

# Beth El Synagogue



## Adult Education Brochure 2008-2009

*Scholar-In-Residence 2009*

*Adult Education Classes and Programs*

*Werner Lecture Series Programs*

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## INTRODUCTION

Shammai would say, “Make the study of Torah a set priority...” – Pirkei Avot 1:15

The Adult Education Committee is proud to present the 2008-2009 Adult Education Brochure. Inside you will find a wide array of courses ranging from traditional classes and lectures to our Scholar - In-Residence weekend with Dr. Anne Lapidus Lerner of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

If you can't partake of Beth El's magnificent learning opportunities, we have listed some Jewish learning websites below:

- ★ <http://www.aish.com> – *AISH Jewish Literacy* – this site is a thorough teaching and learning tool on a wide array of topics ranging from the weekly Torah portion to current events. This site makes great use of video and audio.
- ★ <http://www.torah.org> – *Torah.org* - similar to Aish.com in breadth and depth of topics.
- ★ <http://www.njop.org/index.html> – *National Jewish Outreach Program* – excellent basic instruction on Hebrew reading, the holidays and other Jewish fundamentals.
- ★ <http://uscj.org/index1.html> – *United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism* – The USCJ website has a variety of online resource material and hyperlinks to other resources to help congregants find information about Conservative Judaism.
- ★ <http://myjewishlearning.com> – *MyJewishlearning.com* - It provided multiple layers of learning on just about every imaginable topic of Judaica. It includes short exams to determine your level of background and then suggests the appropriate level of entry for your further study and exploration. For each topic area the site offers fundamental overviews, followed by increasingly sophisticated treatments of the relevant issues. The pluralistic coverage provides a tremendous base for thoughtful individual or group cross-generational study. Multimedia clips include stories, shofar blowing, Chanukah rituals and more.
- ★ <http://learn.jtsa.edu/index.shtml> – *Learn at JTS* - This is the *Jewish Theological Seminary's* distance learning website. The Holidays section is a wonderful resource for family holiday experience sharing. In

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September

- 7 The Devil Made Me Do It
- 8 Torah and Tea
- 8 Midrash Rabbah
- 14 High Holiday Workshop
- 14 WLF Lecture
- 15 Torah and Tea
- 17 Taste of Meah
- 22 Torah and Tea
- 22 Midrash Rabbah
- 27 Luncheon and Discussion

### October

- 6 Torah and Tea
- 11 Lunch and Learn
- 11 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jazz Night
- 12 Shabbat: The Highlight
- 19 Jewish Book Group
- 26 Death and Mourning
- 26 WLF Lecture
- 27 Torah and Tea
- 27 Midrash Rabbah

### November

- 3 Torah and Tea
- 3 Hebrew Crash Course
- 3 Chant Haftarah and Torah
- 9 Frontline Israel
- 9 Cooking Class
- 10 Torah and Tea
- 10 Hebrew Crash Course
- 10 Chant Haftarah and Torah
- 16 Jewish Book Group
- 16 WLF Movie
- 17 Torah and Tea
- 17 Hebrew Crash Course

- 17 Chant Haftarah and Torah
- 22 Lunch and Learn
- 24 Torah and Tea
- 24 Hebrew Crash Course
- 24 Chant Haftarah and Torah

### December

- 1 Torah and Tea
- 1 Hebrew Crash Course
- 1 Chant Haftarah and Torah
- 8 Torah and Tea
- 8 Hebrew Crash Course
- 8 Chant Haftarah and Torah
- 14 A Romp through Time
- 14 Cooking Class
- 15 Torah and Tea
- 15 Midrash Rabbah
- 21 A Romp through Time
- 22 Torah and Tea
- 22 Midrash Rabbah

### January

- 5 Torah and Tea
- 10 Luncheon and Discussion
- 11 A Romp through Time
- 12 Torah and Tea
- 12 Midrash Rabbah
- 25 Jewish Book Group
- 25 WLF Movie
- 26 Torah and Tea
- 26 Midrash Rabbah
- 30 Scholar-In-Residence
- 31 Scholar-In-Residence

