**COMMUNITY WIDE ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION**



**Goals of Adult Jewish Education**

Adult Jewish Education will…

1. Be open to all members of the community.
2. Be financially accessible.
3. Be accessible for adults with different learning needs.
4. Create welcoming, safe, and inclusive learning spaces.
5. Represent and celebrate our diverse Jewish community.
6. Encourage participants try out and experience classes in different settings.
7. Introduce and connect people to a variety of Jewish practices.
8. Give Jews the tools and skills to live Jewish lives.
9. Strengthen Jewish identity and Jewish community.
10. Celebrate & showcase Austin’s collection of quality and diverse Jewish Educators.

**Categories of Adult Jewish Education Classes**

1. Jewish Lifecycle
2. Jewish Belief & Practice
3. Judaism in the Home
4. Miscellaneous/Special Topics
5. Prayer & Spirituality
6. Text & Torah Study
7. Israel
8. Hebrew
9. Arts & Culture
10. Jewish History
11. Informal/Social Gatherings

# JEWISH LIFECYCLE

***Adult B’nei Mitzvah***

We are now recruiting for the next cohort of CAA Adult B'nai Mitzvah learners. Online classes will begin in October 2021 and students will be called to Torah in Spring 2023. To be added to the group or to ask any questions, contact [matthew.levitt@park.edu](mailto:matthew.levitt@park.edu)

**Led by Matthew Levitt | Congregation Agudas Achim| Sunday Mornings, weekly beginning October 3| 9:30AM| $360 for 18 months of study| Visit** [**theaustinsynagogue.org/adult-education**](https://theaustinsynagogue.org/adult-education/) **to learn more**

# JEWISH BELIEF & PRACTICE

***Building a Palace in Time: The Many Meanings of Shabbat***

Are you interested in learning more about the laws, customs, rituals and philosophy of Shabbat? Would you like to enhance your observance of Shabbat, and make it a central feature of your life? If so, please join Rabbi Dan for, “Building a Palace in Time: The Many Meanings of Shabbat.” In this class, we will not only explore how to keep Shabbat, but why we do so in the first place. Why is Shabbat so preciously unique to the Jewish people? Why did God make the observance of Shabbat so essential for a spiritual relationship with Him? How does Shabbat and its observance help us better understand ourselves as individuals and as a community? How do all of the laws and observances of Shabbat help us better understand and experience what spiritual freedom is really all about? “Building a Palace in Time: The Many Meanings of Shabbat” will operate like a book club. With each new unit, a different book will be assigned, and we will work through each book according to scheduled readings and thought prompts. Individual members are responsible for obtaining the assigned books, all of which can be easily found on Amazon.com. Our second book will be Peninei Halakha, by Rabbi Eliezer Melamed. In this book, we will delve into the laws of Shabbat, their purpose, and their eternal import on Jewish life and on the Jewish people, and how the gift of Shabbat shapes our lives. This class is free of charge. No prior background is required, and all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Led by Rabbi Dan Millner | Congregation Tiferet Israel | Sundays | 7PM | Email** [**bshapiro590@gmail.com**](mailto:bshapiro590@gmail.com) **to Register.**

***Holiday Learning & Meaning Making – Not Just for Kids***

Looking to enhance your personal connection with the spring holidays? Interested in what Purim really has to teach us about the ways we interact in the world? Want to be able too bring more music and discussion to your Seder this Passover? Can't remember what we celebrate after Passover but before Rosh Hashanah? Join us for a monthly opportunity to explore the upcoming Jewish holidays. All levels of experience are warmly welcomed.

**Led by Rabbi Neil Blumofe, Rabbi Gail Swedroe, Adra Lustig & Ben Saffer |**

**Congregation Agudas Achim | Sundays| February 27, March 27, April 10, May 15 | 9:40AM | Suggested Donation| Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-holiday-meaning-making.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-holiday-meaning-making.html)**.**

***Living a Jewish Life***

This introductory course is intended to convey information about the major facets of Judaism: holidays, lifecycle occasions, Israel, etc. Students in this class typically come from a variety of backgrounds such as born-Jews, Interfaith couples, folks who are interested in converting to Judaism and some are simply curious and would like to learn more about Judaism.

