

Adult Education

Taught by Rabbi Jay M. Kornsgold

Classes 2026 – 2027

Torah and Tea

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

Mondays, Lunch at 1:30pm, class from 2:00pm – 3:30pm

In person and on Zoom

- September 14 (Zoom only) and 28
- October 5, 12, 19, and 26
- November 2, 9, 23, and 30
- December 7, 14 and 21
- January 4 and 25

Dates beginning in February will be announced at the end of 2026.

Exploring the Prophets

Who are the prophets, what do they stand for, and what can we learn from them? In this course we will examine the second part of the Tanach, the Prophets.

This class will meet one to two times a month on Mondays.

Mondays, 8:45pm to 10pm

On Zoom only

- September 14 and 28
- October 12 and 26
- November 9 and 23
- December 7 and 21
- January 4 and 25

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All dates subject to change.

Please call/email the synagogue office for confirmation.

The Rabbi's Roundtable

Join Rabbi Kornsgold for a spirited monthly discussion on current events related to Jews and Israel.

Thursdays, 10:30 am to 11:45 am

October 22; November 19; December 10;

January 14; February 4; March 4; April 1; May 13; and June 24.

In person only



In The Wake of Destruction

The destruction of the Second Temple of Jerusalem in 70 CE by the Romans could have been the end of Judaism. Instead, almost 2,000 years later, we are still here. How did that happen?

Together, we will explore the ways that an emerging class of Jewish leaders who called themselves rabbis transformed Judaism into something that could withstand the loss of the Temple and could be transported all over the world.

Sundays, 9:45 am to 11:30 am except as noted.

In person and on Zoom

October 18; November 8; December 6 (10:15 am to 12 pm);

January 24; February 28; March 28

Torah Guide to Observing Justice, but Pursuing Righteousness: Congruence or Conflict?

Taught by Rabbi Dr. Joseph Novick

Join us for an engaging exploration of classical Jewish sources as we examine the delicate balance between law, fairness, compassion, and moral responsibility. Through textual study, we will ask some difficult questions: When is fairness enough and when does the Torah demand more of us? Does compassion ever compromise justice? What does it mean to build a society and a self that honors both?

This class will challenge us to see how Torah can offer a lens on contemporary issues.

Tuesdays, 10am - 11:15am

In person only

- October 13, 20, 27
- November 3, 10, 17, 24
- December 1, 8, 15, 22

Rabbi Dr. Joseph Novick received his Ordination from Yeshiva University and Doctorate in Psychology from Rutgers University. He was a faculty member of the Jerusalem Academy of Judaic Studies and the Melton Institute. Rabbi Novick was a founding member of Bridges to Understanding, an Inter-Ethnic Coalition, and the Jewish Identity Project at Rutgers University. Rabbi Dr. Novick taught Holocaust Studies and Psychology at Kean University and served as a pulpit Rabbi, school psychologist and Director, Jewish Community Relations Council.

Rabbi Dr. Novick looks forward to beginning a Weekly Ethics, "Etika Shavuee" Program to help us appreciate the importance of community as the foundation of society.



Scholar-in-Residence

Danna Livstone, Chairperson

Save the Date: **Scholar-in-Residence 2027 will be held on February 5-6, 2027!** We will be hosting **Dr. Yossi Chajes of Haifa University** who is a specialist in Jewish mysticism. He is the author of *Between Worlds: Dybbuks, Exorcists, and Early Modern Judaism* (2003) and *The Kabbalistic Tree* (2023). You may have heard him teach online at My Jewish Learning. This is a rare opportunity to learn from him in person. It promises to be a fun and enlightening weekend, so please plan on joining us.

Our Scholar-in-Residence program is an annual event that provides an opportunity to learn from a wonderful scholar in an intimate setting. Our program includes a Friday night dinner followed by a lecture from the scholar. Saturday morning services are followed by a congregational lunch and learn which is free to all. Saturday evening presents a third opportunity for learning, often including an audio/visual component. Saturday night's session has been virtual or hybrid for the past few years. Past scholars have included Rabbi Dr. Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi, Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz, Rabbi Elliot Goldberg, a virtual presentation by Rabbi Dr. Shai Held, Rabbanit Sara Tillinger Wolkenfeld, Dr. Matt Reingold, Dr. Sarah Bunin Benor, Rabbi David Wolpe, and last year's presentation by Dr. Gary Rendsburg.

This year the SIR Committee needs the help of the congregation. More sponsors and supporters and donors are needed to sustain top notch programs.

- **Sponsorship: \$300 includes two dinners Friday night and a meet and greet with the Scholar**
- **Supporter: \$180 includes one dinner Friday night**
- **Donor: Any amount is encouraged**

These contributions can be made in honor of anyone you like, or in memory of a loved one. Additional contributions to the Scholar-in-Residence Fund in any amount are always appreciated. All levels of giving will be acknowledged on table tents throughout the weekend if received by January 24, 2027. Sponsors and Supporters are automatically given the opportunity to help select the scholar for the next year.

Please contact Danna Livstone (drlivstone@gmail.com) with any questions.