### February

- 1 Scholar-In-Residence
- 2 Basic Rituals
- 8 Jewish Book Group
- 8 Three Textual Oddities

### March

- 15 Pesach Workshop
- 15 Jewish Book Group
- 22 Minor Prophets
- 23 How To Read The Weekly Torah Portion
- 29 Minor Prophets

### April

- 1 Advanced
- 5 Minor Prophets
- 19 Jewish Book Group
- 19 Minor Prophets
- 26 Minor Prophets

### May

- 5 Cooking Class
- 10 Jewish Book Group
- 12 Cooking Class
- 26 Cooking Class

particular go to the various *Holiday Together* offerings. For each holiday there's a 10 to 30 page downloadable resource. It includes coloring pages for the youngest children and age appropriate activities to enrich holiday celebration/observance for the whole family.

- ★ [http://www.uscj.org/Jewish\\_Living\\_Learn5019.html](http://www.uscj.org/Jewish_Living_Learn5019.html) – United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Living and Learning page which contains links to many Jewish educational resources.
- ★ <http://www.bradartson.com> – The website of Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, Dean of the Ziegler School of the American Jewish University. Subscribe to Rabbi Artson's weekly Torah commentaries.
- ★ <http://www.shamash.org> – *The Shamash, the Jewish Network*- Divrei Torah and other Jewish learning resources.
- ★ <http://www.shemayisrael.com/mishna> – Mishna Yomi (Daily Mishnah study) audio files

## CLASSES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

### You Pick It

Learn with the Rabbi or Cantor through an informal setting for you and 10 friends at your home. Supply the snacks and the Rabbi or Cantor will teach the topic of your choice; choose it or they'll bring it. To sign up for a great learning opportunity (time slots are limited) please contact the Adult Education Chair through the synagogue office at 609-443-4454 to set up a class.

### MEAH

It's Your Jewish Journey – Me'ah is Hebrew College's innovative adult Jewish learning experience. Through 100 hours of in-depth text study over two years, Me'ah deepens your knowledge, understanding of and connection to Jewish history and the Jewish people.

The Greater Princeton Area Me'ah Collaborative is a joint project of the Board of Rabbis of Princeton Mercer Bucks and the United Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks.

Intensive Study with Leading Jewish Scholars

The Me'ah conversation is guided by university-level faculty who enrich your study of four central periods in Jewish history: Biblical, Rabbinic, Medieval and Modern.

Shared Learning in Your Community

Join a class at a local congregation or JCC and study with new friends who share your quest to learn more about Judaism.

Wednesday evenings – Beth El Synagogue in East Windsor beginning in late October.

Taste of Meah (Introductory, one night mini-course)

Wednesday September 17th 7:00 PM

Reserve your space:

contact Shonnie Lebovitz, Assistant Regional Director  
856-701-8609, slebovitz@hebrewcollege.edu

## **TORAH, TALMUD AND OTHER TEXTS**

### **Shabbat Study Group**

Meeting each Saturday after services, this lay led eclectic group is the synagogue's longest running adult education course for a reason. Our text of choice is only the basis for the flowing debates and discussions covering all topics. This year, by almost unanimous demand, the course text will switch from Talmud (Mishnah plus commentary) to Mishnah only. Mishnah is the Oral law of our people. Its study will allow easier shifts in topic areas at the expense of the study of a single topic in greater depth that occurred over the last few years. New members will be more easily assimilated into the debates since new topics will arise repeatedly.

Regardless of topic, a full dairy buffet lunch is provided prior to class. All are welcome. No prior study is required and no fee is charged, though donations are accepted.

Saturdays after services

The schedule for the weekend:

Rereading Creation: Is Gender Hierarchy Part of the Divine Plan?

Session to be held after Shabbat dinner

Friday, January 30

The Fruit Uneaten: Fresh Approaches to the Knowledge of Good and Bad.

This session will be held during a Lunch and Learn following Shabbat morning services.

Saturday, January 31

From Expulsion to Celebration: Eve in the Real World.

Professor Lerner will wrap up the Shabbaton at a study session between the Mincha and Ma'ariv services. Mincha will be held at 4:00 PM.

