

BEYOND THE ALEPH BET

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Jewish Federation of Greater Houston

Bureau of Jewish Education

EXHIBITS and SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTS AND CULTURE

September 9 - October 17, 2003

Deutser Gallery, Jewish Community Center of Houston

SHOWCASE HOUSTON

A mixed media group exhibition featuring visual artists based in Houston: Dick Emery, Phyllis Flax, Miriam Kogan, and Gilber Levy.

Opening Reception with the artists:

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

8:00 PM

Sunday, September 14, 2003

Kaplan Theater, Jewish Community Center of Houston

4:00 PM

SINGIN' AND SWINGIN'

Join Houston's own Rachel Buchman as she sings while you swing to songs from her various recordings. With a sophisticated theatrical style and her understanding of a child's heart, Rachel weaves together comedy, history, languages and geography, movement and song. Her particular gift for Jewish children is to intimately and humorously invite them to sing, dance and, most importantly, to feel that the Jewish holidays are theirs to grow up with and love.

\$6 JCC Member / \$8 Public

**Tickets and series subscriptions are available
at 713-551-7255 or may be ordered online
at www.jcchouston.org**

October 23 - December 12, 2003

Joe Frank Theater, Jewish Community Center of Houston

WORKS BY URUGUAYAN ARTISTS

EXHIBITS and SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTS AND CULTURE

Saturday, November 15, 2003

In conjunction with the 31st Annual Book and Arts Fair
Kaplan Theater, Jewish Community Center of Houston
6:30 PM

PAJAMARAMA

Award-winning author and early childhood educator Sylvia Rouss treats us to an evening of cookies and milk in our pajamas. Sylvia is the author of the well-known Sammy Spider series. Her rhyming tale of the termites on Noah's Ark, The Littlest Park, received the 2002 National Jewish Book Award and the Storytelling World Award for Young Listeners. Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel is the recipient of the 2002 Sidney Taylor Honor Award for Young Readers.

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at www.jcchouston.org

Thursday, December 25, 2003

Kaplan Theater, Jewish Community Center of Houston
3:00 PM

CHANUKAH SING-A-LONG: Isabelle Ganz and Friends

Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah, come join us for our sing-a-long. With the help of some of Houston's popular Jewish song leaders, sing all of your favorite and festive Chanukah songs until you can sing no more! Maybe even learn a new joyous melody or two!

\$6 JCC Member / \$8 Public

Tickets and series subscriptions are available
at 713-551-7255 or may be ordered online
at www.jcchouston.org

January 12 - February 25, 2004

Deutser Gallery, Jewish Community Center of Houston

AVODA: OBJECTS OF THE SPIRIT

Works by Tobi Kahn

EXHIBITS and SPECIAL EVENTS

CONFERENCES

HOUSTON CONFERENCE FOR JEWISH WOMEN

Sunday, September 7, 2003

10:00 a.m. – 2:45 a.m.

Intercontinental Hotel, 2222 West Loop South

ASCENT (Arlene Waldman Stock Center for Torah), the women's division of TORCH, invites Jewish women to study, discuss, and reflect. The Houston Conference for Jewish Women is a unique opportunity for women to get to the heart of who they are. A multitude of presenters will discuss issues that play dominant roles in women's lives. Through dialogue, lecture and exercise, participants will collaborate with presenters in a series of workshops that will examine the basis of a woman's identity, address those aspects that make women similar as Jews and as women, and appreciate the facets that make each of us unique.

Keynote Address, Lori Palatnik

"Great Jewish Women – Who We Are, Where We Are Going"

This empowering and illuminating talk will take us back "To the Source" to discover what the true strength of the Jewish woman actually is. Once discovered, we can fast forward and put it into our lives today.

Workshops:

"Navigating the Road of Marriage" – Faye Zakheim

"Let Your Creativity Show" – Faige Grossman

"What's Really Happening!" – Dana Kursh

"Women and Sexuality" – Becky Udman

"The Goose and the Golden Egg" – Ann Baker Ronn

"Silent Sound of the Shofar" – Dina Fried

"It's All in the Genes" – Connie Kreps & Sandi Ratinoff

"The Top Ten Things Colleges Want" – Lindy Kahn

"Discipline with Love & Logic" – Becky Udman

"Soul and Afterlife" – Lori Palatnick

"Israel – Past and Present" – Annette Sondock

"Women's Rights and Roles in Judaism" – Rachel Yaghobian

"The Balancing Act" – Faye Zakheim

"Beyond Cooking – A Deeper Look at the High Holidays" – Devora Urkowitz

"A Friend in Need – When a Friend is Ill" – Hope Lipnick

"Totally in Love – Every Other Time" – Bethany Strulowitz

For more information, please call 713-721-6400.

Registration fee is \$50.

Mother and teen daughter combination registration is \$65.

The conference price includes a gourmet lunch.

EXHIBITS and SPECIAL EVENTS

LECTURE SERIES

“UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES: THE AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE”

A series celebrating 350 years of organized Jewish life in America
Congregation Emanu El, 1500 Sunset Blvd.

Thursday, October 30, 2003

7:30 p.m.

“NEVER AGAIN” – Abraham H. Foxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League

Abraham Foxman, world-renowned leader in the fight against anti-Semitism, bigotry and discrimination, is in the forefront of major issues including Black/Jewish dialogue, the fight against terrorism here and abroad, church and state, religious intolerance, and Holocaust restitution. A frequent guest on ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, PBS and NPR national news, Foxman is quoted often in the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Time and Newsweek. A Holocaust survivor, he is a recognized authority on the Holocaust and the Jewish resistance to the Nazis. Mr. Foxman is a member of the President’s United States Holocaust Memorial Council. He consistently speaks out against violence and hatred wherever they occur – Oklahoma City, Kosovo or the Middle East. Foxman will speak about anti-Semitism and the American Jewish Experience.

Thursday, December 4, 2003

7:30 p.m.

“FROM A SYNAGOGUE COMMUNITY TO A COMMUNITY OF SYNAGOGUES” – Dr. Jonathan Sarna

Dr. Jonathan Sarna is one of America’s foremost commentators on American Jewish history, religion and life. Dr. Sarna taught at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion until 1990, when he became Professor of American Jewish History and Director of the Center for the American Jewish Experience. In 1990, Dr. Sarna returned to Brandeis University as Chair of the Department of Near Eastern Judaic Studies, and now chairs the Academic and Editorial Board of the American Jewish Archives. He also directs the Gralla Program for Journalists in the Jewish and Religious Press. A prolific author, Sarna has written, edited or co-edited seventeen books, including The American Jewish Experience, and his most recent Religion and State in the American Jewish Experience and Women and American Judaism.

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

7:30 p.m.

“DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS” – Rabbi Jimmy Kessler, DHL, DD

Rabbi Jimmy Kessler is a native Houstonian who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation at Emanu El. He has a BA from the University of Texas and was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He has a doctorate in American History with a major in Texas Jewish History and an honorary doctorate from HUC-JIR. Kessler was the first chair of the Church Relations Advisory Board of the Texas Department of Human Resources. He is a member of the Philosophical Society of Texas, a trustee of the Kempner Fund, the Levy Fund and a member of the Human Research Committee of the University of Texas Medical Branch.

EXHIBITS and SPECIAL EVENTS

LECTURES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Holocaust Museum Houston, 5401 Caroline St.

7:00 p.m.

“WOMEN AND RAVENSBRUCK” – Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel

In this lecture, Dr. Saidel will discuss the experiences of women at Ravensbruck, the only concentration camp that was designed especially for women. Ravensbruck was located north of Berlin and housed prisoners of all nationalities. Approximately 92,000 women and children died at this camp.

Free for museum members, \$5 for non-members, \$3.50 for students and seniors

Monday, October 20, 2003

Holocaust Museum Houston, 5401 Caroline St.

7:00 p.m.

“THE HOLOCAUST IN THE 21ST CENTURY: QUESTIONS, QUANDRIES, AND CONSCIENCE”

– Jerome J. Shestack

Jerome Shestack will cover American and global attitudes toward the Holocaust in the 21st century. He will discuss the rise of denials, open questions regarding Holocaust observance, the relationship of genocide to the Holocaust, and the role of conscience in Holocaust remembrance. (The 2003 Jaworski Lecture)

Free for museum members, \$5 for non-members, \$3.50 for students and seniors

Sunday, November 2, 2003

Holocaust Museum Houston, 5401 Caroline St.