**Led by Rabbi Steve Folberg and Rabbi Kelly Levy | Congregation Beth Israel |**

**Tuesdays Starting Early October| 7PM | $100 Non-member/Semester|**

**Registration is required| Email** [**cleargyoffice@bethisrael.org**](mailto:cleargyoffice@bethisrael.org) **to Register**

***Living Judaism***

Join Rabbi Neil Blumofe for this dynamic class which will introduce or refresh many areas of Judaism and Jewish life, including history, holidays, lifecycle events, philosophy, theology and Israel. This class is for Jews and non-Jews. Class is held 3-4 times per month and will continue through May and is a course for anyone interested in learning more about Judaism — theological, practical, historical, liturgical, etc. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this class — those looking to choose Judaism, those who would like a refresher, interfaith, and all who are curious.

**Led by Rabbi Neil Blumofe | Congregation Agudas Achim |Wednesdays|**

**October 6 – May 4| 6:30PM | $180 ($240/Couple) + Cost of texts|**

**Visit** [**theaustinsynagogue.org/adult-education**](https://theaustinsynagogue.org/adult-education/) **to Register**

***Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning |Module 6: Preparing for Pesach: Jewish Teachings on Slavery and Freedom***

We will explore some of the Biblical and Rabbinic bases of the Passover story and seder, as we delve into the complex topics of slavery and freedom. Our course will culminate with a co-created model seder, providing fresh thoughts and ritual ideas to bring to your own seders.

**Led by Dana Baruch | Mondays |March 7, 14, 21, 28| 7PM**

**$72 per Module or $360 for All | Registration for this module opens February 7|**

**Visit** [**https://shalomaustin.org/adultjewishlearning/**](https://shalomaustin.org/adultjewishlearning/) **for more information.**

***Torah Trope***

Want to learn to Leyn (chant) from the Torah? Then this is the course for you! In addition to an overview of the Torah trope (cantillation) system, we will study the functions of the trope marks as punctuation and their role in accurate pronunciation, the ability to read Hebrew phonetically is helpful, but you do not need to be a fluent Hebrew speaker.

**Led by Risa Ferdman | Congregation Agudas Achim | Mondays|**

**February 7– April 25 (No class 3/14)  | 7:30PM | $54| Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-torah-trope.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-torah-trope.html)

Judaism in the Home

***Parenting Through a Jewish Lens***

What a time to be a parent! This 6 week cohort will give participants a renewed sense of community and opportunity to reflect on how to parent with intentionality. Give your self the gift of friendship, adult conversations, personal learning so that you can bring your best self forward when engaged in the sacred act of parenting. This curriculum, published by Hebrew College, will focus on how to prepare our children to be independent, confident people with a strong connection to their Jewish identity focusing on the following themes: Parenting for Resilience, Parenting for Responsibility, God Talk and Spirituality, Making Space for Self Expression, How Our Families Connect with Israel, Hopes and Dreams for Our Children Participants will engage with relevant and accessible Jewish texts, be empowered with parenting strategies and approaches derived from both Jewish and secular sources, participate in rich and important conversations sharing their own experiences and insights on parenting, connect with other parents and to enjoy the benefits of community. Participants are asked to commit to attending the entire 6 week series as each session builds upon itself and we are seeking to build intentional community.

**Led by Rabbi Gail Swedroe | Congregation Agudas Achim | Thursdays |February 3 – March 10| 12PM | $18 per parenting team (whether the team consist of 1 or more adults) | Registration** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-parenting-through-a-jewish-lens.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-parenting-through-a-jewish-lens.html) **or contact** [**shari.frank@caa-austin.org**](mailto:shari.frank@caa-austin.org) **|**

# Miscellaneous/Special Topics

***CAA: Climate Awareness & Action***

Are you ready to take your next step toward caring for our environment? Inspired by the schmitta year. CAA is leading a 4 part series, open to the entire community, focused on learning and action around climate change. In the words of Pirke Avot, "We do not need to complete the work, but neither are we free to desist from it." Each program will include a brief D'var Torah by David Reifler, followed by teaching from our guest speaker, and then conversation on concrete action steps. Each event stands alone; come to one or all!

