

Foundations of Jewish Living

When: Sunday mornings 9 – 11am, beginning October 26, 2008

1. Hebrew, 9 – 10am
2. Living Judaism, 10 – 11am

Where: Congregation Sha'are Shalom Social Hall
 19357 Evergreen Mill Road
 Leesburg, VA

Description: During the course of 20 weeks, we will learn Hebrew, Torah chanting, and explore essential topics in Judaism: peoplehood, history, holidays, living a life of holiness, study, and God. Through our weeks of study together, we will develop a rich understanding of Judaism. All are welcome, including parents raising Jewish children, adult *bnei mitzvah*, seekers, and those interested in conversion. Join us for one class or for them all.

Syllabus

| Class | Date | 9 – 10am Hebrew | 10 – 11am, Living Judaism | | |
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| | | | Area | Topic | Reading |
| 1 | 26-Oct | <i>Aleph-bet</i> (alphabet) | Text study | Creation | NA |
| | 2-Nov | No classes - no religious school | | | |
| 2 | 9-Nov | <i>Aleph-bet</i> | Text study | Abraham | NA |
| 3 | 16-Nov | <i>Aleph-bet</i> | Foundations | Jewish Peoplehood | Kushner 3 – 15 Dosick 51 - 54, 57 – 61 Scheidlin Introduction |
| 4 | 23-Nov | <i>Aleph-bet</i> | Foundations & History | The Written Torah | Kushner 17 - 48, Dosick 1 - 6, 73 – 91 Optional: Scheindlin chapters 1, 2 |
| | 30-Nov | No classes - Thanksgiving break | | | |
| 5 | 7-Dec | <i>Aleph-bet</i> | Foundations & History | The Oral Torah | Dosick 93 – 105 Telushkin #82 - 84 Optional: Scheindlin chapter 3 |
| 6 | 14-Dec | <i>Aleph-bet</i> | Festivals and Holy Days | Hanukkah | Greenberg 258 – 282 Telushkin #300 Optional: Kushner 87 - 142 |
| | 21-Dec | No classes - LCPS Winter Break | | | |
| | 28-Dec | No classes - LCPS Winter Break | | | |
| | 4-Jan | No classes - LCPS Winter Break | | | |
| | 11-Jan | No classes - Rabbi Ragozin away | | | |
| 7 | 18-Jan | Torah chanting | Text study | Exodus | NA |
| 8 | 25-Jan | Torah chanting | Holy Living | Shabbat | Kushner 87 – 106 Dosick 127 -130 Telushkin #316 - 319 |

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| 9 | 1-Feb | Torah chanting | Holy Living | Kashrut | Kushner 49 -64 Dosick 256 – 268 Telushkin #332 |
| 10 | 8-Feb | Torah chanting | Holy Living | Environment | Telushkin #274 |
| | 15-Feb | No classes - Presidents' Day Weekend | | | |
| | 22-Feb | No classes - Rabbi Ragozin teaching at Beth Emeth | | | |
| 11 | 1-Mar | Torah chanting | Holy Living | Interpersonal Ethics | Telushkin #255 – 261, 267, 273, 277 Optional: Kushner 64 - 86 |
| 12 | 8-Mar | Torah chanting | Festivals and Holy Days | Purim | Greenberg 224 – 257 |
| 13 | 15-Mar | Prayerbook Hebrew | History | Medieval | Telushkin #87, #91, #94, #97, #102, #104, #105 – 116 Recommended: Scheindlin chapters 4, 5 |
| 14 | 22-Mar | Prayerbook Hebrew | Text study | Leviticus | NA |
| 15 | 29-Mar | Prayerbook Hebrew | Festivals and Holy Days | Pesach | Greenberg 24 – 65 Optional: Telushkin 639 - 647 |
| | 5-Apr | No classes - LCPS Spring Break | | | |
| | 12-Apr | No classes - LCPS Spring Break | | | |
| 16 | 19-Apr | Prayerbook Hebrew | History | Modern | Telushkin #117 – 132 Recommended: Scheindlin chapters 7, 8 |
| 17 | 26-Apr | Prayerbook Hebrew | Theology | God | Kushner 143 – 180 Doskin 7 – 50 |
| 18 | 3-May | Prayerbook Hebrew | Theology | Miracles | |
| 19 | 10-May | Prayerbook Hebrew | Theology | The Afterlife | Telushkin #286 |
| 20 | 17-May | Prayerbook Hebrew | Holy Living | Life Cycles | Dosick 285 – 292, 303 – 313 Optional: Telushkin #320 - 321, #329 – 330 |

Hebrew – We will order the required materials, make check payable to Congregation Sha'are Shalom

1. *Aleph-bet* - Adler, Lilian. Practice, Drill, and Review for Reading Hebrew. Berhman House, 1974, \$6
2. Torah chanting – Cohen, Miles. Trope Guide for Torah Chanting. \$25
3. Prayerbook Hebrew - Cardin, Nina Beth. Prayerbook Hebrew for Adults. Berhman House, 2006, \$18.

Living Judaism - Required Texts and Materials; order these yourself

1. Kushner, Harold. To Life. Little, Brown and Company, 1993.
2. Dosick, Wayne. Living Judaism. HarperOne, 1998.
3. Telushkin, Joseph. Jewish Literacy. William Morrow, 2001.
4. Scheindlin, Raymond P. A Short History of the Jewish People. Oxford University Press, 2000.

Foundations of Jewish Living – Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Hebrew – Please check the courses you wish to attend; for dates, see the syllabus.

| | Course | Materials Fee |
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| | <i>Aleph-bet</i> (alphabet) | \$6 |
| | Torah Chanting | \$25 |
| | Prayerbook Hebrew | \$18 |

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Course

Entire course ☺

Individual Units

Text studies

Foundations

Festivals and Holy Days

Holy Living

Theology

Specific Goal?

I am interested in:

Conversion

Adult bat/bar mitzvah

Return to:

Rabbi Ragozin's box in the administrative pod

Or

Mail to:

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