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Welcome to the Winter/Spring Class Catalog for JLearn, where adult Jewish learning comes to life. We are excited to continue offering classes on Zoom, from the comfort of your home. Join a community of learners guided by some of the most talented educators in the Detroit area. JLearn offers a diverse selection of courses in art, history, religion, Talmud, ethics, Hebrew and so much more.



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# THOUGHTFUL JUDAISM

## from Shalom Hartman

A new, exciting curriculum offered by JLearn that invites you to explore, discuss, question and think about your Judaism.

### What is the Shalom Hartman Institute?

The Shalom Hartman Institute is an educational center for the Jewish people, and is based in Jerusalem and New York. The scholars of the Shalom Hartman Institute develop ideas that identify, frame and bring Jewish wisdom and relevance to life.

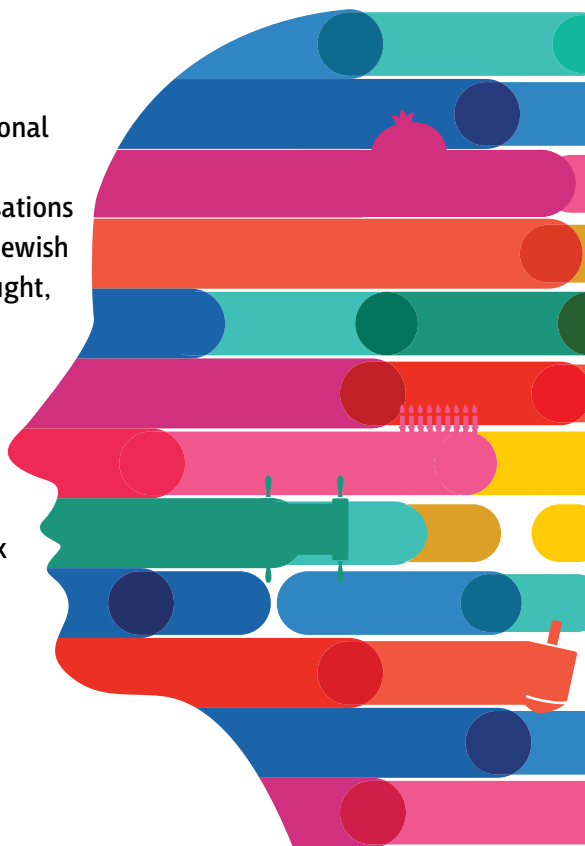
### What is Thoughtful Judaism?

A new and exciting pluralistic course offering foundational concepts of Judaism and Jewish life. Learners from all backgrounds are invited to participate in deep conversations that apply wisdom from ancient and modern texts to Jewish life today. Explore compelling questions in Jewish thought, through the principles that are our Jewish heritage.

### What does the curriculum look like?

We will examine four Jewish themes: Ethics, Peoplehood, Faith and Practice, over two, twelve-week sessions, each lasting seventy-five minutes. Explore questions like these with local, talented instructors:

- How do people come to faith and what does Jewish tradition teach us about entering faith?
- What does it mean to belong to the Jewish people?
- What are the strengths and challenges of peoplehood?
- How does Jewish tradition understand our ethical obligations to God, ourselves, and our community?



Series 1: Peoplehood and Practice

Series 2: Faith and Ethics

Classes start the week of January 24. See listings on Pages 3, 5 and 6.

Series can be taken in any order. No prerequisite.

Tuition: \$175 per series

This program is supported by  
the Hermelin Davidson Center  
for Congregation Excellence



# JUDAIC STUDIES CLASSES

## MONDAYS

### **TORAH LINE BY LINE: GENESIS 2**

**Instructor:** Rabbi Dr. Mitch Parker

**MONDAY 9:30 – 10:45 AM**

Series 2: Jan. 3, 10, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; Mar. 7, 14

Series 3: Mar. 21, 28; Apr. 4, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23; Jun. 13, 20

It's not too late to join this ongoing class as we study of the life of Jacob and his family, exploring the book of Genesis as it was meant to be read, through multiple lenses. During the year we will analyze our first families, parents and children, men and women, their successes and failures, as they pave the way for the creation of the people of Israel. This participatory class makes use of classical and contemporary commentaries as well as the insights of the students in a relaxed atmosphere where every week we get as far as the discussion takes us. Have your own Tanakh, preferably one with commentaries.