3:00 p.m.

“MARTIN LUTHER AND ANTI-SEMITISM” – A panel discussion

The panelists will discuss Luther’s anti-Semitic writings and their fatal consequences. The group will also examine the repudiation of these writings by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

No fee

EXHIBITS and SPECIAL EVENTS

MUSEUM EXHIBITS

August 7 - November 10, 2003

Minckberg Gallery, Holocaust Museum Houston

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Noon - 5:00 p.m.

WOMEN OF RAVENSBRUCK: PORTRAITS OF COURAGE

This art and artifact exhibit tells the harrowing story of prisoners in the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Mixed media and photo transfer images by the late artist, Julia Terwilliger.

August 28 - November 10, 2003

Central Gallery, Holocaust Museum Houston

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Noon - 5:00 p.m.

QUESTIONABLE ISSUE: CURRENCY OF THE HOLOCAUST

An interesting and dynamic collection of paper money issued in Nazi-imposed ghettos and concentration camps. The collection, some of it rare and never before seen in public, was recently accessioned into the Holocaust Museum Houston archives.

December 2, 2003 - February 24, 2004

Minckberg Gallery and Central Gallery, Holocaust Museum Houston

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Noon - 5:00 p.m.

NAZI OLYMPICS: BERLIN 1936

An extensive photographic exhibition documenting the history of the 1936 Olympic Games and the stories of the athletes who were there. The opening reception will be held on December 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., and will feature comments from Jesse Owens' daughter.



Jewish Learning Opportunities For All Ages

THE ARTS

GRANT US WISDOM: JOURNALING WITH JEWISH WISDOM LITERATURE

Houston Reconstructionist Havurah

Instructor: Cantor Diane Dorf

Participants will begin to create their own journals, exploring Jewish wisdom literature from Pirkei Avot (and other sources.) Students will use a variety of writing exercises to bring out the meaning of the texts. For further information about this event, please call (713) 728-5050 or e-mail hrhmail@yahoo.com.

No Fee

Tuesdays

November 18 and December 2, 2003

7:00 - 9:00 PM

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructor: Rachel Rozycki-Weisblatt

Traditional Jewish and Israeli folk music, lyrics and dance tell the story of the Jewish people. Dances vary, including Chasidic, Yemenite, European and contemporary Israeli sounds and steps. Classes are open to people of all ages (from 9 to 90) and levels of experience, including the novice.

Fee: \$3 members/\$4 non-members

Mondays, ongoing

7:30 - 10:00 PM

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

4525 Beechnut Blvd.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCE

Jewish Community Center

Instructor: Dee MacDonald

Come before class or stay late. Instruction is offered throughout the evening. The classics and the newest dances are introduced. This is a wonderful way to get out extra energy, work off extra calories, and meet new people in a uniquely Jewish way. Special rate for students enrolled in other Jewish learning classes.

Fee: \$5 public/\$3 JCC members

\$2 Melton Mini-School Students

Thursdays, ongoing

7:30 - 10:30 PM

Jewish Community Center

5601 S. Braeswood Blvd.

BASIC JUDAISM

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Temple Sinai

Instructor: Rabbi Todd Thalblum

An introductory class in Jewish tradition and practice. The focus of this class is a basic understanding of Jewish holidays, observances, and theology, and is designed for those with little or no Jewish knowledge.

No Fee

Wednesdays

September 10, 2003 - January 28, 2004

8:00 - 9:00 PM

Temple Sinai

13875 Brimhurst Drive

BASIC JUDAISM

TORCH

Instructor: TORCH Rabbis

Every week a different in-depth topic will engage you and show you how Judaism can add spark to your life!

No Fee

Wednesdays, ongoing

8:00 - 9:00 PM

Location to be announced

BASIC JUDAISM CRASH COURSE

TORCH

Instructor: TORCH Rabbis

Five weeks covering belief in God, prayer, Shabbat, mitzvot, and sexuality.

No Fee

Wednesdays

August 27 - September 24, 2003

8:15 - 9:30 PM

United Orthodox Synagogues

9001 Greenwillow

BASIC JUDAISM

Congregation Beth Israel

Instructor: Rabbis Robert Sharff, Steven

Gross, Brenner Glickman, Cantor Robert Gerber

The course offers a survey of Jewish beliefs, practices, life cycle events, prayer, history, holidays, Israel and the Holocaust. Class meets weekly and is open to anyone interested in studying Judaism. For more information or to enroll please call Vickie Burnett 713-771-6221, ext. 310 or e-mail vburnett@beth-israel.org.

No Fee

Tuesdays, August 26 - December 2, 2003

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Congregation Beth Israel

5600 N. Braeswood

BASIC JUDAISM CRASH COURSE

TORCH

Instructor: TORCH Rabbis

Five weeks covering belief in God, prayer, Shabbat, mitzvot, and sexuality.

No Fee

Wednesdays, October 29 - December 3, 2003

7:30 PM

Temple Beth Torah, Humble

BASIC JUDAISM

Congregation Emanu El

Instructor: Rabbis Walter, Prass, Silk and Sheinkopf

An introduction to the holidays, ritual, beliefs and history of Judaism. For those looking to touch up on things learned long ago or those considering conversion to Judaism.

No Fee

Sundays, August 10 - December 14, 2003

9:30 - 11:00 AM

Congregation Emanu El

1500 Sunset Blvd.

BASIC JUDAISM

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

Congregation Beth El

Instructor: Rabbi Avi Schulman

No Fee

Sundays

October 19, 2003 - February 22, 2004

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Congregation Beth El

3900 Raoul Wallenberg Lane, Missouri City

INVITATION TO JUDAISM

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructor: Rabbi Steven Morgen

This is a year-long course geared for those considering conversion to Judaism. Major beliefs, holidays, life cycle and other practices will be discussed.

Fee: Cost of books

Sundays

September 6, 2003 – May 23, 2004

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

4525 Beechnut Blvd.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PAJAMARAMA

Jewish Community Center

Children's Performing Arts Series

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3:00 PM

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at www.jcchouston.org

HEBREW LANGUAGE

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

Temple Sinai

Instructor: Rabbi Todd Thalblum and others

For all Jewish adults who have never had the opportunity to become Bar or Bat Mitzvah. An individual's course of study will be determined by the student's Hebrew reading proficiency and prior Jewish learning. Program will take from nine months to 2½ years to complete.

Fee: Per course

**Dates and times to be determined
Temple Sinai, 13875 Brimhurst Drive**

BASIC HEBREW READING

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Sarah Kariv

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing

9:00 - 10:00 AM

United Orthodox Synagogues

9001 Greenwillow

BEGINNING HEBREW

Jewish Community Center

Instructor: Debbie Cutler

A program of letter recognition, reading proficiency, building vocabulary and learning basic phrases. This course is the basis for both Biblical and modern Hebrew classes and is for students with no previous Hebrew studies. Learn to read and write the aleph-bet, basic vocabulary and grammar.

Fee: \$118 member/\$136 public

Mondays, October 13 - December 8, 2003

(No class on November 24)

7:30 - 9:00 PM

**Jewish Community Center,
5601 S. Braeswood Blvd.**

BEGINNING ADULT HEBREW

Temple Sinai

Instructor: Karen Greenspan

An introductory course for those with little or no previous Hebrew learning. Students will learn the aleph bet and be able to read some words after the first class. After completing both semesters, students will be able to read and understand many of the Shabbat Friday night prayers.

Fee: \$36/\$60 plus textbook

Mondays

September 8, 2003 - May 17, 2004

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Temple Sinai, 13875 Brimhurst Drive

HEBREW - BEGINNING CLASS

Congregation Emanu El

Instructor: Shoshana Woloski

This class is for the absolute beginner, starting with letter recognition, reading proficiency, and building basic vocabulary skills. Students will learn to recognize and read the aleph-bet and develop fluency in reading. The goal of this class is to enable the student to participate more actively in our worship services. Start your New Year off right by developing your Hebrew skills and become a more active participant in services this year!

