

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'nai Mitzvah Class

Class is ongoing. We look forward to celebrating our students being called to Torah on February 20, 2021 (8th of Adar, 5781).

Interested in becoming B'nai Mitzvah? Our next adult cohort will begin in the Fall of 5782.

Email adulthood@caa-austin.org for more information.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program

Maybe you grew up Jewish but didn't have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah as a teen, or maybe you had one but want to renew your commitment to the Jewish faith. Maybe you converted to Judaism several years ago and feel like taking the next step in navigating your Jewish identity. Whatever the reason, we hope that you join fellow Temple Beth Shalom members in this exciting and meaningful opportunity! Program begins January 10, 2021.

Orientation + Q&A Session | Tuesday | December 12 | 7PM | Join Rabbi Freedman and Director of B'nai Mitzvah Studies, Kelly Finkel, and Lifelong Learning Co-Chair Mark Salmanson, to learn more about the goals and expectations of this program. Contact Kelly.finkel@bethshalomaustin.org to RSVP for this orientation.

JEWISH BELIEF & PRACTICE

Ask the Rabbis

Join us for a lively conversation about what's in your heart and on your mind. Each meetup stands alone – anyone is welcome to attend at any time. No prior registration needed.

Led by Rabbi Neil Blumofe and Rabbi Gail Swedroe
Mondays | 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM
October 19 – December 14 | Will Continue into Spring

Living a Jewish Life: Bonding & Belonging

New Course! Designed as a follow-up to “Living Judaism,” this year-long course explores questions around living a Jewish life inside our homes and outside in our community. We will explore traditions and ways of thinking about obligations of tzedakah and Jewish Peoplehood while we look at the diversity of Jewish life around the world. Finally, we will delve deeply into how to “exercise the Jewish soul,” through learning, personal prayer and our relationship with the earth and all life. Hough the class builds on lessons from Living Judaism, all are welcome to deepen their knowledge of Jewish culture, tradition and wisdom throughout the ages, as well as to join with a community of people who love to learn and discuss.

**Instructor Cathy Schechter | Tuesdays | 7:30 – 8:30 PM |
October 20 – December 15 | January 19 – April 6
\$150 (\$200/couple) + cost of texts**

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, non-Jewish students, and adults simply curious about Judaism.

**Instructors Rabbi Folberg and Rabbi Levy |
Tuesdays | 7 – 9 PM | \$100 Non-member/Semester**

Living Judaism: A Guide to Jewish Awareness and Practice

Join Rabbi 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 anyone who wishes to learn more about Judaism, including those who are Jewish and those who are not.

**Instructor Rabbi Blumofe |
Wednesdays | 6:30 - 8 PM | October 14 – May 12 |
\$150 (\$200/couple) + cost of texts
For information or to register, contact Jane Weiss at 512-
735-8404 or jane.weiss@caa-austin.org**

JUDAISM IN THE HOME

Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning | The Shabbat Table: Friday Night Rituals Explained

In this class, we will learn some of the most time-honored Shabbat traditions and rituals. Where do they come from? Why do we do them? What do they mean? By exploring the answers to these questions, and more, we will be able to connect more fully and appreciate more deeply the blessing of Shabbat at our own Friday night tables. Zoom link will be sent to you the Friday before this module begins.

**Led by Rabbi Dan Millner | Mondays | 7 PM – 9 PM |
May 3, 2021 – May 24, 2021 | \$72**

MISCELLANEOUS/SPECIAL TOPICS

Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning | Antisemitism, Racism, and Our Collective Responsibility to Both

Explore antisemitism, how it has evolved, and how it is both similar to and different from than the systemic racism that exists in this country. Encourage each other in our personal journeys of understanding the legacy and societal cost of racism. Finally, we will explore different philosophies on roles, responsibilities and tactics in creating a just world. We will be using a combination of articles, videos, books, and websites as source materials. Zoom link will be sent to you the Friday before this module begins.