March 6 – Climate Change

April 10 – Food Supply & Conservation

May 1 – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

June 3 – Capstone Program at Tikkun Leil Shavuot (Topic: TBD)

**Led by Guest Speakers, Check CAA Website as they are confirmed | Congregation Agudas Achim| Sundays |March 6, April 10, May 1, June 3| 7PM**

**Voluntary Donation | Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-climate.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-climate.html)

***Rabbinic Roots of Social Action***

This online class will explore rabbinic teachings about social justice issues like poverty, homelessness, criminal justice, medical care, and the environment. Each session will focus on a different issue. We will use the book There Shall be No Needy by Rabbi Jill Jacobs who pulls together basic and surprising texts from the Talmud and beyond.

**Led by Davida Charney | Congregation Agudas Achim| Thursdays |**

**February 10 – April 7 (No class 3/17)| 6:30PM| Voluntary Donation + Cost of book |**

**Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-social-action.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-social-action.html) **.**

***Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning at Lunch |All About Jews, According to Pew***

In 2013, the Pew Research Center published “A Portrait of Jewish Americans”, a landmark study that has framed the conversation around American Judaism for close to a decade. In 2021, the Pew Research Center published the second edition of this study, “Jewish Americans in 2020”, which will continue to shape the narrative of who we are and where we are going. What’s changed? What’s stayed the same? What does it mean for us? Join Alachua Nazarenko, Shalom Austin Education & Engagement Director, as we delve into these two studies and essential questions facing the Jewish future.

**Led by Alachua Nazarenko | Wednesdays |March 9, 16, 22, 30| 12PM**

**$72 per Module or $360 for All | Registration for this module opens February 7|**

**Visit** [**https://shalomaustin.org/adultjewishlearning/**](https://shalomaustin.org/adultjewishlearning/) **for more information.**

Prayer & Spirituality

***Mood & Mindfulness***

Do you feel distracted? Hurried? Preoccupied? This personal development workshop will teach mindfulness techniques that can help participants to be more present and aware in daily life. Mindfulness has the power to improve relationships, increase self-control, boost productivity and can lessen depression and anxiety. This workshop is currently meeting over Zoom and is currently planned to continue online through June 2022.

**Led by Emma Howitt, LPC-S, LCDC, JFS Clinical Director |**

**Congregation Shir Ami in partnership with JFS | Second Tuesday of the Month| 11AM | Call JFS at (512) 250-1043 or Email** [**Emma.howitt@shalomaustin.org**](mailto:Emma.howitt@shalomaustin.org) **to Register**

***Praying Between the Lines***

Often the words in the prayerbook can feel more like an obstacle to meaningful prayer than an aid to it. Each week, we will work to enliven both the texts and our prayers through study, conversation, and practice. Openness is required, but Hebrew knowledge is not.

**Led by Alex Friedman | Congregation Agudas Achim| Wednesdays |**

**February 9 – April 27 (No class 3/16,4/20)| 1PM**

**Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-between.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-between.html)

Text & Torah Study

***Beit Midrash***

Beit Midrash students will explore and study selections from Seder Moed (Talmudic material discussing Jewish Festivals) and will include both information as to how festivals were/are to be celebrated as well as interesting rabbinic stories and tangents. Students will gain an appreciation of the Talmudic system of questioning and a deeper understanding of traditional Jewish learning. We will continue to follow the general rhythm of Daf-Yomi (a world wide practice of studying one page of Talmud per day) by highlighting the "best" of that week's scheduled learning. We will be focusing on Masechet Megillah, referring to the upcoming holiday of Purim. No prior background necessary, texts studies primarily in English.

**Led by Dr. Harvey Raben | Congregation Agudas Achim |Sundays| January 9 – May 15 11AM | Voluntary Donation| Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-beit-midrash1.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-beit-midrash1.html)

***Mishne Torah k’Seder***

Come and join Rabbi Dan for an in-depth exploration of the Rambam's Mishne Torah. This class will go through the Rambam's classic work on halakha (Jewish law) in a way which both engages and transforms the reader on a spiritual and intellectual level. Why did the Rambam write the Mishne Torah? What was he trying to achieve? How does the Rambam's interpretation of Jewish law, theology, history and culture differ from his rabbinic contemporaries who also wrote comprehensive Jewish legal works? What were some of the great disputes this work sparked, and why? You don't want to miss out on this great opportunity to learn what the Mishne Torah is all about.