Fee: \$275/year congregant;

\$300/year non-congregant

Sundays, September 7, 2003 - May 23, 2004

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

Congregation Emanu El

1500 Sunset Blvd.

HEBREW LANGUAGE

HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructor: Lynn Abrams

Hebrew for the absolute beginner. Learn to recognize and read the aleph-bet (Hebrew alphabet), develop fluency in reading, and jump into the reading of Hebrew prayers in the Siddur. This year-long course is part of the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah program, but is open to anyone who would like to learn Hebrew.

Fee: \$15 (cost of book)

Sundays, October 26, 2003 – May 16, 2004

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

4525 Beechnut Blvd.

HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructor: Aliza Porat

Hebrew for the absolute beginner. Learn to recognize and read the aleph-bet (Hebrew alphabet), develop fluency in reading, and jump into the reading of Hebrew prayers in the Siddur. This year-long course is part of the conversion program at Beth Yeshurun, but, space permitting, is open to anyone who would like to learn Hebrew.

Fee: \$15 (cost of book)

Sundays

September 21, 2003 - May 23, 2004

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

4525 Beechnut Blvd.

BIBLICAL HEBREW -- LEVEL III

Temple Sinai

Instructor: Rabbi Todd Thalblum

Biblical translation. Requires basic understanding of Hebrew grammar and vocabulary. This class is designed to encourage oral reading fluency.

Fee: \$18

Fridays

September 12, 2003 - May 15, 2004

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Temple Sinai, 13875 Brimhurst Drive

CLASSICAL HEBREW: BIBLE, PRAYERBOOK, MISHNAH, MIDRASH

Jewish Community Center

Instructor: Rabbi Eve Ben-Ora

This class will give students the opportunity to study passages from the Hebrew Bible, with particular focus on the books of the Prophets. This text-based class will give students the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to read and understand selected classical Jewish texts in the original Hebrew. Reading skills will be honed and vocabulary and grammar developed. Hebrew reading proficiency is required to enter this class.

Fee: \$118 member/ \$136 public

Fridays, September 19 - December 12, 2003

(No classes September 26, October 10, 17,

November 28)

10:30 AM - 12:00 noon

Jewish Community Center

5601 S. Braeswood Blvd.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Ami Avivi

No fee

Sundays, Ongoing

9:30 - 10:30 AM

United Orthodox Synagogues

9001 Greenwillow

HEBREW LANGUAGE

HEBREW GRAMMAR AND CONVERSATION

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Mrs. N. Weiss

No fee

Mondays, beginning September 8, 2003

8:00 - 9:00 PM

Call (713) 774-0300 for information

HEBREW READING CRASH COURSE

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: To be announced

Learn to read in 5 sessions

No fee

Sunday, November 9, 2003

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Call (713) 774-0030 for more information.

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

HEBREW - BEGINNERS II

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Sarah Kariv

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing

10:00 - 11:00 AM

United Orthodox Synagogues

9001 Greenwillow

HEBREW II

Congregation Beth Israel

Instructor: Debbie Uzick

For students with some familiarity with Hebrew and Shabbat prayers. Improve your Hebrew skills and enhance your participation in Sabbath services.

No fee

Tuesdays, August 26 - December 16, 2003

7:00 - 8:15 PM

Congregation Beth Israel

5600 N. Braeswood

HEBREW INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Congregation Emanu El

Instructor: Shoshana Woloski

This class is designed for the student who has taken our beginner's course or who has a basic background in the Hebrew language. Students will continue to improve on their reading proficiency and turn basic vocabulary words into simple sentences and phrases. Many students continue from this class to prepare for adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Resolve to make a change this New Year by improving your Hebrew skills!

Fee: \$275/year congregant;

\$300/year non-congregant

Wednesdays

September 3, 2003 - May 12, 2004

7:30 - 9:00 PM

Congregation Emanu El

1500 Sunset Blvd.

HEBREW READING CRASH COURSE TORCH

Instructor: Mrs. Rachel Yaghobian

You are guaranteed to read Hebrew in five weeks!

No Fee

Sundays, October 26 - November 23, 2003

7:15 - 8:30 PM

Location to be announced

HEBREW I

Congregation Beth Israel

Instructor: Debbie Uzick

For students with no prior knowledge of Hebrew. Learn the aleph bet and progress to prayers included in the Shabbat liturgy. Call Congregation Beth Israel to register: (713) 777-6221.

Wednesdays

August 27 - December 17, 2003

7:00 - 8:15 PM

Congregation Beth Israel

5600 N. Braeswood

HEBREW LANGUAGE

INTERMEDIATE HEBREW READING

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Dr. Leonard Goldberg

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing

9:00 - 10:00 AM

United Orthodox Synagogues

9001 Greenwillow

INTERMEDIATE MODERN HEBREW

Jewish Community Center

This course is for the student who already has reading and writing proficiency in Hebrew. Designed to build on previous knowledge, students will focus on increasing reading proficiency with understanding, building a spoken vocabulary, and basic grammar. The Behrman House Shlav series and Sha'ar l'Matchil, a simple Hebrew newspaper, along with other materials chosen by the instructor, will be used. Approval of the Jewish Education Specialist is required to enter this class.

Fee: \$118 member/\$136 public

Wednesdays, October 8 - December 3, 2003

(No class November 26)

7:30 - 9:00 PM

Jewish Community Center

5601 S. Braeswood

IVRIT LE HADASSAH

Hadassah—Houston Chapter

Instructor: Sophie Zimmerman

Beginner's level conversational Hebrew. Please contact the Haddasah office for further information (713) 664-1021.

No Fee

2nd and 4th Mondays of each month

Dates and times to be announced

Home of Pat Baker in West University

PRAYERBOOK HEBREW, LEVEL II

Temple Sinai

Instructor: Emily Deakins

Students will continue to gain fluency in reading and understanding Shabbat evening and morning prayers, various blessings, and holiday liturgies.

Fee: \$36/\$60 plus textbook

Mondays

September 8, 2003 - May 17, 2004

7:30 - 8:30 PM

Temple Sinai, 13875 Brimhurst

SURFING THE SIDUR

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Yossi Grossman

Are you a beginning Hebrew reader with aspirations to read better? Join this group to read, study, and discuss the prayer book.

No Fee

Days, times, and location to be announced

JEWISH LIVING

ADULT READING / DISCUSSION GROUP

Houston Reconstructionist Havurah

This discussion group meets monthly for stimulating discussion of a variety of Jewish texts and welcomes participation from the wider Houston Jewish community. Copies of the readings will be mailed to any interested participant. Call David Saletan at (713)728-0478.

August 16: Lazar Malkin Enters Heaven,
Steve Stern

October 18: To Sanctify Time, Heschel

November 15: Beyond the Personal God,
Daniel Matt

December 20: The Butterfly and the Traffic Light, Cynthia Ozick

No Fee

**3rd Saturday of each month,
August 16, 2003 - ongoing into 2004
4:00 PM**

**Home of David and Jean Saletan
5014 Lymbar Drive**

BOOK DISCUSSION / HAVDALLAH

Temple Sinai

Instructor: Rabbi Todd Thalblum

Come and discuss The Rise of David Levinsky by Abraham Cahan, over a light vegetarian dinner. Recently chosen by the UAHC as a "Significant Jewish Book," this novel was first published in 1917 and tells the story of a young talmudic scholar who emigrates from Russia to New York City at the turn of the 20th century. The evening will end with Havdallah.

Fee: \$7 to cover cost of dinner

Saturday, October 18, 2003

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Temple Sinai

13875 Brimhurst Drive

CELEBRATING SHABBAT

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructor: Rabbi Diana Siegel

Shabbat is more than a "sanctuary in time;" it is also part of a great cosmic drama in which we play a special role. Come learn the variety of ways Shabbat can be celebrated and enrich your life.

No Fee

Sundays

October 26, 2003 - December 14, 2003

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

4525 Beechnut Blvd.

CHILDREN: OUR PRICELESS

POSSESSION

TORCH/ASCENT

Instructor: Mrs. Rachel Yaghobian

Rachel Yaghobian, a noted educator, speaks about children and education

No Fee

Thursdays, ongoing

12:15 - 1:00 PM

Robert M. Beren Academy

11333 Cliffwood Dr.

CHOCHMAS ADOM

Young Israel of Houston

Instructor: Rabbi Yehoshua Wender

Jewish law in the areas of business and ethics.