**Led by Renee Lafair | Mondays |
7 PM – 9 PM | November 2 – November 30 | \$72**

Project Zug Classes | How Do We Increase Peace in the World? Learning with Sephardi Sages

How Do We Increase Peace in the World? This course looks to our sages to answer this important question. Sephardic Jewish textual wisdom speaks to the complex interactions between Jews and non-Jews today in Israel and around the world. Together we will explore Jewish views on racism and intolerance through the perspective of Sephardic sages whose teachings you may never have encountered before. These rich and often overlooked traditions of Jews of Spain and Muslim countries offer a perspective on Jewish identity that is moderate, inclusive, and does not force its values on others. This course will address the proper treatment of other nations, rights of minorities, neighborly relationships, and respect for human beings. Draw on this wisdom, and your personal encounter with racism and intolerance, to discuss larger themes of social-ethical values and humanity. This class is for everyone and will lead to wonderful open discussions. All are welcome.

**Led by Simon Wellner | Tuesdays |
7 PM | 10 Sessions beginning January 19
Free to Members | \$18 for Non-Members
<https://www.bethshalomaustin.org/project-zug>**

Project Zug Classes | How to Question Authority

Is there a right way to question authority? Should I speak out on every issue or choose my battles? What role should shame and humiliation play? When can I leverage power-dynamics, and when should I just keep quiet? In this 10-session course we will explore Jewish stories where our ancestors pushed back on the authority of their government and society, of their own Jewish leadership, and even of G-d. This class is for everyone and will lead to wonderful open discussions. All are welcome.

**Led by Anita Lavie | Wednesdays |
7 PM | 10 Sessions beginning January 20
Free to Members | \$18 for Non-Members
<https://www.bethshalomaustin.org/project-zug>**

Project Zug Classes | The Wisdom of Shabbat: A Modern Perspective

Shabbat has been a defining feature of Jewish culture for thousands of years, a central part of Jewish identity, a constant rhythm for Jewish life. In this course, we explore the philosophical underpinnings of Shabbat, the various themes and messages that make it so meaningful, and its place in the modern world using ancient sources against 19th and 20th century thinkers, extending their frameworks into the 21st century. We will focus on such philosophical questions as: What is Shabbat about? What is its place in today's society? How does it correct or supplement modern ideological systems? How can this idea of Shabbat fit into a modern secular and/or Israeli, Jewish culture? This class is for everyone and will lead to wonderful open discussions. All are welcome.

**Led by Jacqueline Fox | Four Zoom Sessions on Tuesdays |
7 PM | Free to Members | \$18 for Non-Members
<https://www.bethshalomaustin.org/project-zug>**

Project Zug Classes | The Prayerbook: New Interpretive Methods

The Jewish prayerbook is comprised of many prayers composed over the years, ancient words that have been said by Jews across generations and communities. What do these prayers actually mean, and how can we relate to these words in a deeper way? This course invites participants to look anew at the prayerbook, to investigate the Shabbat and weekday prayers, with an eye toward personal meaning. The course is intended not only for those with a prayer practice, but also for those interested in examining this rich literature from a personal perspective. During the course, we will a) investigate primary sources (Biblical and rabbinic) that serve as background and inspiration for various prayers, b) form an interpretive methodology to read traditional Jewish prayers, and c) invest ancient prayers with more personal meaning. We will ask such questions as: Are traditional prayer formulas able to express our own values/ideas of prayer? What do we do when we "disagree" with the prayer's content? How can we interpret the siddur in a grounded and traditional yet creative manner?

**Led by Leonard Schwartz | Thursdays |
7 PM | 10 Sessions Beginning January 21
Free to Members | \$18 for Non-Members
<https://www.bethshalomaustin.org/project-zug>**

Seudah Shlishit

We will join together for connection and community, conversations led by various affinity groups and members of our congregation, and an opportunity to make Havdalah together.

Saturdays | 4:30 PM - 6 PM
Once a month beginning November 7

Zoom Town Study Group

Meets Monthly. Come and join a thriving monthly discussion with the group previously known as the "Downtown Study Group." Participants dive into a variety of topics including Sources of the Bible, Biblical Midrash, and lives of the Chasidic Masters.

Sometimes our traditional texts can be difficult. This fall we will be discussing a series of Talmud Tales from the book, *A Bride for One Night*, by Ruth Calderon (JPS).

This will be a literary exploration of human relationships and intimacy in the Talmud. We will have an open opportunity to reflect and challenge the words of the text and beyond.

Instructor Dr. Harvey Raben | Thursdays | 12 PM - 1 PM |
October - May | Suggested Donation

PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

Digital Mood & Mindfulness with Jewish Family Service

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.