**Led by Rabbi Dan Millner | Congregation Tiferet Israel | Fridays| 8:15AM**

**No Registration Required| For questions, contact Rabbi Dan Millner at** [**djmillner@gmail.com**](mailto:djmillner@gmail.com)

***Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning | Module 8: Jewish Vies on the Messiah***

Who or what is the Messiah in Judaism? Is it a person, an idea, an era? How will the Messiah come? What will the Messiah do? How and why has this enigmatic yet central pillar of Jewish faith become the primary source of division between Judaism and other faiths? In this class, we will explore the personality, function and prophetic expectations of the Messiah in Jewish text, tradition and faith.

**Led by Rabbi Dan Millner | Mondays |May 2, 9, 16, 23| 7PM**

**$72 per Module or $360 for All | Registration for this module opens April 4|**

**Visit** [**https://shalomaustin.org/adultjewishlearning/**](https://shalomaustin.org/adultjewishlearning/) **for more information.**

***Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning | Module 7: 5782 – A Shmita Year***

Shmita is part of a seven year cycle, described in Torah, that calls for forgiveness of debts, land lying fallow, and time limits on indentured servitude. In this course we will look at biblical, rabbinic, and modern texts and consider how we might incorporate ideas of Shmita into our own lives.

**Led by Rabbi Ellie Steinman | Mondays |April 4, 11, 18, 25| 7PM**

**$72 per Module or $360 for All | Registration for this module opens March 7|**

**Visit** [**https://shalomaustin.org/adultjewishlearning/**](https://shalomaustin.org/adultjewishlearning/) **for more information.**

***Take Your Tanakh Series: The Book of Ezekiel***

The Book of Ezekiel is one of the most mysterious but essential books of the Tanakh. Who was Ezekiel? When was he prophesying? Were his prophecies meant for his time or the distant future? In this TYT series, we will take an in-depth look at the life, times and ageless message of the Prophet Ezekiel in a way which will make his contribution to Jewish text, history and destiny truly come to life! A priest stuck in exile, dreaming of the perfect Temple in a perfected homeland – a man pinning for spiritual life, but only experiencing physical privation – what is his message really all about? God asks Ezekiel to do many strange things – things even contrary to Jewish law! Were they literally true, or were they merely metaphorical? Come and join the CTI Tuesday evening Take Your Tanakh class, as together, we learn about the Prophet Ezekiel!

**Led by Rabbi Dan Millner | Congregation Tiferet Israel | Tuesdays | 7PM |**

**No Registration Required| For questions, contact Rabbi Dan Millner at** [**djmillner@gmail.com**](mailto:djmillner@gmail.com)

***Take Your Tanakh Series: The Books of Second Samuel***

Come and join the TYT community and learn about the life and times of King David! II Samuel explores how a young David establishes both his kingdom and his kingship. Despite great promise, potential and ability, David is nevertheless beset by external and internal enemies, fighting both physical and spiritual wars. Come and see how David struggles to unite a broken and battered kingdom, establish a capitol city and win the support of his people, while at the same time, striving to remain true to God’s Torah and lead a righteous life. No longer a ruddy youth playing the harp and running for his life - II Samuel takes us through the long journey of David’s maturation process, omitting nothing, all the while exploring larger questions of morality, repentance, power and politics. While we extol David as one of the greatest Jewish heroes and leaders of all time, this book will frame his life and story in its proper context, look under the surface, and examine the complex personality of King David!

**Led by Rabbi Dan Millner | Congregation Tiferet Israel | Wednesdays | 8:15AM**

**No Registration Required| For questions, contact Rabbi Dan Millner at** [**djmillner@gmail.com**](mailto:djmillner@gmail.com)

***Talmud on Tuesdays***

Join us every Tuesday afternoon at noon (Central) for a lively conversation exploring the riches of our Jewish textual tradition. All backgrounds welcome. Texts provided (online). Add your voice to our rabbinic discussion with joy and steady guidance.

**Led by Rabbi Neil Blumofe | Congregation Agudas Achim |Tuesdays| 12PM | Voluntary Donation| Visit** [**theaustinsynagogue.org/adult-education**](https://theaustinsynagogue.org/adult-education/) **to Register**

***The (Almost) Forgotten Man: Israel’s King Saul***

He founded no dynasty, established no enduring kingdom, and gave rise to no messianic expectations, but Israel's first anointed king, Saul of the tribe of Benjamin, continues to haunt Jewish memory as a figure both heroic and deeply flawed. Was he truly rejected by HaShem, or was he simply the victim of mental instability, bad luck, and bad press? We will look for answers in the biblical account (almost the whole of I Samuel, plus portions of II Samuel and Judges), and participants will therefore need access to a Tanakh in English translation. Although some modern studies will be summarized or cited, there should be no need to purchase additional texts.

