerman, affected his family.

TEXT: Handouts will be provided at each session. **History*

MINI-MESTER: Second 4 Week Session Feb. 15 – Mar. 8

First Hour 7:15 p.m.

CURRENT AFFAIRS IN THE JEWISH WORLD
Sam Oleinick, Instructor

The course will pursue readings and discussion of four topics: the Diaspora and support of the State of Israel; anti-Semitism at home and abroad; ethical and legal scandals; and Jewish demographics.

TEXT: N/A **Social Issues*

Second Hour 8:20 p.m.

EXTREME ENGINEERING: BIBLICAL TIMES
David Beroll, Instructor

How many ezbaot in a cubit? From what kind of wood was the Ark of the Covenant constructed? What color were the threads that made up the walls of the Tent of Meeting? How high was Noah's Ark? In this four-session class, we will examine the Biblical and Rabbinic texts and commentaries that describe some of the Bible's most extreme engineering and construction projects. We will begin with an introduction to the Biblical and Rabbinic weights and measures, and then dive into the texts to learn about the design and construction of the Ark of the Covenant, the Tent of Meeting, Noah's Ark, the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem and others as time permits.

TEXT: N/A **Bible*

Members of a co-sponsoring institution (Congregation B'nai Emunah, Temple Israel, Congregation Beth Torah, as well as the Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center) will NOT be charged a registration fee for the Institute of Adult Jewish Studies classes. Members will pay material fees and text book fees when applicable. Unaffiliated participants will pay a \$75.00 **per semester** registration fee, entitling them to attend one or two classes of their choice. Make checks payable to JFT (Jewish Federation of Tulsa). **Pre-registration by mail (2021 E. 71st St., Tulsa, 74136) is strongly encouraged.** Books will be available for purchase on Jan. 18. All applicable fees must accompany pre-registration. Phone registration by calling 495-1111 x3012 is acceptable if no monetary transaction is involved. **Registration for classes will begin at 5:45 p.m. at the Charles Schusterman JCC on Monday, January 18.**

***PLEASE NOTE: When Tulsa Public Schools are closed due to bad weather, Adult Institute will be closed.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail Address: _____

In case of emergency please contact: _____

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The Institute is studying its demographics and would appreciate it if you would provide the following information:

1. Age _____ 35 and under _____ 36 – 50 _____ 51 – 65 _____ over 65

2. With which congregation do you hold primary membership?

_____ Beth Torah Synagogue _____ Congregation B'nai Emunah _____ Temple Israel _____ Unaffiliated

3. Are you a member of the Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center? _____ Yes _____ No

4. Are you _____ Jewish _____ non-Jewish

Please enroll me in the following course(s). **CHECK YOUR CHOICES**

Hour 1 — 7:15 p.m.	Text	Fees/Costs*
_____ An Introduction to the Values of the Talmud	The Wisdom of Judaism	\$16.00
_____ Portraits in Leadership: Timeless Tales for Inspired Living	Jewish Learning Institute Fee	\$49.00**
_____ More Jewish Cinema Challenged (2 Hour Course)	N/A	\$5.00
_____ Israeli Dance	N/A	N/A

Hebrew Department

_____ Beginning Hebrew: Part II N/A N/A

Hour 2 — 8:20 p.m. **Text** **Fees/Costs***

_____ Introduction to Judaism: Part II	To Life!	\$16.00
	Jewish Literacy	\$36.00
_____ Modern Israel: So What is New?	N/A	N/A
_____ Giants of Jewish American Music	N/A	N/A

Hebrew Department

_____ Intermediate Hebrew I: Part II N/A N/A

NOTE: Hebrew classes will require homework.

MINI-MESTERS - Classes run for four weeks in two sessions.

First Session: Jan 18–Feb 8 - Second Session: Feb 15–Mar 8

First Session: Hour 1	Text	Fees/Costs*
_____ Stories of the Holocaust	N/A	N/A
First Session: Hour 2		
_____ American Jewish History	N/A	N/A
Second Session: Hour 1	Text	Fees/Costs*
_____ Current Affairs in the Jewish World	N/A	N/A
Second Session: Hour 2		
_____ Extreme Engineering: Biblical Times	N/A	N/A

BOOKS/MATERIALS/FEES **Note: Prices and fees subject to change*

UNAFFILIATED REGISTRATION FEE (IF APPLICABLE) **\$75.00**

Winter 2010 TOTAL _____

DATE _____ CHECK # _____ CREDIT CARD _____ CASH _____

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****Scholarships available.**

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