Second Tuesday of the month | 11 AM |
For more information and to register, contact Emma Howitt
(512) 250-1043 or emma.howitt@shalomaustin.org

Kabbalah 2.0

A follow up to the previous Kabbalah courses offered by Rabbi Folberg. Will begin in the spring semester.

Mindful Movement

Begin your week with Shalom through a meditative, body-mind awareness practice that lowers stress and increases energy. We will explore the following questions: How can I move in a way that feels easier? What can allow me to experience the flow of life in a more positive way? What movement cues evoke body-positive feelings? Through this practice, we can learn to recall and re-experience such movements in our body, so they become familiar and foster greater peace.

**Instructor Bobbie Nehman | Mondays |
9 AM – 10 AM | October 19 – December 14 | \$36**

Mussar with Rabbi Kerry Baker

In a society or body politic or economic system that seems broken, where can we find the tools we need to fix the world? A branch of Jewish thought called “Mussar” can help us address those issues.

**Fridays | 12 PM
Register at bethisrael.org/adult-education**

The Art of Davening

**Led by Rabbi Bam | 7:30 PM
Fourth Tuesday of the Month**

TEXT & TORAH STUDY

Aseret, The Big Ten

**Led by Scott Berman and Shereen Ben-Moshe | Second
Thursday of the Month | 7:30PM**

Beit Midrash

Perhaps it's time to explore the wide and deep tradition of Jewish learning. Our sages have provided us with paths to deeper understanding of the Jewish tradition. Each Sunday morning, we wade into texts from Mishnah, Tanakh, and Talmud. Sometimes deep and probing, other times light and humorous, this class explores our current thinking as it relates to ancient texts. An openness to explore Jewish tradition is the only requirement. All levels of learning are welcomed. Each class stands alone, so anyone can join at any time!

**Instructor Dr. Harvey Raben and class guides |
Sundays | 11 AM – 12:30 PM | October 18 – December 13 |
Suggested Donation | Will continue into Spring**

Friday Morning Learning

Following Shacharit minyan, please join us in studying selections from the Kitzur Shulchan Aruch. No prior registration needed, visit our Service Streaming page and click button to join "Morning Minyan."

**Facilitator Rabbi Neil Blumofe
| Fridays | 8:40 AM – 9:10 AM |**

Mishne Torah k'Seder Friday Morning

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.

**Fridays | 8:15 AM |
Attend online with video and audio or join through phone
call alone. Visit tiferetaustin.org for more information on
how to join these exciting classes**

Parsha Reading in Hebrew

In this class we will study brief passages from weekly Torah portions (parashot) in the original language and from that derive an improved knowledge and understanding of Biblical Hebrew. No prior study of Hebrew grammar is needed; however, participants should be familiar with the Hebrew alphabet and able to read aloud from a printed Chumasha, aka Pentateuch or Torah. The latter, in whatever published edition you own or can purchase, is the only required text.

**Instructor Mark Long | Sundays | 9:30 AM - 11 AM | October
18 - December 13 | Suggested Donation**

Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning | MORE Subversive Sisters: Getting to Know MORE of the Women of Tanakh (Hebrew Bible)

50 years ago, almost all teachings about the women found in the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) came to us through the lenses of men--rabbis, teachers and scholars. It wasn't until about 50 years ago that this began to shift. In 1972 the first female rabbi was ordained in the U.S., and around this same time, Jewish academic feminism was beginning to come into its own. Over the past several decades, our remarkable Biblical female characters have begun to speak to us in perhaps new and more rounded ways. This course utilizes texts from the Tanakh, along with commentary exclusively written by women, in an effort to learn new messages--powerful, remarkable and sometimes subversive ones--from the Women in Tanakh. Together, we will explore and discover, perhaps for the very first time, who these ancient women were and what they have to teach us in 2021! Zoom link will be sent to you the Friday before this module begins.