**Led by Mark Long | Congregation Agudas Achim |Sundays| February 6 – May 1 | 9:30AM | Voluntary Donation| Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-saul.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-saul.html)

***Torah Study***

Together we explore the modern world through the common filter of our Jewish identity. We seek to equip our lifelong learners to face the complexity of their lives armed with Jewish knowledge, a greater appreciation of Judaism’s profound depths, and a greater understanding of how to lead an inspired life. Join lay leaders to explore and discuss the Torah verse by verse. See how each word and phrase can have meaning in your life.

**Led by David Cohen & Carole Wood | Congregation Shir Ami |Saturdays, Every other Month | 10:30AM | Visit** [**https://www.shir-ami.com/calendar**](https://www.shir-ami.com/calendar) **to Register.**

***WOD: Wisdom of the Day***

After CAA's Friday morning minyan (8:00-8:30 am), we dive into various commentaries on the weekly Torah portion as we start our day. All are welcome to get a quick dose of learning from our tradition.

**Led by Rabbi Neil Blumofe | Congregation Agudas Achim |Fridays|**

**8:30AM, Following Minyan | Voluntary Donation|**

**Visit** [**theaustinsynagogue.org/adult-education**](https://theaustinsynagogue.org/adult-education/) **to Register**

***Zoom Town Study Group***

Join us as we learn from Simi Peter's book; Learning to read Midrash. What is Midrash and how do we understand it as we interpret Biblical text? We will explore 2 genres of Midrash, the parable and the Midrashic story. This will give us a framework of interpretation as we encounter Biblical text.

**Led by Dr. Harvey Raben | Congregation Agudas Achim |Thursdays|**

**January 20, February 17, March 24, April 28, May 19**

**Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-zoomtown-study-group1.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-zoomtown-study-group1.html)

# ISRAEL

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# HEBREW

***Hebrew Book Club***

Join our new Hebrew book club. This book is for people with an interest in Hebrew, Israel, and fiction in general, to understand how Israelis think and feel in their everyday lives by reading their books. Anita was in a Hebrew book club in NY and wants to bring one to CAA. Their first meeting is scheduled for Feb. 17th, 2022 reading David Grossman's latest novel: Iti Hachayim Mesachek Harbei. If you are interested in this book club and have not read the book, you are still welcome. Your input and feedback will determine the direction and future of the group.

**Led by Anita Lavie | Congregation Agudas Achim |Thursdays|**

**Bimonthly February 17 | 12PM | Cost of book from App E-vrit|**

**Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-book-club.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-book-club.html)

***Hebrew Crash Course***

This class is for people with little or no background in reading or speaking Hebrew, who want to be able to read and follow the Hebrew in the prayer book. We use the nationally known class materials from the National Jewish Outreach Project (NJOP). By Passover, you will know the aleph-bet and will be reading passages from the prayer book. The course is designed to go on for 18 months, in sync with the adult b’nai mitzvah program. But everyone who wants to improve their Hebrew is welcome to join.

**Led by Davida Charney| Congregation Agudas Achim |Sundays| February 6 – May 1 ( No class 3/13, 3/20, 4/17) | 11AM | Voluntary Donation|**

**Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-hebrew-crash-course.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-hebrew-crash-course.html)

***Hebrew Through Torah***

If you have some basic knowledge of Hebrew, join us as we continue our informal, organic approach to its grammar and vocabulary. Using verses from the weekly Parshah and snippets of the siddur as study texts, we'll explore how words that look and sound very different are actually related. Expect the instructor to interject fun and surprising facts about language in general and about Hebrew's interconnections with Arabic, Yiddish, English, Spanish, and more.