No Fee

Sunday through Friday, ongoing

After Shacharit

Young Israel

7823 Ludington

JEWISH LIVING

CODE OF JEWISH LAW

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Betzalel Marinovsky

For men.

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing

9:00 AM

Chabad Lubavitch Center
10900 Fondren

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Avi Yaghobian

Rabbi Yaghobian discusses contemporary issues in Hebrew, for Israelis and Hebrew speakers.

No Fee

Mondays, twice a month

8:30 - 9:30 PM

11807 Braesridge

THE CULTURE AND CUISINE OF JEWISH PERSIA

Houston Reconstructionist Havurah

Instructor: Aliza Porat

Learn how to cook traditional recipes of the Persian Jewish Committee. Enjoy sampling the delicious cuisine. Explore the folkways, history, and culture of this ancient Jewish community.

Fee: \$8

Sunday, November 9, 2003

5:00-7:00 PM

For further information about this event,

Please call (713) 728-5050 or

e-mail hrhmail@yahoo.com

GOLDEN AGE TEA AND TALK

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Rabbi Barry Gelman

Once a week join with other seniors for a snack and discussion led by Rabbi Gelman. Topics will range from events of Jewish interest to current events and social interest stories.

No Fee

Mondays, ongoing

10:30 - 11:30 AM

United Orthodox Synagogues

9001 Greenwillow

HOW TO ANSWER TOUGH QUESTIONS

OUR TEENS ASK

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructor: Rabbi Brian Strauss

No Fee

Sundays

October 26 - December 14, 2003

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

4525 Beechnut Blvd.

IKKARIM

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Rabbi Barry Gelman

This high school discussion group addresses the tough contemporary issues facing Jewish teens. Pizza and soda will be served.

No Fee

1st Wednesday of each month,

Beginning October 8, 2003

7:15 - 8:30 PM

United Orthodox Synagogues

9001 Greenwillow

JEWISH LIVING

INTERMEDIATE JUDAISM

Congregation Beth Israel

Instructors: Rabbis Diana Siegel, Brenner

Glickman, Steven Gross, and Clay Seigle

Be one of a growing number of adults who are choosing to expand their understanding of Jewish history, philosophy, theology, and more. For more information, contact Vickie Burnett at 713-771-6221, ext. 310 or e-mail vburnett@beth-israel.org or Rabbi Gross at sgross@beth-israel.org.

No Fee

Tuesdays

September 2 - December 16, 2003

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Congregation Beth Israel

5600 N. Braeswood

JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS

Hillel/TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Yossi Grossman, students, and guest lecturers

Sponsored by the Herzstein Foundation, the Jewish Community Foundation, and Hillel, this group of medical students and practitioners meets with Rabbi Grossman, who occupies the Rubenfeld Family Chair of Jewish Medical Ethics, to discuss various issues in medical ethics. Free lunch is served.

No Fee

Tuesdays, twice monthly

12:30 PM

Baylor College of Medicine

Alkek Bldg. Room N317

JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS - MEMORIAL

CITY

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Yossi Grossman

Discussion of various contemporary ethical dilemmas from a Jewish perspective

No Fee

First Tuesday of each month

12:30 - 1:30 PM

901 Frostwood #152

JEWISH NUTS AND BOLTS

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructor: Rabbi Brian Strauss

Reconstruct your understanding of Judaism. This is the first year of a two-year course which will survey Jewish beliefs, holidays, and life cycle events. It is designed to enrich your understanding of the Jewish way of life and thought. It will also serve as the first year of the Judaic Studies component of our Adult B'nei Mitzvah program.

Fee for non-members participating in the Adult B'nei Mitzvah program

Sundays

October 26, 2003 - May 16, 2004

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

4525 Beechnut Blvd.

KEEPING FIT

TORCH/ASCENT

Instructor: ASCENT facilitators

Beit Medrash style (partners) learning for women on the topic of your choice.

No Fee

Mondays, twice monthly

8:15 - 9:15 PM

Seven Acres Jewish Senior Care Services

6200 N. Braeswood Blvd.

JEWISH LIVING

JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Yossi Grossman

Join a group of medical doctors and health practitioners who meet to ponder and discuss different medical-ethical issues and how the Torah relates to those issues. This discussion is led by Rabbi Yossi Grossman, a leading Jewish medical ethicist, who occupies the Rubenfeld Family Chair of Jewish Medical Ethics. Breakfast is provided.

No Fee

Wednesdays, ongoing

7:00 - 8:00 AM

7575 S. Main, Suite 500

LEARNING FROM THE PARSHA

TORCH/Beth Rambam

Instructor: Rabbi Avi Yaghoobian

Rabbi Yaghoobian discuss various mitzvot that appear in the portion of the week. It is a great opportunity to familiarize oneself with the 613 commandments in the Torah.

No Fee

Shabbat, ongoing

1 hour before Mincha

Congregation Beth Rambam

11333 Braesridge

MISHNAYOT TRACTATE SHABBAT

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Chaim Lazaroff

No Fee

Tuesdays, Ongoing

8:00 AM

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

NOSH & KNOWLEDGE FOR TEENS AT THE MERFISH TEEN CENTER

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Dovid Goldstein

Twice monthly gathering for teenagers.

Call (713) 777-2000 for more details

No Fee

Thursdays, Ongoing

4:30 - 6:00 PM

Merfish Teen Center, 9000 S. Rice

PARSHA SNIPPETS

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Yossi Grossman

Rabbi Grossman discusses various mitzvot that appear in the portion of the week. It is a great opportunity to familiarize oneself with the 613 commandments in the Torah.

No Fee

Shabbat, ongoing

1 hour before Mincha

Meyerland Minyan

PARTNERS IN TORAH

TORCH

Instructor: TORCH Rabbis

Personalized learning opportunities at the pace and topic of one's interest.

No Fee

Tuesdays, ongoing

8:30 - 9:30 PM

Young Israel of Houston

7823 Ludington

POPULAR HALACHA

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Shimon Lazaroff

For men.

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing

9:30 AM

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

JEWISH LIVING

PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Yossi Grossman

Rabbi Grossman facilitates a discussion on business ethics from the Torah's perspective

No Fee

Mondays, monthly
12:00 noon - 1:00 PM
Flagship Management
1 Greenway Plaza

RABBIS' BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructors: Team taught by Rabbi David

Rosen, Rabbi Steven Morgen, and
Rabbi Brian Strauss

Join the rabbis of Congregation Beth Yeshurun after the morning Shacharit service for bagels and more, plus a little Torah. The Rabbis will present an eclectic overview of all things Jewish. It's the perfect Wednesday morning wake-up call.

No Fee

Wednesdays, beginning September 3, 2003
7:30 AM (after daily minyan)
Congregation Beth Yeshurun
4525 Beechnut Blvd.

SEFER HACHINUCH AND MINCHAT CHINUCH: UNDERSTAND THE HOW'S AND WHY'S OF THE MITZVOT

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Rabbi Barry Gelman

No Fee

Saturday, ongoing
1 hour before Mincha
Moore-Reichenthal Library
United Orthodox Synagogues
9001 Greenwillow

SHULCHAN ARUCH

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Rabbi Barry Gelman

A careful reading and analysis of the Code of Jewish Law and commentaries focusing on practical daily Halacha.

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
United Orthodox Synagogues
9001 Greenwillow

SHULCHAN ARUCH

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Rabbi Barry Gelman

A careful reading and analysis of the Code of Jewish Law and commentaries focusing on practical daily Halacha.

No Fee

Tuesdays, ongoing
8:30 - 9:15 PM
United Orthodox Synagogues
9001 Greenwillow

SUGARLAND HAVURA

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Yossi and Faige Grossman

Yossi and Faige Grossman lead the discussions on Torah topics of contemporary interest.

No Fee

Sundays, monthly
7:30 - 9:30 PM
Homes of participants
RSVP to 713-729-5915

JEWISH LIVING

A TASTE OF JUDAISM

Congregation Or Ami

Instructor: Rabbi Shaul Osadchey

A 12-week course devoted to taking a fresh look at Jewish practice and belief.