**Led by Dana Baruch | Mondays | 7 PM - 9 PM |
February 1, 2021 - February 22, 2021 | \$72**

Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning | Real-Life Ethics: Real Cases with Ethical Dilemmas solved by Talmudic Debates

Apply real, informed, precise Talmudic reasoning to solve real-life modern dilemmas - cases and situations that actually happened yet seem impossible to solve. Lesson 1 | Accidental Good: When breaking a window to steal a laptop saves a dog's life, do we punish the thief? Plus 2 similar cases. Lesson 2 | Taking the Law into Your Own Hands: Can you stop a thief from stealing your lawn furniture or should you wait for a court case? Plus 2 similar cases. Lesson 3 | Finders Keepers: Who gets a pearl found in a seafood restaurant? Does it make a difference if it's on the diner's plate or on the ground near her feet? Plus 2 similar cases. Lesson 4 | The Trolley Problem (Only with a Tesla): In a life vs. life situation, who should the car save? The driver or the pedestrian? Are there factors (age, health, wealth) in the mix? Please note that January 19 Zoom link will be sent to you the Friday before this module begins.

**Led by Rabbi Mendy Levertov | Mondays | 7 PM – 9 PM |
January 4, 2021 – January 25, 2021 | \$72**

Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning | Wonder of Wonders, Miracle of Miracles

What is a miracle? To you? To the Torah? Does the meaning of miracles change through the Hebrew Bible and into Rabbinic Literature? This non-rational side of Jewish faith pushes our boundaries and expectations of the world and our lives as human beings. How do these stories challenge our rational attachments to Judaism? How do these stories challenge our rational attachments to science and secular, academic thought? Alternatively, what do these stories have to offer the spiritual seekers in our midst? Join Rabbi Rebecca Reice as we investigate these questions and many more, while we study miracles in the Hebrew Bible and early Rabbinic Literature together. Zoom link will be sent to you the Friday before this module begins.

**Led by Rabbi Rebecca Reice | Mondays | 7 PM – 9 PM |
April 5, 2021 – April 26, 2021 | \$72**

Shabbat Limud

Beginning at 8:30am, we begin Shabbat morning with a lively Torah study, verse by verse, with Rashi commentary and lots of discussion. If you want to dive into a dynamic and meaningful conversation about Torah with a group of engaged learners, this experience is for you! All are welcome. No prior registration needed, visit our Service Streaming page and click button to join "Shabbat Limud".

**Facilitator Rabbi Neil Blumofe |
Saturday | 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM |**

Take Your Tanakh Tuesday Night

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 Take Your Tanakh 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 texts, history and destiny truly come to life! A priest stuck in exile, dreaming of the perfect Temple in a perfect 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!

**Tuesdays | 7 PM |
Attend online with video and audio or join through phone
call alone. Visit tiferetaustin.org for more information on
how to join these exciting classes**

Take your Tanakh Wednesdays Morning

In this class, we will examine the life, times and trials of the Prophet Samuel, the last Judge of Israel. The story of Samuel is the story of Jewish leadership, its kings, wars and promises. I Samuel introduces us to a large swath of Jewish history – it plunges us into the depths of the drama between Saul and David, and causes us to questions of military ethics, family loyalty, religious boundaries, and Divine providence. The Prophet Samuel may be most well-known for anointing David, but his legacy and story are essential for every Jew to learn, because with I Samuel, the story of the Jewish people's redemption begins!

**Wednesdays | 8:15 AM |
Attend online with video and audio or join through phone
call alone. Visit tiferetaustin.org for more information on
how to join these exciting classes**

Talmud on Tuesdays

We will study from the tractate, Baba Metzia (a discussion of possession, ownership, and what constitutes evidence) – all backgrounds are welcome! Though classes build upon one another, each can stand alone. So anyone is welcome to attend at any time. No prior registration needed.

**Led by Rabbi Neil Blumofe | Tuesdays | 12 PM – 1PM |
October 20 – December 15 | Will continue into Spring**

Talmud with Tzahi

**Led by Hazzan Yitzhak Ben-Moshe | Second Tuesdays of the
Month | 7:30 PM |**

Torah Study

Every Saturday morning at 9am via Zoom. Free for members and non-members.

**Saturday Mornings | 9 AM |
Contact Marissa Wright at
marissa.wright@bethshalomaustin.org.**

Torah Study

Our highly interactive and illuminating Torah Study is still interactive! Our Zoom connection allows you to participate from the comfort of your own home.

**Led by Rabbi Folberg and Rabbi Levy |
Saturdays | 9:15 AM**

Torah Study with Rabbi Kerry Baker

**Thursdays | 12:15 PM
Register at bethisrael.org/adult-education**

Torah Study

Torah Study is led by David Cohen and Carole Wood. Details for each meeting appear in the Voice email newsletter, and an email will be sent closer to the date with an invitation to join the online meeting.