Saturday, January 31

Grappling with Jewish Tradition in the Post-Modern World

Professor Lerner will present this additional lecture as well as a book signing for her new book, Eternally Eve: Images of Eve in the Hebrew Bible, Midrash and Modern.

Sunday, February 1 after morning minyan at 10:00 AM.

All programs will be held at Beth El Synagogue. Friday night will require pre-registration and dinner payment of \$18 per adult and \$10 per child. The Shabbat lunch and afternoon sessions are free of charge but RSVPs are requested.

For more information, please the synagogue office at 443-4454

Dr. Lerner served as codirector of the Gender and Text conference held at JTS in 1990 and is among the editors of the volume *Gender and Text: Feminist Approaches to Modern Hebrew and Yiddish Literature*, published by JTS and distributed by Harvard University Press. She has also published several scholarly articles on the Hebrew poet Esther Raab. In fall 2000, her article "Yehuda Amichai: An Appreciation" appeared in *Conservative Judaism*. Dr. Lerner serves on the editorial boards of *Women's League Outlook*, *Hadassah*, *Judaism*, *Nashim*, and *Lilith*.

Dr. Lerner is a popular lecturer and scholar-in-residence in a variety of Jewish contexts. During the 2001–2002 academic year, Dr. Lerner served as visiting lecturer and research associate for Harvard University Divinity School's Women's Studies in Religion program. At Harvard, Dr. Lerner taught a graduate-level seminar on the varying images of Eve. At its 2002 convention, Women's League for Conservative Judaism honored Dr. Lerner as a "Woman of Distinction."

Dr. Lerner earned bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Harvard University. She received a bachelor's degree in Jewish Education and a master's degree in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew College in Boston.

Dr. Lerner's voluntary commitments include frequent service as a cantor at her synagogue and lay leadership positions, including four years as vice president for education at Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County. Dr. Lerner's husband, Rabbi Stephen C. Lerner, is the founder and director of the Center for Conversion to Judaism and rabbi of Congregation Kanfei Shahar in Teaneck, New Jersey. Their son, Rabbi David Lerner, is rabbi of Temple Emunah in Lexington, Massachusetts. Their daughter, Rahel Lerner, is an editor at Harry N. Abrams, Inc. in New York.

## **Torah and Tea with Rabbi Kornsgold**

Come and enjoy a lively discussion of the Torah portion over dessert, coffee and tea.

Mondays 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM\*  
September 8, 15 and 22  
October 6 and 27  
November 3, 10, 17 and 24  
December 1, 8 15 and 22  
January 5, 12 and 26

\*Dates beginning in March will be announced at the end of 2008.

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE; PLEASE CALL THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE FOR CONFIRMATION.

## **How To Read The Weekly Torah Portion**

What are we looking at when we open our Bible to the Torah portion of the week? How do we make sense of what we are reading? Rabbi James Diamond, former head of the Center for Jewish Life at Princeton University, will explore these questions and offer specific tips on how to make reading Torah more meaningful

Sunday, March 23 7:30 PM

## **Three Textual Oddities in the Torah and the Stories They Tell**

If you read the Torah carefully you will see occasional strange markings in the text: dots over certain letters and words, and various letters written larger or smaller than the others. Rabbi Diamond will unravel the mystery behind these oddities and show how they hold much meaning for us.

Sunday, February 8 11: AM

## **Midrash Rabbah: Filling in the Gaps of the Torah**

The Torah is written in a concise way and there are many gaps within and between the stories. It is the Midrash that attempts to fill in the gaps. The word Midrash means to investigate and provide a

homiletic interpretation of the Torah. In this class, we will begin our study by looking at the stories of Abraham and Sarah. We will read the words of the Torah, ask what questions arise in the story and then look to see how the Midrash fills in the details. Taught by Rabbi Kornsgold.

Mondays 8:30 PM to 10:00 PM\*  
September 8 and 22  
October 27  
December 15 and 22  
January 12 and 26

\*Dates beginning in March will be announced at the end of 2008.  
DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE; PLEASE CALL THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE FOR CONFIRMATION.