No Fee

Thursdays

September 4 - November 20, 2003

7:30 - 9:00 PM

Congregation Or Ami

3342 Walnut Bend

TORAH, HOLIDAYS AND PRAYERS

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rebbetzin Chiena Lazaroff

Gleanings from the teachings of our sages. For women.

No Fee

Shabbos, ongoing

4:00 PM Winter, 6:00 PM Summer

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

SHALOSHEUDOS STUDY WITH THE RABBIS

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Rabbis Rosen, Morgen and Strauss will alternately teach each of these short study classes on a variety of topics of current interest.

No Fee

Saturdays, ongoing

After *Mincha*, before sunset

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

4525 Beechnut Blvd.

SUNDAY MORNINGS WITH RABBI

ROSEN

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructor: Rabbi David Rosen

Explore the vastness of Jewish life, literature, customs and heritage with Rabbi Rosen. We will be using Jewish Literacy by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin as the text. There will be no tests – just an enjoyable setting for learning and sharing.

No Fee

Sundays

October 26, 2003 - May 15, 2004

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

4525 Beechnut Blvd.

ISRAEL

ISRAEL IN THE MEDIA

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructor: Rabbi Steven Morgen

Every week, we'll discuss what the media says about Israel and disclose its biases.

No Fee

Thursdays

October 23, 2003 - December 18, 2004

10:45 - 11:45 AM

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

4525 Beechnut Blvd.

JEWISH THOUGHT

FLORENCE MELTON ADULT MINI-SCHOOL AT THE JCC

*If you can give us 2 hours, we can give you 5,000 years.
The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School brings it all together.*

FIRST YEAR/SECOND YEAR CLASS

Instructors: Mini-School Faculty

An integrated, sequential course of Jewish study. Participants are asked to make a commitment to two years of study. Each session consists of two class hours divided by a break. Apart from a willingness to make a commitment to Jewish learning, there are no prerequisites for enrollment in the first year class.

Fee: \$318 member/\$436 public

Sundays

September 14, 2003 - May 23, 2004

8:45 - 11:00 AM

Congregation Beth El

3900 Raoul Wallenberg Lane, Missouri City

FIRST YEAR CLASS

Instructors: Mini-School Faculty

See description above.

Fee: \$368 member/\$486 public

Tuesdays

September 16, 2003 - May 11, 2004

7:00 - 9:15 PM

Jewish Community Center

5601 S. Braeswood Blvd.

FIRST YEAR CLASS

Instructors: Mini-School Faculty

See description above.

Fee: \$368 member/\$486 public

Thursdays

September 18, 2003 - May 13, 2004

10:15 AM - 12:30 PM

JCC Merfish Teen Center

9000 S. Rice Blvd.

FIRST YEAR CLASS

Instructors: Mini-School Faculty

See description above.

Fee: \$368 member/\$486 public

Thursdays

September 18, 2003 - May 13, 2004

6:30 - 8:45 PM

Temple Sinai

13875 Brimhurst Drive

SECOND YEAR CLASS

Instructors: Mini-School Faculty

See First Year Class description. This class is open only to those who have completed two or more years of the Melton Mini-School or have petitioned for advanced standing.

Fee: \$368 member/\$486 public

Tuesdays

September 16, 2003 - May 11, 2004

7:00 - 9:15 PM

Jewish Community Center

5601 S. Braeswood Blvd.

SECOND YEAR CLASS

Instructors: Mini-School Faculty

See First Year Class description. This class is open only to those who have completed two or more years of the Melton Mini-School or have petitioned for advanced standing.

Fee: \$368 member/\$486 public

Thursdays

September 18, 2003 - May 13, 2004

10:15 AM - 12:30 PM

JCC Merfish Teen Center

9000 S. Rice Blvd.

JEWISH THOUGHT

FLORENCE MELTON ADULT MINI-SCHOOL AT THE JCC (continued)

POST GRADUATE CLASSES

Instructors: Leah Lax, Dr. Larry Laufman

These classes are open only to those who have completed two or more years of the Melton Mini-School or have petitioned for advanced standing.

Fee: \$368 member/\$486 public
Sundays

September 14, 2003 - May 23, 2004
8:45 - 11:00 AM

Congregation Beth El
3900 Raoul Wallenberg Lane, Missouri City

POST GRADUATE CLASSES

Instructors: Larry Laufman, Dan Gordon

These classes are open only to those who have completed two or more years of the Melton Mini-School or have petitioned for advanced standing.

Fee: \$368 member/\$486 public
Thursdays

September 18, 2003 - May 13, 2004
6:30 - 8:45 PM

Temple Sinai
13875 Brimhurst Drive

POST GRADUATE CLASSES

Instructors: Dan Gordon, Leah Lax

These classes are open only to those who have completed two or more years of the Melton Mini-School or have petitioned for advanced standing.

Fee: \$368 member/\$486 public
Tuesdays

September 16, 2003 - May 11, 2004
7:00 - 9:15 PM

Jewish Community Center
5601 S. Braeswood Blvd.

POST GRADUATE CLASSES

Instructors: Rabbi Shaul Osadchey, Rabbi Avi Schulman, Dan Gordon, Leah Lax, Keith Rosen, Rabbi Sue Levy, Rabbi Judy Abrams

These classes are open only to those who have completed two or more years of the Melton Mini-School or have petitioned for advanced standing.

Fee: \$368 member/\$486 public
Thursdays

September 18, 2003 - May 13, 2004
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

JCC Merfish Teen Center
9000 S. Rice Blvd.

JEWISH THOUGHT

APPRECIATING JUDAISM

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Ken Brodtkin

This luncheon meeting takes place at the offices of McNeil, Levy, and Friedman, LP. Topics include classic Jewish concepts that have been incorporated in Jewish leadership throughout the ages. Lunch is provided, but RSVP to Nat Levy at (713) 626-7474, ext. 104.

No Fee

Tuesdays, monthly

12:00 noon - 1:00 PM

24 Greenway Plaza, Suite 525

BASIC JUDAISM - "WHY JUDAISM

WORKS"

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Rabbi Barry Gelman

A comprehensive year-long course of major themes in Jewish law and thought. Why a 5,000 year old religion is more relevant today than ever before. A great way to fill in the gaps of your Jewish knowledge.

No Fee

Wednesdays, beginning October 8, 2003

8:30 - 9:30 PM

United Orthodox Synagogues

CHASIDUS

Chabad Lubavitch

Round table learning and discussions for young men.

No Fee

Thursdays, ongoing

9:00 PM

Call Danny at (713) 723-6900

CHASIDUS

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Shimon Lazaroff

From the works of the Lubavitch Rebbe. For men.

No Fee

Shabbas, ongoing

9:00 AM

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

TORCH

Instructor: Mrs. Sari Nagel

This class, for high school girls, is a schmooze session discussing various contemporary issues that can be tied into the weekly Torah portion.

No Fee

Shabbat afternoon, ongoing

Please call 713-283-6246 for times.

11710 Woodknoll

KABBALA AND JEWISH MYSTICISM

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Moishe Traxler

Text study of classic by Lubavitcher Rebbe.

No Fee

Thursdays, beginning September 4, 2003

8:00 - 9:00 PM

Call (713) 774-0300 for more information

MAIMONIDES BOOK OF

COMMANDMENTS

Chabad Chubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Betzalel Marinovsky

No Fee

Daily at sundown,

between afternoon and evening services

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

JEWISH THOUGHT

NASA "LAUNCH & LEARN" : REACHING FOR THE STARS

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Josh Strulowitz

This class of Jewish scientists meets every two weeks at NASA. Rabbi Josh Strulowitz leads a thorough analysis on various topics in Jewish thought and all are welcome to ask, argue and contribute to the process. Bring your own lunch. RSVP to Leon Blum at lablum@hotmail.com For more information, please contact the TORCH office at (713) 721-6400.

No Fee

Every other Thursday

12:00 - 1:00 PM

NASA, Gilruth Building

ONE ON ONE LEARNING - COLEL

Chabad Lubavitch

Learn one-on-one with a rabbi. Brush up on Hebrew skills; study Torah, Talmud, Codes of Law, Ethics, Prayer, or Mysticism. Learn in English, Hebrew, Yiddish, Spanish, or Russian! For more information, please call (713) 777-2000

No Fee

Sundays through Thursdays, ongoing

7:30 - 9:30 PM

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

PERSIAN TO PERSIAN

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Avi Yaghobian

Rabbi Yaghobian meets weekly with this group to discuss the divine guidelines for a meaningful and fulfilling life. Class is in Persian. For more information, please call Abraham Hakakian at 713-723-0059.