**Second Saturdays in August, October, December, February,
April & June | 10:30 AM
To be added to or removed from our Torah Study invitation
list, please email administrator@shir-ami.com**

Torah Trop/Trope

New Course! It's a journey of Jewish jingle – unlocking the ancient code of melodies that accompany many of our most sacred texts. In this course, students will gain an understanding of the meaning and history of trop, as well as the ability to chant Torah using this ancient musical system. Prepare for an enthusiastic, encouraging and supportive environment utilizing multi-sensory cues, musical notes and lots of mnemonic. Mastery of basic Hebrew decoding skills highly recommended.

**Instructor Risa Ferdman | Sundays | 4 PM – 5 PM | October
18 – December 13 | \$36 + cost of textbook**

ISRAEL

IAC Chanukah Event

December 1, 2020

IAC Eitanim Teen Program

IAC Eitanim brings together the next generation's Jewish-American and Israeli-American middle and high school students for an immersive, innovative, project-based learning experience which strengthens participants' Jewish identity, builds their connection to Israel and ignites their "Israeliness".

November 22, 2020 | Register
<https://www.israeliamerican.org/eitanim>

IAC National Gala

Introducing Dare to Dream, the Israeli American Council's first global gala. Join us for a spectacular night of entertainment, coast-to-coast connection, gratitude and generosity as we integrate our virtual and physical worlds in support of the Israeli and Jewish-American Community. Enjoy this exciting interactive experience and let us treat you to the best night in yet, all with Israel at heart. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind experience!

November 15, 2020 | 6:15 PM

IAC Shishi Israeli Drive-Thru for Thanksgiving

Come and celebrate Thanksgiving with us at the Drive-Thru event in the park!

November 20, 2020 | 4:30 PM
Register at <https://cutt.ly/AgDCox9>

Jewish National Fund Breakfast for Israel (Virtual)

Join us for an engaging, impactful, and informative virtual Breakfast for Israel! Gather together as a community in celebration of the land and people of Israel, and learn how you can double your impact on Giving Tuesday.

**December 1, 2020 | 7 AM | GUEST SPEAKER Phil Rosenthal
American Television Writer and Producer**

Visit jnf.org/breakfastforisrael to choose a location to register.
Login information will be sent to you a few days before the event.

J Street National Conference

J Street's 2021 National Conference, taking place virtually from February 20-22, will be a major, landmark gathering for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans, for the American Jewish community and for pro-diplomacy progressives across the country. Coming in the wake of an election of vital historical importance, at what we hope will be the dawn of a brighter new era for our country, the conference will help send a clear message about the principles and policies that American leaders should embrace to revitalize the pursuit of peace and justice in the Middle East, and to promote democracy and equality at home. The entirely virtual format will enable us to bring together more attendees than ever before.

The J Street Conference will bring together prominent political leaders, policymakers, activists and experts who are the forefront of promoting Israel-Palestinian peace, opposing the dangers and injustices of occupation and shaping the future of American diplomacy. It will feature fascinating discussions and strategy sessions, helpful skills trainings and innovative opportunities to network and connect with like-minded members of our movement from across the country, and with the voices who are battling to drive change on the ground in Israel and the Palestinian Territory.

**February 20, 2021 – 22, 2021 | Register at
jstreet.org/conference**

Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning | Engaging Israel: Foundations for a New Relationship

Utilizing the resources of the Shalom Hartman Institute iEngage curriculum, we will cover over four sessions the response to growing feelings of disenchantment and disinterest toward Israel among an ever-increasing number of Jews worldwide by creating a new narrative regarding the significance of Israel for Jewish life. Through source sheets and video recordings, we will hear from the incredible Shalom Hartman Institute faculty including Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman, Dr. Tal Becker, Yossi Klein-Halevi, Rabbi Dr. Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi, Professor Gil Troy and others. We will also have an opportunity to engage with residents living in the Western Galilee through our partnership with the region. Class dates are October 5, 12, 19, 26 Zoom link will be sent to you the Friday before this module begins.