**Tuition: \$160 per 10-week series**

### **THE WEEKLY HAFTORAH: THE REST OF THE STORY**

**Instructor:** Rabbi Dr. Mitch Parker

**MONDAY 11 AM – 12:15 PM**

Series 2: Jan. 3, 10, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; Mar. 7, 14

Series 3: Mar. 21, 28; Apr. 4, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23; Jun. 13, 20

Every Shabbat a selection from the Bible is added to the weekly Torah reading called the *Haftorah*. For some of us the *Haftorah* offers an opportunity to enjoy over its recital by the Bar/Bat celebrant, or schmooze with friends but for others the reading gives a moment to reflect before the next part of the service begins. Through a study and analysis of the weekly *Haftorah* we will get an overview of the rich variety of materials, styles and personalities that are part of our Tanakh. We will develop a chronology of Biblical events after the death of Moses and immerse ourselves in an in depth discussion of our Holy Writings.

**Tuition: \$160 per 10-week series**

## EVEN MORE READING BETWEEN THE LINES

Instructor: Rebecca Starr

MONDAY 12 NOON – 1:15 PM

Series 2 Monthly: Feb. 14; Mar. 14; Apr. 4; May 16

Join us monthly for a lively book discussion group where we discuss, analyze, and reflect upon stories containing either Jewish content or written by Jewish authors. Part two of this series will begin with *Second Person Singular* by Sayed Kashua. Additional readings include *Here All Along* by Sarah Hurwitz and *The Last Rose of Shanghai* by Weina Dai Randel and we will complete the series with *Homesick* by Eshkol Nevo. Bring your favorite beverage and your lunch and join us for a deep, open and reflective conversation.

**Tuition: \$65 | Class size is limited!**

## MODERN MEDICAL JEWISH ETHICS NOW

Instructor: Jill Gutmann

MONDAY 10 – 11:30 AM

Monthly: Jan. 3; Feb. 7; Mar. 7; Apr. 4; May 2

Take a deep dive into the hot medical issues of the day with bioethicist Jill Gutmann. Whether it is a discussion of the use of tear gas to disperse crowds or the ethics of vaccine passports, you will be guided through an engaging discussion while looking at the science, politics, Jewish commentary and other relevant sources to frame your opinion. Never knowing what the timely topic will be until class, this fun, informative and engaging class is sure to make you think and want the discussion to continue long after class has ended.

**Tuition: \$100**

## THOUGHTFUL JUDAISM FROM SHALOM HARTMAN

**Series 2 Subjects: Faith and Ethics**

**No prerequisite for joining.**

**Series can be taken in any order.**

Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem

MONDAY 7- 8:15 PM

Series 2: Jan. 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; Mar. 7, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 25; May 2

See Page 1 for full description.

**Tuition: \$175 per series**

## THE ORIGINAL HALACHIC DEBATES

Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem

**TUESDAY 9:30 – 10:30 AM**

Series 2: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; Mar. 1

Series 3: Mar. 8, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24

This class is reserved for students who have previously enrolled at this day and time.

**Tuition: \$120 per 9-week series**

## CHAPTER AND VERSE – BOOK OF KINGS AND A DISCUSSION OF PROPHETS

Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem

**TUESDAY 10:45 – 11:45 AM**

Series 2: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; Mar. 1

Series 3: Mar. 8, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24

We continue our study of The Book of Kings, and conclude with the Babylonian exile. Join us for another exciting weekly discussion with Rabbi Faudem where intrigue, plot twists and palace backstabbing are fused with an in-depth study of the Prophets for a fun and thought-provoking morning.