### Shabbat Study Group Lunch and Learn

This program series enters its 11<sup>th</sup> year. It is funded by a restricted donated budget line and offers study sessions in honor or in memory of loved ones. A full buffet luncheon for the entire congregation precedes the study or lecture. The following are the topics and dates of the Shabbat Study Group Lunch and Learn.

#### THE MYSTERIES OF THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

Who are these people? Why is everything always blamed on them? Why don't they just go away? How do they come up with these things? What is a Responsa anyway?

In this session the Rabbi will utilize the Responsa on "Driving on Shabbat" to examine how Halachah (Jewish Law) is established in the Conservative Movement and then applied on the synagogue and our synagogue's level. The Ritual Committee's implementation of this Responsa to the topics of Greenwood House Shabbat service leaders and buses to Shabbat simcha parties is reviewed.

Materials may be obtained at the synagogue office 2 weeks prior to the date. Sign up is preferred so we know how much food to order.

Saturday, October 11

## 2009 SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

### DR. ANNE LAPIDUS LERNER



We are pleased to announce that Professor Anne Lapidus Lerner will be our 2009 Scholar-In-Residence. Professor Lerner will be with us on the weekend of Friday, January 30th.

Dr. Anne Lapidus Lerner is director and founder of the Jewish Women's Studies Program, director of the Jewish Feminist Research Group, and assistant professor of Jewish Literature at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Dr. Lerner teaches courses in Hebrew and American Jewish poetry, modern

Jewish literature, and the portrayal of women in Jewish literature, and leads a seminar on the Jewish life-cycle for rabbinical students.

A member of the JTS faculty since 1969, Dr. Lerner has served as associate dean of The Graduate School, dean of List College, and vice chancellor at The Jewish Theological Seminary. The first woman to hold the post of vice chancellor at JTS, Dr. Lerner was one of the highest-ranking women in American Jewish institutional life. As vice chancellor, she focused on bringing Jewish knowledge to the lay community through adult education.

Dr. Lerner's most recent book, *Eternally Eve: Images of Eve in the Hebrew Bible, Midrash, and Modern Jewish Poetry*, was published in September 2007 by Brandeis University Press. Among Dr. Lerner's publications is *Who Has Not Made Me a Man: The Movement for Equal Rights for Women in American Judaism*, which has become a classic study of the interaction between the second wave of American feminism and Judaism. Her book *Passing the Love of Women: A Study of Gide's "Saiil" and Its Biblical Roots* examines the way in which the French writer André Gide drew inspiration from the Saul stories in I Samuel.

## MOVIES

### The Band's Visit

The setting of **The Band's Visit** is a charmless Israeli desert town realistically assessed by a local café operator as offering "no Arab culture, no Israeli culture, no culture at all." When the Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra flies from Egypt to Israel to perform at the opening of an Arab culture center, they are left stranded at the airport. As the band settles in as best it can, each of the members attempts to get along with the natives in their own way. What follows is a special night of quiet happenings and confessions as the band makes its own impact on the town and the town on them.

Sunday, November 16            7:00 PM

### The Wooden Synagogues of Eastern Europe –

Narrated by Theodore Bikel

For hundreds of years, the Jewish people of Eastern Europe built houses of worship out of wood in rural communities. Before World War II, more than a thousand wooden synagogues dotted the shtetes of Eastern Europe. This film allows us to see the marvelous architecture that exists in some of the remaining wooden synagogues. Although admission is free, a donation would be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, January 25            7:00 PM

- ★ Although admission to all of the films is free, donations are greatly appreciated.
- ★ Refreshments will be served after the films.

## FILM LIBRARY

For information about borrowing films for the Werner Lecture Fund's Film Library, please refer to the Synagogue Website: [www.bethel.net](http://www.bethel.net)

## JOB'S WIFE AND OTHER SILENCES

Dr. Alicia Suskin Ostriker will speak on this intriguing topic. What would Mrs. Job have said and more importantly why is she silent?