**Led by Rabbi Daniel Septimus | Mondays |
7 PM – 9 PM | October 5 – October 26 | \$72**

Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning | The Root of the Arab-Israeli Conflict: Between World Wars

Much of what shapes the current conflict between Israelis and Palestinians can be traced to the time period between World Wars I and II. This Zoom seminar will explore not only the basic parameters of the conflict but also how little the arguments on both sides have changed. We will also examine how ghosts of the British Mandate still affect events and the ongoing clash between maximalists and those who seek accommodation on both sides. Zoom link will be sent to you the Friday before this module begins.

**Led by Rabbi Alan Freedman | Mondays | 7 PM – 9 PM |
March 1, 2021 – March 22, 2021 | \$72**

Virtual Taste of Israel

New course! “Zoom” to Israel on a rich journey exploring ancient sites, stories, archeology, holidays, and different aspects of Israeli life and culture. Class will be taught in English, however, you will likely learn important Israeli phrases and slang! The experience will culminate in a virtual tour of Israel through the Jewish National Fund to take place 4 – 5PM for one week, November 30 – December 4.

POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2021

Women for Israel Program (Virtual)

Celebrate the power of women with Jewish National Fund at our Annual Women for Israel Event. While we're unable to meet in person this year, we're excited to share the spirit of Israel with you online. Don't miss out on an incredible interactive experience with celebrity chef, TV producer, and seven-time best-selling author Jamie Geller! This is a national event open to women all across the country. Please make your annual gift of \$360 or more to the JNF Women for Israel Campaign to attend this program.

November 8, 2020 | 10AM

HEBREW

Beginner's Hebrew

Welcome to the Hebrew alef-bet (alphabet)! This class is for adult learners who have never taken a Hebrew class before OR need a Hebrew refresher from the very beginning. Students need to acquire: [Learn Hebrew Today: Alef-Bet for Adults](#) on their own to participate in the class.

**Instructor Sarah Avner | Tuesdays | 6 PM – 6:45 PM
October 20 – December 15 | \$75 Non-member fee | Register
at bethisrael.org/adult-education**

Hebrew Crash Course – Year 2 – Reading Siddur

In Year One, students learned the aleph-bet and gained skill at reading words and phrases. This year's materials draw from the Shabbat and Festival prayer books. Students will strengthen their ability to read prayers, gain more vocabulary, and begin learning Hebrew grammar. New students are welcomed (need not have taken Year One); however, some facility with basic Hebrew reading is a prerequisite.

**Instructors Davida Charney & Cynthia Winer |
Sundays | 11 AM – 12:30 PM |
October 18 – December 13 | Suggested Donation**

Hebrew Through Torah

Are you able to sound out Hebrew words but wish you knew what you were saying? Join us for an informal, organic introduction to the Hebrew language using verses from the weekly Parsha and snippets of the siddur as study texts. We'll explore how words that look and sound very different are actually related. We'll build upon the knowledge of Hebrew you already have, whether you know it or not! 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!

**Instructor Gail Tosto | Wednesdays |
12 PM – 1 PM | October 7 – December 16 |
Suggested Donation | Will continue into Spring |**

Introduction to Hebrew

**Sundays | Beginning November 8
<https://www.bethshalomaustin.org/learning/adults>**

Level 1 Hebrew

Pre-requisite: Beginner Hebrew. This class is for adult learners who have taken a beginner Hebrew class previously and, after a couple of lessons of review, will be ready to work towards improved reading fluency. Students need to acquire: [Hineni 1: The New Hebrew Through Prayer](#) on their own to participate in the class.

**Instructor Sarah Avner | Wednesdays | 6 PM – 6:45 PM
October 21 – December 16 | \$75 Non-member fee |
Register at bethisrael.org/adult-education**

Modern Hebrew – Level Bet – Early Intermediate

Class will build Hebrew literacy through expanding vocabulary, conjugation, and conversation skills. 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. Maximum number of participants for class: 8

**Instructor Sharon DeKoning Kessel | Wednesdays |
| 5 PM – 6 PM | October 14 – December 16 |
\$96 + Costs of texts |**

Modern Hebrew – Level Dalet – Advanced/Emerging Fluency

Students will focus on expanding fluency through conversation. Each class will be focused primarily on conversing in Hebrew around specific topics. Contemporary media, as well as Israeli poetry and literature, may be integrated. Each class session will be followed by a custom newsletter summarizing the material covered, with links to resources, and suggested practice tasks. Maximum number of participants per class: 8

**Instructor Sharon DeKoning Kessel | Thursdays |
10 AM – 11 AM | October 15 – December 17 | \$96 |**

Modern Hebrew – Level Gimel – Advanced Intermediate

Students will deepen Hebrew fluency by expanding Hebrew vocabulary and facility with reading, writing, and conversation. Contemporary Israeli 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.