No Fee

Wednesdays, ongoing

8:30 - 10:00 PM

Participants' homes

SOUTH AFRICAN HAVURA

TORCH

Instructor: TORCH Rabbis

A havura-style discussion on the Jewish perspective on a host of fascinating topics

No Fee

Sundays, monthly

7:30 PM

Participants' homes

TANYA IN SPANISH

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Dovid Goldstein

No Fee

Sundays, monthly

7:30 PM

Call (713) 774-0300 for location.

TANYA - CHASIDUS

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Betzalel Marinovsky

Fascinating departures from the mundane into the realms of Jewish mysticism. In Hebrew.

No Fee

Mondays, ongoing

8:30 PM

Call (713) 777-2000

JEWISH THOUGHT

THE 613 MITZVOTH OF THE TORAH TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Yossi Grossman

Rabbi Grossman bases this class on the Sefer HaChinuch, a classical text which not only enumerates, but offers detailed insights into the commandments of the Torah. For information and to RSVP, please call 713-729-5915.

No Fee

Wednesdays, ongoing
9:30 - 10:30 PM

For location, please call 713-729-5915.

WOMEN'S ISSUES IN JUDAISM TORCH/ASCENT

Instructor: Mrs. Rachel Yaghobian

This group of women meets weekly with Rachel Yaghobian, a Certified Jewish Marriage Therapist, to discuss different issues that face the modern Jewish woman of today.

No Fee

Mondays, ongoing
9:00 - 10:00 PM
11807 Braesridge

THE JEWISH LEARNING INSTITUTE, **FALL: TALMUDIC ETHICS**

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Dovid Goldstein

Mondays, beginning October 20, 2003

Each course meets for 8 sessions

7:30 - 9:00 PM – West Houston

Call (713) 774-0300 to register

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH MEETING TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Ken Brodtkin

Using Luzzato's Pathways to God as a springboard for discussion and growth.

No Fee

Sundays, prior to Rosh Chodesh
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Participants' homes

THE JEWISH LEARNING INSTITUTE, **FALL: TALMUDIC ETHICS**

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Moishe Traxler

Fee

Tuesdays, beginning October 21, 2003

Each course meets for 8 sessions

10:30 AM – 12:00 noon – SW Houston

7:30 - 9:00 PM – Galleria Area

Call (713) 774-0300 to register.

WOMEN'S JEWISH STUDY

Temple Sinai

Instructor: Teresa Smith

Come study Jewish texts and topics in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Emphasis on topics of interest to women. Class is sponsored by Temple Sinai Sisterhood and is open to all women.

No Fee

Sundays, September 7, 2003 - May 17, 2004

Time to be determined

Temple Sinai

13875 Brimhurst Drive

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

BAR MITZVAH CLASS

Young Israel of Houston

Instructor: Rabbi Yehoshua Wender

Study the concepts of Bar Mitzvah and the laws of tefillin

Sundays, September 1 - September 22, 2003

7:00 - 7:45 PM

Young Israel
7823 Ludington

POWER OF KABBALAH LECTURE

The Kabbalah Centre

Instructor: Rabbi Yehuda Magen

Kabbalah is a 4000 year-old wisdom which explains what really happened and what is still happening every moment of your life. It teaches you how the spiritual and physical laws of the universe work and where they intersect. With this knowledge, you will achieve greater harmony and balance, and ultimately gain more control over what happens to you!

No Fee

Mondays, ongoing

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Kabbalah Centre
4007 Bellaire Blvd., Suite D

PRAY TELL

Houston Chapter of Hadassah

Instructor: Barbara Garber

Exploration and understanding of prayer. Traditional prayers, modern commentary by Rabbi Jules Harlow with Tamara Cohen, Rochelle Furstenberg, Rabbi Daniel Gordis, Leora Tanenbaum. Please call the Hadassah office at (713) 664-1022 for more information.

Fee: \$20 for book Pray/Tell

Sundays, monthly

Dates and times to be announced

Hadassah Office
4654 Beechnut

RABBI LIZ BOLTON: SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Houston Reconstructionist Havurah

Instructor: Rabbi Liz Bolton

Rabbi and Cantor Liz Bolton will offer a Reconstructionist approach to prayer texts and music in this special Shabbaton.

For more information, please call (713) 728-5050 or e-mail hrhmail@yahoo.com.

No Fee

Shabbat weekend, December 12 - 14, 2003

SONGS OF PRAYER

Houston Reconstructionist Havurah

Instructor: Cantor Diane Dorf

A participatory workshop exploring the relationships among melody, and text and prayer. New and traditional prayer melodies will be studied.

No fee

Saturday, November 1, 2003

12:30 PM

JCC Merfish Center
9000 S. Rice Ave.

T'KIAH: HOW THE SHOFAR SERVICE

CAN AWAKEN OUR SOULS

Houston Reconstructionist Havurah

Instructor: Cantor Diane Dorf

Spiritual preparation for the High Holy Days, centered on the liturgy of the Shofar service For further information about this event, please call (713) 728-5050 or e-mail hrhmail@yahoo.com.

No fee

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

7:00 - 9:00 PM

RABBINIC TEXTS

DAF YOMI

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Yakov Nagel

Rabbi Nagel helps the group gain a glimpse of the breadth of the entire Talmud, keeping pace with tens of thousands of Jews worldwide who follow the same schedule.

No Fee

Daily, ongoing

7:00 - 8:00 AM weekdays

8:40 AM Sundays

2 hours before Mincha on Shabbos

Young Israel of Houston

7823 Ludington

DAILY MISHNA

Young Israel of Houston

Instructor: Rabbi Yehoshua Wender

Individualized study of two mishnayot per day. Ongoing classes to review.

No Fee

Daily, beginning September 1, 2003

Young Israel

7823 Ludington

LUNCH & LEARN: SUGAR LAND

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Mendel Feigenson

Mishnayot Brachot

Tuesdays, ongoing

1:30 - 2:00 PM

Call (713) 777-2000 for location.

LUNCH & LEARN: MAIMONIDES

TORCH

Instructor: Mr. Gadi Pollack

This group of professionals meets weekly at Madras Pavilion, a Kosher Indian restaurant, to study Jewish law text by Maimonides.

No Fee

Wednesdays, ongoing

12:30 - 1:30 PM

Madras Pavilion

3910 Kirby Dr.

LUNCH & LEARN: SUGAR LAND

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Mendel Feigenson

Pirkei Avot with mystical insights, Jewish Law, Talmud and more. For more information please call (281) 240-7145.

No Fee

Tuesdays, ongoing

8:30 PM

14015 SW Freeway, Suite 4, Sugar Land

MIDRASH

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructor: Rabbi Diana Siegel

Come learn biblical interpretations from the rabbis.

No Fee

Thursdays

October 23 - December 18, 2003

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

4525 Beechnut Blvd.

MISHNA AND SHULCHAN ARUCH

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Betzael Marinovsky

No Fee

Thursdays, ongoing

8:00 AM

Chabad Lubavitch Center, 10900 Fondren

RABBINIC TEXTS

MISHNA AND SHULCHAN ARUCH

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Betzalel Marinovksy

No Fee

Fridays, ongoing

8:00 AM

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

MISHNA AND SHULCHAN ARUCH

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Betzalel Marinovsky

No Fee

Mondays, ongoing

8:00 AM

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

MISHNAYOT SHABBAT

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Betzalel Marinovsky

No Fee

Wednesdays, ongoing

8:00 AM

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

PEREK IN THE PARK

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Rabbi Barry Gelman

A 20-minute informal discussion on Pirkei Avot - Ethics of the Fathers.

No Fee

Saturday, ongoing

1½ hours before Mincha

UOS Playground

9001 Greenwillow

PIRKEI AVOT BASED ON MAHARAL

Young Israel of Houston

Instructor: Rabbi Yehoshua Wender

Ethics of our Fathers with a twist of mysticism.