Dr. Alicia Ostriker is a major American poet and critic. Twice nominated for a National Book Award, she is author of eleven volumes of poetry, most recently *No Heaven* (2005). As a critic Ostriker is the author of two path breaking volumes on women's poetry, *Writing Like a Woman* and *Stealing the Language: The Emergence of Women's Poetry in America*. Her most recent critical book is *Dancing at the Devil's Party: Essays on Poetry, Politics and the Erotic*. She has also published three books on the Bible, *Feminist Revision and the Bible*, the controversial *The Nakedness of the Fathers; Biblical Visions and Revisions*, a combination of prose and poetry that re-imagines the Bible from the perspective of a contemporary Jewish woman, and most recently, *For the Love of God: the Bible as an Open Book*.

Ostriker has received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Society of America, the San Francisco State Poetry Center, the Judah Magnes Museum, the New Jersey Arts Council, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Guggenheim Foundation. She lives in Princeton, NJ with her husband. Ostriker is Professor Emerita of Rutgers University and is a faculty member of the New England College Low-Residency Poetry MFA Program. Ostriker has taught in the Princeton University Creative Writing Program and in Toni Morrison's Atelier Program. She has taught midrash writing workshops in the USA, Israel, England and Australia.

Saturday, November 22

## TO BE ANNOUNCED

Saturday June 20

## Examining The Minor Prophets

Who are The Minor Prophets? What is a Minor Prophet? What can we learn from The Minor Prophets? In this class we will investigate the twelve men who are known as The Minor Prophets by studying their books in the Bible. Taught by Rabbi Kornsgold.

Sundays 9:45 AM – 11:15 AM  
March 22 and 29  
April 5, 19 and 26

### **The Devil Made Me Do It**

How many of us remember this famous line coined by Flip Wilson? But, what is the devil? Do we believe in the devil? Where does Satan fit into all this? In this thought provoking lecture, Rabbi Gedalyah Jeremias will outline the Jewish concept of the devil through Torah, Talmud, story and laughter.

Sunday, September 7 9:45 AM

## **JEWISH LIFE & FAMILY**

### **Frontline Israel**

We will discuss the hot topics and issues that are taking place in Israel at the time of the class. Taught by Rabbi Kornsgold.

Sunday, November 9 9:45 AM – 11:00 AM

### **Death and Mourning in the Jewish Tradition**

What is the Jewish attitude towards death? How does a Jew mourn? We will answer these questions as well as review laws and customs of Jewish mourning. Taught by Rabbi Kornsgold.

Sunday, October 26 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM

### **Shabbat: The Highlight of the Week**

In this class we will discuss ways to enhance your Shabbat experience both at home and in the synagogue. Taught by Rabbi Kornsgold.

Sunday, October 12 9:45 AM – 11:15 AM

## **LECTURES**

### The BRCA Gene for Cancer and the Jewish Families

Preview of film excerpts of “In The Family,” which will be seen on PBS P.O.V. on October 1. This is a dramatic presentation of a sensitive topic. There will be a discussion with Marty Fein, a genetic cancer counselor at Cancer Treatment Centers of America and Caryn Rosenberg, a breast cancer survivor. Q & A to follow. RSVP. Admission is free and refreshments served.

Sunday, September 14 7:00 PM

### Researching Our Recent Roots

Join Stephen Cohen and members of Beth El’s Genealogy Club as they guide you, inform you and inspire you to research your recent roots and to create your own family tree. Admission is free

Sunday, October 26 7:00 PM

## A TRIO OF COOKING CLASSES:

Tuesdays 7:00 pm  
Music, wine and wonderful food (\$10.00 a class or \$25.00 for all three classes).

### Gourmet Spreads from Around the World:

Emily and Stephen Taylor.

Back for their third year for Beth El's culinary classes, you will be offered a presentation of breads and spreads that will not only make your taste buds water, but will enhance any party in which you use these great recipes.

May 5

### Cooking with Wines:

Susan Katz and Linda Gelfand

The dynamic duo is back preparing another evening to remember. Enhance your dinner with a little wine, good spices and wonderful recipes. It's simple, tasty, enjoyable and a fun to prepare and to savor.