**Instructor Sharon DeKoning Kessel |
Wednesdays | 7 PM – 8 PM | October 14 – December 16 |
\$96 + Costs of texts**

ARTS & CULTURE

Beit Café

New Course! Call all writers and creative spirits! This new experience will bring together veteran and emerging writers and poets using their talents to explore Jewish themes. The group will meet every other week to discuss and share their work in a safe and supportive space. At the end of the semester, the class will transform to an open mic event where participants are warmly invited to share their work with the community.

**Guides/Hosts Zoe Miller & Stacey Glazer | Sundays |
7 PM – 8:30 PM | October 18 – December 13 |
Suggested Donation | Will Continue into Spring
Open Mic Night December 13**

Book Club

**Last Tuesday afternoon and last Wednesday evening of
each month | Email shalom@bethshalomaustin.org for
current information.**

CAA Book Club/SEFER Club

Meets Monthly. Join award – winning author and CAA family member, Douglas A. Burton, for a monthly discussion of both fiction and non-fiction books. Upcoming books will be listed below as they are determined. Email jennifer.rubin@caa-austin.org with book suggestions.

**Led by Douglas A. Burton | Thursdays |
7 PM – 8:30 PM | | October 15 – May 27 |
November Book *How to be an Antiracist*
by Ibram X. Kendi**

Happy Bookers Book Club

Happy Bookers Zooms again! Watch for an email with details about how to join on Zoom. You can also join the discussion on the Happy Bookers Facebook page that will be posted after the meeting. Every upcoming book is listed in our website calendar here: <https://shir-ami.net/events/>

Fourth Saturday of the month | 10:30 AM |
For more information, visit our [Facebook group](#). To be added to or removed from our Book Club Zoom invitation list, please email congregation@shir-ami.com

Shalom Austin Adult Jewish Learning | DIASPORA – Jews and Jewish Communities Around the World

Join Rabbi Neil Blumofe to discuss and celebrate the music, culture and cuisine of Jews communities around the world. Communities that we will enter:

Vilna (Lithuania/Poland)

Sana'a (Yemen)

Aleppo (Syria)

Gerona (Spain)

Brooklyn (USA)

Vienna (Austria-Hungary)

Tripoli (Libya)

Shanghai (China).

Zoom link will be sent to you the Friday before this module begins.

Led by Rabbi Neil Blumofe | Mondays |
7 PM – 9 PM | December 7 – December 28 | \$72

From Kosher to Knishes: Jews and Food Through the Years

This course will delve into the history, culture, and ethics surrounding Judaism and food. We'll explore the background of our favorite foods, eating for nourishment versus eating for pleasure, and discover the role Judaism plays in what goes on our plates.

Instructor Rabbi Kelly Levy | Wednesdays | 12 PM
October 21 – December 16 | \$75 Non-member fee |
Register at bethisrael.org/adult-education

Recipes and Reminiscing: A Community Food & Cooking Series

Please join us to schmooze, share Chanukah recipes and traditions, and learn how to make sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts).

Together we will make the yeast dough at the start of class. While your dough is rising, you will watch the demo on how to roll/cut/let the dough rise again, and finally fry, delicious sufganiyot. (You will fry your own later)

We will schmooze and share recipes in-between the 2nd rise and frying.

All are welcome! If you just wish to watch/schmooze only, that is fine as well!

More information

<https://www.bethshalomaustin.org/recipes-class>

Virtual Taste of Israel

New course! "Zoom" to Israel on a rich journey exploring ancient sites, stories, archeology, holidays, and different aspects of Israeli life and culture. Class will be taught in English; however, you will likely learn important Israeli phrases and slang! The experience will culminate in a virtual tour of Israel through the Jewish National Fund to take place 4 – 5PM for one week, November 30 – December 4. Maximum number of participants per class: 8.

POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2021

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