No Fee

Saturdays, ongoing

1¼ hours before Mincha

Young Israel

7823 Ludington

SEFER AGGADAH

Congregation Emanu El

Instructors: Rabbis Walter, Prass, Silk, and Sheinkopf

Spend Shabbat morning in a word by word study of Sefer Aggadah, a book of midrashim. The discussion proceeds at its own pace to ensure that the meaning of every word or phrase is carefully explored. The goal of the class is to develop in-depth knowledge of the events and ideas in Midrash and the craft of the Rabbis. The class continues each week from the word it left off at in the previous week. No prior study experience is needed for this detailed look at midrash; just bring your own copy of the book to class.

No Fee

Saturdays, ongoing

9:15 - 10:15 AM

Congregation Emanu El

1500 Sunset Blvd.

RABBINIC TEXTS

TALMUD BRACHOT

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Betzalel Marinovsky

Prayer: design and practice. Please call (713) 777-2000 for more information.

No Fee

Wednesdays, ongoing

8:00 PM Winter; 8:30 PM Summer

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

TALMUD 101

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Eliezar Lazaroff

Analyze a Talmudic text, debate its meaning, and exercise your mind. For those with little or no background in Talmudic study. For information call (713) 522-2004.

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing

8:30 PM

Chabad House at the Texas Medical Center

1955 University Blvd.

TALMUD: SANHEDRIN

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Dr. Mark Urkowitz

No Fee

Saturday, ongoing

1¼ hours before Mincha services

Private home – call UOS for information

TALMUD 101

TORCH/Beth Rambam

Instructor: Rabbi Avi Yaghobian

Rabbi Yaghobian leads this group of beginners through the intricate details of the Talmud. The class is text based and is open to all. No RSVP is needed.

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Congregation Beth Rambam

11333 Braesridge

TALMUD FOR HEBREW SPEAKERS

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Betzalel Marinovsky

Tractate Sota. Call (713) 777-2000.

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing

8:00 PM

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

TALMUD TOPICS

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Yossi Grossman

Good food and thought as Rabbi Grossman delves into a different topic of the Talmud every week.

No Fee

Thursdays, ongoing

12:15 - 1:15 PM

King David Restaurant

5925 S. Braeswood

RABBINIC TEXTS

TANYA

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Shimon Lazaroff

A classic source of our mystical tradition.

Call (713) 777-2000 for information.

No Fee

Tuesdays, ongoing

7:45 PM

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

TANYA

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Eliezer Lazaroff

A classic source of our mystical tradition.

Call (713) 522-2004 for information.

No Fee

Tuesdays, ongoing

8:00 PM

Chabad House at the Texas Medical Center

1955 University Blvd.

TEEN TALMUD

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Yakov Nagel

Rabbi Nagel facilitates this fun group for high school boys who are studying Talmud

No Fee

Shabbat, ongoing

45 minutes before Mincha

Young Israel of Houston

7823 Ludington

THE WORKS OF MAIMONIDES

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Eli Lax

Laws of Shabbat as explained by Maimonides. Call (713) 777-2000 for location.

No Fee

Thursdays, ongoing

9:00 PM

Call (713) 777-2000 for location

TORAH AND BIBLE

BIBLE: WORD BY WORD

Congregation Emanu El
Instructor: Rabbis Walter, Prass, Silk, and
Sheinkopf

Bring your lunch and participate in a word-by-word study of the Bible, now in the book of Jeremiah. The discussion proceeds at its own pace to ensure that the meaning of every word or phrase is carefully explored. The class continues each week from the word it left off at in the previous week. No prior Torah study experience is needed for this detailed look at the Torah text.

No Fee

Wednesdays, ongoing
12:30 - 1:30 PM

Congregation Emanu El
1500 Sunset Blvd.

BREAKNECK THROUGH THE BIBLE TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Ken Brodtkin

Do you have a need for speed? Starting with Genesis, ending with Deuteronomy, and everything in between.

Fee: \$100

Thursdays, ongoing
8:00 - 9:00 PM

United Orthodox Synagogues
9001 Greenwillow

CHANTING OF TORAH AND HAFTARAH

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Mendel Feigenson

Mastery of "trop" (melody).

No Fee

Mondays, ongoing
Call (713) 772-4101

CHUMASH WITH RASHI

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Moishe Traxler

Line by line

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing
9:45 AM

Chabad Lubavitch Center
10900 Fondren

CHUMASH WITH RASHI

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rebbetzin Chiena Lazaroff

A classic Torah study. For information, please call (713) 777-2000.

No Fee

Tuesdays, ongoing
2:30 PM

Chabad Lubavitch Center
10900 Fondren

CHUMASH AND RASHI

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Radinsky

No Fee

Saturday, ongoing
1 hour before Mincha

Sachnowitz Family Chapel
United Orthodox Synagogues
9001 Greenwillow

D'VAR TORAH WORKSHOP

Houston Reconstructionist Havurah

Instructor: Cantor Diane Dorf

Learn how to write a D'var Torah. Explore the different styles and purposes of Divrei Torah. Review useful resources. For more information, please call (713) 728-5050 or e-mail hrhmail@yahoo.com.

No Fee

Tuesdays, October 21 and 28, 2003
7:00 - 9:00 PM

TORAH AND BIBLE

HAFTORAH

TORCH

Instructor: Rabbi Avi Yaghobian

In-depth discussion on the Haftorah of the week.

No Fee

Shabbat, ongoing

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Congregation Beth Rambam
11333 Braesridge

LUNCH & LEARN: SW HOUSTON

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Dovid Goldstein

Torah and Jewish experience. Catered lunch. RSVP to (713) 774-0300

No Fee

Thursdays, ongoing

12:15 - 1:15 PM

XVAND Technology
11333 Chimney Rock (near W. Bellfort)

IRVING NAD MEMORIAL BIBLE STUDY

Jewish Community Center

Instructor: Rabbi Marc Brownstein

A weekly opportunity to study the Jewish Bible in translation. Endowed in memory of Mr. Irving Nad, this class will use the text of our sacred scripture and some of the accompanying classical commentaries to provide for a stimulating study and discussion experience.

Fee: \$5 member; \$25 public

Wednesdays

September 17, 2003 - April 28, 2004

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Jewish Community Center
5601 S. Braeswood

UNCH & LEARN: DIAMOND CENTER

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Betzalel Marinovsky

Torah portion of the week. Catered luncheon. RSVP to (713) 777-2000.

No Fee

Thursdays, ongoing

12:30 - 1:30 PM

6222 Richmond Ave, Suite 820

LUNCH & LEARN: SUGAR LAND

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Mendel Feigenson

Weekly Torah portion with mystical insights, Jewish Law, Talmud, and more.

No Fee

Tuesdays, ongoing

12:30 PM

Call (713) 777-2000 for location

KING DAVID AND BEYOND

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructor: Rabbi Dov Nimchinsky

Rabbi Nimchinsky presents his special insights on biblical history.

No Fee

Sundays

October 26 - December 14, 2003

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Congregation Beth Yeshurun
4525 Beechnut Blvd.

LUNCH AND LEARN: DOWNTOWN

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Moishe Traxler

Torah, Talmud, and Jewish experience. Catered lunch. RSVP (713) 774-0300.

No Fee

Fridays, ongoing

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Call (713) 774-0300 for location
and other information.

TORAH AND BIBLE

LUNCH & LEARN

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Moishe Traxler

Torah, Talmud and Jewish experience.

Catered lunch. RSVP to (713) 774-0300.

No Fee

Wednesdays, monthly

12:00 - 1:00 PM

SW Memorial Hermann Hospital

7600 Beechnut

PARASHAT HASHAVUAH

Jewish Community Center

Instructor: Rabbi Eve Ben-Ora

A weekly discussion of the Torah portion using commentaries, both modern and classical. Students are invited to share insights as the text is explored. No Hebrew is required. A copy of the Torah (in Hebrew and/or English) is useful for this class.