May 12

### Middle Eastern–Asian Chicken:

Esther Schlesinger and Naomi Lager

This is Esther's third time sharing her wonderful flavors that have enhanced her kitchen, Beth El's and yours. Naomi is her assistant who brings charm and culinary talent as we learn how to enhance simple chicken dishes with herbs, fruit and other surprises.

May 26

## Basic Rituals and How To

Learn the proper way to bow and bend during the Alenu and Amidah. Is there a certain way to wash your hands before reciting the blessing over the bread...there sure is! And so much more. Join the class to show you how. Taught by Cantor Brandspiegel.

Monday, February 2 8:30 PM

## Genealogy Club

Genealogy has recently been identified as the third most popular hobby in the United States, but for many years, Jewish people have considered the possibility of doing a genealogy on their own families out of the question. Many Jews have often felt that all of the records in Europe were either destroyed in the Holocaust, or were locked up behind the Iron Curtain. Names were changed when families reached America, and it would be impossible to trace back to one's European roots. Many of our ancestors have passed on, or lost contact with their relatives. Also, there is the feeling that one would have to actually travel back to Europe to trace through the European records, and for many the thought of doing that is not an option. The Genealogy club will meet on the last Sunday of every month unless there is a conflict with a holiday. For further information, contact Lew Meixler at lmeixler@pppl.gov or through the synagogue office at 609-443-4454

## Jewish Book Group

If you like to read, hope to see you at the Jewish book group, starting in October. Any questions, please call Roberta Chopp at 750-0571 or rchopp@comcast.net. Hope to see you there.

(For more in-depth descriptions of the books, please check out www.bethel.net , see the flyers on the table by the synagogue office or visit amazon.com)

Sundays 9:45 AM – 11:45 AM

The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million by Daniel Mendelsohn

The author follows the trail of 6 family members who perished in the Holocaust. 4 stars on Amazon

October 19

People of the Book: A Novel by Geraldine Brooks

A rare book dealer uses clues to follow the history of one of the oldest Haggadot. “A complex love story, thrilling mystery, vivid history lesson, and celebration of the enduring power of ideas,” quotes Amazon.

November 16

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Narrated by Death, it tells the story of a young book thief during the Holocaust. Amazon calls it an “extraordinary narrative.”

January 25

Farewell, Shanghai by Angel Wagenstein

The lives of European émigrés and refugees in WWII Shanghai -- a story not often told.

February 8

The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story by Diane Ackerman

The remarkable WWII story of a zookeeper and his wife who sheltered 300 Jews and Polish resisters in their villa, animal cages and sheds.

March 15

Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky

Two best-selling gripping novellas written by a Holocaust victim.

April 19

Job: The Story of a Simple Man by Joseph Roth

According to Amazon, one of the best retellings of the Job story. About the Russian Jew Mendel and his family.

May 10

answer period will follow. An Israeli luncheon will be prepared by the Werner Lecture Committee for Synagogue members. RSVP

Saturday, September 27 after services

Tikkum Olam and You

Presented by the Werner Lecture Fund and the Social Action Committee. A panel discussion of community volunteers and the wonderful work they do. To give is to receive. Luncheon will be prepared by the Werner Lecture committee and is open to the members of the Synagogue. RSVP

Saturday, January 10 after services

Topic: TBA

Saturday, May 2 after services

**INDIVIDUAL COOKING CLASSES:**

**Bubbe’s Blintzes:** Chef Marshall Alter

Once again, Marshall Alter’s charm and culinary talents will allow those taking the class to have a hands-on experience and learn of Bubbe’s secret recipes. Once you have taken a class with Marshall you will come back for more. Class fee is \$10.

Sunday, November 9 10:00 AM

**Brunch and Mimosas:** Chef Dom Gennello

A master in the kitchen, Dom will share his take on making a brunch an event to remember. There will be class participation in the preparation and then as always Dom has us truly enjoy the final products. Class fee is \$10.

Sunday, December 14 10:00 AM

## WERNER LECTURE FUND

### EVENTS AND COURSES FOR 2008-2009

This year the Werner Lecture Fund will be globe trotting with Jews from around the world. Share your heritage, stories, photos, etc.