**Tuition: \$120 per 9-week series**

## PIRKEI AVOT (ETHICS OF THE FATHERS)

Instructor: Rabbi Rod Glogower

**TUESDAY 10:30 AM – 12 NOON**

Series 2: Jan. 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5

*Pirkei Avot* (Ethics of the Fathers) is a rich treasure trove of moral and ethical teachings of the Tannaitic rabbis. These maxims serve as guides for Jewish living. In this class we will mine these inspiring materials by way of close textual analysis. Classic rabbinic commentaries from throughout the ages will serve as our guides. A famous passage in *Pirkei Avot* advises us with regard to the Torah: “Turn it and turn it, for everything is within it.” In this class, we will apply this teaching to the text of *Pirkei Avot* itself.

**Tuition: \$230 per 12-week series**

## THE “MARVEL”OUS MIDRASHIC CINEMATIC UNIVERSE

Instructor: Rabbi Dan Horwitz

Tuesday 12 NOON – 1 PM

Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Long before Captain America, Black Widow and other Marvel characters, the Jewish people had our own stories of demigods, witches, giants and people who could perform the mystical with a simple glance out of their eyes. Come explore some of our tradition's fantastical, magical tales and get to know its heroes and villains!

**Tuition: \$65**



## KRYPTONITE CONFESSIONS: THE SECRET HISTORY OF JEWS AND COMIC BOOKS

Instructor: Professor Howard Lupovitch

TUESDAY 7 – 8:30 PM

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

Was it just a coincidence that two of the most popular superhero comic book series – DC and Marvel Comics – were each the brainchild of Jewish authors? In this series we examine the role of Jews in creating the genre of the superhero comic book and how they addressed issues of identity during moments of crisis in the United States, especially during World War II and the 1960s.

**Tuition: \$80**

Co-Sponsored by: Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies

## THOUGHTFUL JUDAISM FROM SHALOM HARTMAN

*Series 1 Subjects: Peoplehood and Practice*

*No prerequisite for joining.*

*Series can be taken in any order.*

Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem

Tuesday 7- 8:15 PM

Series 1: Jan. 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; Mar. 1, 8, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 26; May 3

See Page 1 for full description.

**Tuition: \$175**



## A JOURNEY OF GOOD DEEDS AND CREEDS

**Instructor:** Rabbi Michele Faudem

**WEDNESDAY 10:30 – 11:45 AM**

Series 2: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 2

Series 3: Mar. 9, 23, 30; Apr. 6, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25

Join Rabbi Faudem as she guides you through your personal journey of *Mitzvot*. What does the Bible, Jewish texts and commentary say about our obligations to our family, the community and the world? What impact does this have on ourselves and others? Does it make us better people if we are simply fulfilling an obligation, or does it create a true change within?

**Tuition: \$145 per 9-week series**

## THOUGHTFUL JUDAISM FROM SHALOM HARTMAN

**Series 2 Subjects: Faith and Ethics**

**No prerequisite for joining.**

**Series can be taken in any order.**

**Instructor:** Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

**WEDNESDAY: 10:30 - 11:45 AM**

Series 2: Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 2, 9, 23, 30; Apr. 6, 27; May 4

*See Page 1 for full description.*

**Tuition: \$175**

## OPENING THE DOOR FOR ELIJAH (AND ELISHA, TOO)

**Instructor:** Rabbi Rod Glogower

**WEDNESDAY 10:30 AM – 12 NOON**

Series 2: Jan. 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Apr. 6

The prophet Elijah looms large in Jewish folklore and tradition. In this course, we return to the study of the figure of Elijah and his disciple Elisha as they emerge from the biblical text in the First and Second Book of Kings. Join us as our Tanakh series features close textual analysis based upon a wide range of commentators, both classical and modern. Explore the lives and significance of these two fascinating personalities of ancient Israel.