Annual registration fee:

\$36 JCC members/\$72 public

No charge for Melton Students

Fridays, ongoing

12:00 noon - 1:00 PM

Jewish Community Center,

5601 S. Braeswood Blvd.

PARSHA OF THE WEEK: LIKUTEI SICHOS

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Betzalel Marinovsky

No Fee

Shabbas, ongoing

1 hour before sundown

Chabad Lubavitch Center

10900 Fondren

PARSHAT HASHAVUA

Chabad Lubavitch

Instructor: Rabbi Eliezer Lazaroff

From a Chasidic perspective.

No Fee

Mondays, ongoing

7:00 PM

Chabad of the Texas Medical Center

1955 University Blvd.

RASHI CONTINUED

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

Instructor: Rabbi Leo Heim

Rabbi Heim continues his class on Rashi, the incomparable medieval Bible commentator, as he concludes the interpretation of the Book of Numbers and begins the Book of Deuteronomy.

No Fee

Sundays

October 26, 2003 - May 16, 2004

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Congregation Beth Yeshurun

4525 Beechnut Blvd.

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN AND BREAKFAST

Chabad of Sugar Land

Instructor: Rabbi Mendel Feigenson

Tefillin and Torah study.

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing

9:30 AM

14015 SW Freeway, Suite 4

Sugar Land

TORAH AND BIBLE

TEEN TORAH STUDY

Chabad Lubavitch of Sugar Land

Instructor: Rabbi Mendel Feigenson

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

14015 SW Freeway, Suite 4

Sugar Land

TORAH STUDY

Congregation Beth El

Instructor: Rabbi Avi Schulman

A weekly look at the Parasha.

No Fee

Saturdays

September 6, 2003 - June 2004

9:15 - 10:15 AM

Congregation Beth El

3900 Raoul Wallenberg Lane, Missouri City

TORAH DISCUSSION - LINE BY LINE FROM THE BEGINNING

Congregation Emanu El

Instructor: Rabbis Walter, Prass, Silk, and
Sheinkopf

The line-by-line study becomes the springboard for discussion of the morals and ethics raised in Torah. Often the discussion will focus on a limited number of verses within the text. Outside material, including classic and modern texts, are occasionally used. This lively class provides the opportunity to discuss Torah topics with a Rabbi and other students, and to explore the relevance of Torah to our world today.

No Fee

Saturdays, ongoing

9:15 - 10:15 AM

Congregation Emanu El

1500 Sunset Blvd.

WHAT THE BIBLE REALLY SAYS

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Professor David Myers

A weekly open-ended discussion aimed at a clearer understanding of the Biblical text.

No Fee

Sundays, ongoing

10:00 AM

United Orthodox Synagogues

9001 Greenwillow

WOMEN'S SHABBAT STUDY GROUP

United Orthodox Synagogues

Instructor: Dr. Baruch Brody

Meets in private home Call UOS for information (713) 723-3850.

No Fee

Saturday, ongoing

1¼ hours before Mincha services

United Orthodox Synagogues

9001 Greenwillow

ONLINE LEARNING



***Opportunities for Jewish Learning
available online***

ON-LINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

JEWISH INTERACTIVE STUDIES

<http://www.jewishstudies.org>

JIS is an internet-based organization providing quality courses in Jewish Education. Since 1998, JIS has reached over 2000 participants in 14 structured learning programs for Jewish adults of all backgrounds. Courses do not assume any prior Jewish education. JIS provides thinking Jewish adults with a serious introduction to Jewish thought and philosophy through direct study of the sources, translated and explained in English for people at all levels of Jewish education. Using e-mail correspondence with participants, the staff provides personalized attention necessary for making these courses a rich, meaningful experience.

FALL 2003

Bible Series:

- Adam & Eve

Holiday Series:

- Chanukah

Foundations:

- Foundations of Judaism
- Oral Torah & Midrash
- Divine Providence

Prayer Series:

- Prayers & Blessings

GRATZ ONLINE

<http://www.gratzcollege.edu>

FALL 2003

Classes begin on September 29, 2003

History 30533

- Ashkenazi Roots: East European Jewish Civilization, *Dr. Michael Steinlauff*

History 30543

- Jews and the Renaissance, *Dr. Joseph Davis*

Rabbinics 30620

- "Who's Who" Among the Rabbis, *Dr. Ruth Sandberg*

Education 40223A

- Building a Jewish Life: Curriculum Concepts in Jewish Early Childhood Education, *Lyndall Miller, M.S.*

Education 40208

- Using Computers in the Jewish Classroom, *Peter Margolis, M.S.*

Political Science 40977

- Israel in the Middle East, *Dr. Ofira Sliktar*

History 30513

- Judaism in America, *Dr. Lance Sussman*

Education 40225A

- Methods of Teaching Mitzvah, Halakhah, and Minhag, *Anne Gordon, A.M./A.B.*

For more information or to register call Nancy Waldman, (215) 635-7300, ext. 115, or e-mail nwaldman@gratz.edu

ON-LINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS (UAHC)

www.uahc.org/chai/teach/elearning.shtml

UAHC on-line courses provide distance learning opportunities for teachers in congregational schools. The courses use online readings, threaded discussions, a “webliography,” and assignments to further the professional development of teachers. Since Internet technology is used, courses are updated constantly.

UAHC on-line teacher training courses are taught over a nine week period. The *Madrichim* course is four sixty-minute sessions, also conducted over nine weeks. An instructor chosen by the Department of Jewish Education facilitates each course for a “virtual classroom” of students. While learners complete each session at their own pace, they learn from both the instructor and their peers. A certificate is sent to students on completion of the course.

Current courses include:

- Reform Judaism for Teachers
- Teaching and Learning: An Online Course for New Teachers
- Mentoring Jewish Educators
- The Rashi of *CHAI* (Learning for Jewish Life curriculum)
- Is There More to this Than Putting Out Snack? A Course for *Madrichim*

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

<http://courses.jtsa.edu/adulted>

JTS online courses allow you to participate, at any hour day or night, in a stimulating learning experience with colleagues and fellow adult learners from around the world. A computer with an internet connection is all you need for these 3-8 week courses.

Courses are designed by top JTS faculty, and you'll receive personal feedback from them, or from other faculty at JTS who serve as discussion leaders. Courses follow a week-by-week schedule, and include on-line activities, lectures and discussions, as well as readings from classic primary and secondary sources.

FALL 2003

Spirituality and Mysticism:

- Finding Spirituality in Prayer:
September 4 - 24, 2003
- *Teshuva* as Worship:
September 4 - 24, 2003

Introduction to Talmud:

- Talmud A (first level course):
October 21 - December 23, 2003

Introduction to Jewish Theology:

- Talking About God:
October 22 - December 16, 2003
- Revelation: What Happened at Sinai:
October 22 - December 16, 2003

Re-Introduction to Bible

- Torah:
October 21 - December 23, 2003
- Ketuvim (Writings):
October 21 - December 23, 2003

ON-LINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

JSKYWAY

<http://www.jskyway.com/>

JSkyway is excited to offer educators in Jewish schools the opportunity to participate in professional development courses, on your own time.

All JSkyway courses are offered online and can be accessed 24 hours a day from any computer with an Internet connection. Material is added weekly to each course so participants have a full week to read through the material, complete assignments and participate in online discussions.

Courses are accredited by [Hebrew College](#), a member of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, to be used toward continuing education units.

FALL 2003

October 23 - December 19, 2003

- Skills for Effective Teaching
- Models of Assessment
- Developmental Issues in Adolescence
- New Technologies for Jewish Learning

For more information email Heather Martin at HMartin@jflmedia.com

HEBREW COLLEGE ONLINE

<http://www.hebrewcollege/online>

A pioneer in bringing Jewish learning to the Internet, Hebrew College has offered online courses since 1995 and launched the Internet's first MA in Jewish Studies in Fall 2000. Hebrew College Online enables you to access the world of online Jewish study one course at a time, earn a master's or integrate classroom-based courses with online courses to complete your degree or certificate program. All online courses are designed to emulate the same quality interaction between faculty and student that you find on campus and are backed by user-friendly technical support.

FALL 2003

September 11 - December 19, 2003

Unless otherwise noted, courses can be taken at graduate or undergraduate level.

- Orientation to Online Study at Hebrew College
- Introduction to Jewish History, Culture and Civilization
- Study of Judaism I
- Readings In Biblical Hebrew
- Literary and Philosophic Explorations of Classical Jewish Texts
- Modern Hebrew Language