We will be starting with Jews and breast cancer, in a lecture entitled The BRCA Gene and Jewish Families, going to Israel through the experiences of Beth El travelers at a luncheon and discussion - Israel at 60, to viewing films about Eastern Europe, Greece, Hungary, Israel and so on.

We will also be sponsoring our second annual Jazz night, as well as cooking classes and a study of Jewish Genealogy right here in the USA. Come join us on our journey.

If an RSVP is needed for a particular event, please call the synagogue office at 609-443-4454 or e-mail at admin@bethel.net

## WERNER LECTURE FUND'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL JAZZ NIGHT:

**Rick Fiori Jazz Trio featuring Pat Andreoli**

The Werner Lecture Fund will pay all expenses. The ticket sales will be donated to American Friends of Magen David Adom and the Beth El Synagogue Religious School Scholarship Fund. Raised admission - \$18.00 purchased before October 11 and \$25.00 at the door.

Saturday, October 11                      8:00 PM

### SHABBAT LUNCHEON AND DISCUSSION

#### Israel at 60

In celebration of Israel's 60th birthday, we will assemble a panel of people who have studied the history of the country, as well as people who have traveled there. The experiences of multiple generations will be shared with those attending the luncheon and the question and

## THE HOLIDAYS

### High Holiday Workshop

In this class we will discuss what preparations each of us must make to be ready spiritually for the upcoming High Holidays. This class is taught by Rabbi Kornsgold.

Sunday, September 14                      9:45 AM – 11:00 AM

### Pesach Workshop

Learn ways to enhance your Pesach Seder and have all your questions about the holiday answered. This class is taught by Rabbi Kornsgold.

Sunday, March 15                              9:45 – 11:15 AM

## HEBREW LANGUAGE

### Advanced Beginners Hebrew Conversation

Conversational Hebrew is held each Tuesday evening (except religious and secular holidays) starting September 4 at 8:00 PM. This class uses the Pimsleur language program. The class has covered over 20 lessons. Therefore, new attendees should have some familiarity with Hebrew. For more information on this class please contact Eric Pastman at [eric\\_pastman@yahoo.com](mailto:eric_pastman@yahoo.com).

### Hebrew Crash Course

It sounds too incredible to be true, but yes! -- in just seven 1½ hour lessons students will learn the beauty of the Hebrew language by achieving mastery of the Hebrew alphabet. This course is offered in conjunction with the National Jewish Outreach Program and is taught by Rabbi Kornsgold.

Please call the office at 443-4454 to register.

Mondays 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM  
November 3, 10, 17, 24  
December 1 and 8

### Chug L' ivrit

Hebrew speaking club for people at any level. The only requirement is that once you enter the room you may only speak Hebrew. Email Wendy at [begendel@aol.com](mailto:begendel@aol.com) and put chug in the subject line. Times and dates to be announced.

## Learn to chant Haftarah and Torah by Reading the Trope Notes

Join Cantor Brandspiegel for 6 classes learning the notes and the techniques necessary for chanting a Haftarah and/or Torah portion.

Mondays 8:30 PM  
November 3, 10, 17 and 24  
December 1 and 8

### A Romp through Time with the Hebrew Language

Language is constantly evolving, as can be seen in an anthology such as the Siddur. Styles change, as do word meanings and forms.

The Hebrews and then the Jews have been in and out of exile, living in situations of self determination and of rule by others. Characteristic phenomena have included an evolving religion, changing customs, and the use of vernaculars such as Aramaic, Yiddish, Ladino, and Judeo-Arabic, but through it all the use of the Hebrew Language has been a constant.

We will explore:

- ★ Features of the various periods from Tanakh, Mishna, the writings of modern literary luminaries, the newspaper, etc., including the mechanism for the introduction of new vocabulary.
- ★ Aramaic and its characteristics and place in Jewish history.
- ★ The etymology of specific words and the clever system that enables root consonants to become words.
- ★ Mistakes in the way the Bible has been understood

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