**Led by Gail Tosto | Congregation Agudas Achim |Wednesdays & Saturdays|**

**Ongoing through May | 1PM |Voluntary Donation|**

**Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-hebrew-through-torah1.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-hebrew-through-torah1.html)

***Modern Hebrew | Level Bet | Early Intermediate***

\*New students welcomed upon conversation with instructor to confirm level. Class will continue to expand Hebrew literacy and conversation skills in a fun, dynamic way. Contemporary media as well as Israeli culture and slang will also be incorporated into the learning experience. Each class session will be followed by a custom newsletter summarizing the material covered, with links to resources, and suggested practice tasks.

**Led by Sharon De Koning Kessel | Congregation Agudas Achim |Mondays| February 21 – May 2 (No class 3/14, 4/18) | 10AM |$144 + Cost of Textbook |**

**Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-modern-hebrew---bet1.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-modern-hebrew---bet1.html)

***Modern Hebrew | Level Dalet | Advanced/Emerging Fluency***

\*New students welcomed upon conversation with instructor to confirm level. Students will continue to expand fluency through conversation. Each class will focus on a different topic and will be focused primarily on conversing in Hebrew around specific topics. Contemporary media, as well as Israeli poetry and literature, will be integrated. Each class session will be followed by a custom newsletter summarizing the material covered, with links to resources, and suggested practice tasks.

**Led by Sharon De Koning Kessel | Congregation Agudas Achim |Mondays| February 21 – May 2 (No class 3/14, 4/18) | 6PM |$96 + Cost of Textbook |**

**Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-modern-hebrew---dalet1.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-modern-hebrew---dalet1.html)

***Modern Hebrew | Level Gimel | Advanced Intermediate***

\*New students welcomed upon conversation with instructor to confirm level. Students will continue to deepen Hebrew fluency through expanding skills in reading, writing, and conversation. Contemporary Israeli poetry, literature, and media will also be incorporated into the learning experience. Each class session will be followed by a custom newsletter summarizing the material covered, with links to resources, and suggested practice tasks.

**Led by Sharon De Koning Kessel | Congregation Agudas Achim |Wednesdays|**

**February 23 – May 4 (No class 3/16, 4/20) | 6:30PM |$144 + Cost of Textbook |**

**Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-modern-hebrew---gimel1.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-modern-hebrew---gimel1.html)

# ARTS & CULTURE

# ***Cooking in Community: Exploring Jewish Food & Culture***

The Cooking in Community series is a collaboration between Congregation Agudas Achim, Temple Beth Shalom, and Congregation Beth Israel. Each session brings an established chef, culinary scholar, or cookbook author to guide us in an exploration of Jewish food and culture, including a live cooking experience right from our own kitchens.

**Coordinated by Carly Johnson (TBS), Jennifer Rubin (CAA), & Brooke Hersh-Thompson (CAA)| 1st Tuesdays, meets Quarterly | May 37PM| $18 suggested donation |**

**Visit** [**bethshalom.org/event/cooking-in-community-exploring-jewish-food-and-culture**](https://www.bethshalomaustin.org/event/cooking-in-community-exploring-jewish-food-and-culture.html) **to Register**

***Modern Hebrew Poetry***

The how, what, and why of reading Hebrew Poetry, from Biblical to modern times, revealed by practice with different forms, modes, and methods. This course will be conducted in English, with many readings in Hebrew and English facing-page translation and transliteration. Materials for the course and syllabus will be posted by the instructor on a specialty class newsletter.

**Led by Sharon De Koning Kessel| Congregation Agudas Achim|**

**Sundays| February 20 – May 1 (No class 3/13, 3/20, 4/17) | 4PM| $54**

**Register online** [**https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-modern-hebrew---poetry.html**](https://congregationagudasachim.shulcloud.com/form/spring-5782-adult-ed-modern-hebrew---poetry.html)

***Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning |Module 5: In the Tower of (Jewish) Song***

What is the soundtrack of our life? How do songs create a culture? We will listen to and learn about the power of song to lift our spirit, offer dissent, sustain memories, and knit people together. We will explore various movements and moments in Yiddish, Hebrew, and English where music became the primary vehicle and vernacular of expression.

**Led by Rabbi Neil F. Blumofe | Mondays |February 7, 14, 21, 28| 7PM**

**$72 per Module or $360 for All | Registration for this module opens January 10|**

**Visit** [**https://shalomaustin.org/adultjewishlearning/**](https://shalomaustin.org/adultjewishlearning/) **for more information.**

# JEWISH HISTORY

# INFORMAL/SOCIAL GATHERINGS

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