**Tuition: \$230**



## IS TIKKUN OLAM A JEWISH VALUE?

**Instructor:** Rabbi Josh Bennett

**WEDNESDAY, 12 NOON – 1:30 PM**

Jan. 5, 12, 19

What does *Tikkun Olam* (Repairing the World) look like in a modern Jewish context? How does social justice and social action connect to Jewish values and tradition? Through an exploration of Jewish texts on social justice, learn what our modern and ancient sages say about the obligation we have as Jews to heal the world through action and service. This course will encourage all participants to concurrently engage in a social justice project that benefits the Detroit community.

**Tuition: \$60**

## IT'S MORE THAN A MEAL: PREPARING FOR THE SEDER WITH HAGGADAHS, OLD AND NEW

**Instructor:** Rabbi/Dr. Mitch Parker

**WEDNESDAY 12 NOON – 1:30 PM**

Mar. 23, 30

During this two-part special holiday series, we will discuss how to prepare for the seder, specifically the part before the meal. First, we will look at the structure and evolution of the text we use today and review haggadot, both ancient and contemporary, parts of which you might like to use at your own seders. In the second session we will talk about creating meaningful seders in your homes with do-it-yourself haggadot and activities that will engage everyone around the table. A perfect way to prepare for the holiday!

**Tuition: \$45**

## SAY IT IN YIDDISH! A BEGINNER'S CLASS

**Instructor:** Dr. Avi Blitz

**WEDNESDAY 7 – 8:15 PM**

Jan. 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 2, 9, 23, 30; Apr. 6

This course is for students who are new to the Yiddish language or would like a review. It covers the alphabet and the basics of conversation, reading, and writing. It will also serve as an informal introduction to Yiddishland in all of its riches: labor anthems, folktales, (ir)reverent liturgies, and everything in between. Knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet is very helpful.

**Tuition: \$ 175**



## **SALON SERIES: A TALMUDIC EXPLORATION**

**Instructor: Rabbi Tzvi Muller**

**THURSDAY 9:30 – 11:00 AM**

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10, 24, 31; Apr. 7, 28; May 5

In this series we explore and analyze the Talmud’s wisdom for kind, ethical and mindful living. Related teachings interspersed throughout the Talmud are examined in group discussion. We will enlighten ourselves through the process of translating relevant Talmudic teachings into everyday life at an advanced level. Salon series classes were developed to provide the advanced student with a more intense structure of learning in a small group setting.

**Enrollment by permission. Please contact the JLearn office.**

## **CONTEMPORARY HALACHIC DEBATES: WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A JEWISH WOMAN**

**Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem**

**THURSDAY 9:30 – 10:30 AM**

Series 2: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3

Series 3: Mar. 10, 24, 31; Apr. 7, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26

Jewish law (Halacha) has been the building foundation of the Jewish people for thousands of years. Who holds the final word on Halacha and why? This class will focus on contemporary Judaic womens’ topics. Join Rabbi Faudem for lively weekly discussions and debates on contemporary issues, using Halacha as a starting point to discover how decisions are reached, changed or compromised in today’s society.

**Tuition: \$120 per 9-week series**

## **THE PERFECT BLEND WITH THE RABBIS: FIVE JEWISH BOOKS EVERYONE SHOULD READ**

**Instructors: Rabbi Joshua Bennett and Rabbi Joseph Krakoff**

**THURSDAY 10 – 11:30 AM**

Monthly: Jan. 6; Feb. 3; Mar. 3; Apr. 7; May 5

It is time to fill your coffee cups and your souls with this unique, monthly opportunity with two of our respected rabbis from the Detroit community. The Jewish people have long been referred to as “the people of the book.” In this class, we will discuss five books that give insight into the storied history of our people. The books will range in genre from fiction, nonfiction, philosophy, and beyond. We will add comment from Jewish source texts as we dive into some of the greatest books of our history. Join Rabbis Bennett and Krakoff in this literary adventure. Their casual style and serious academic approach will guide the conversation about Modern Jewish Life.

**Tuition: \$110 | Class size is limited!**

## EVERY SOUL WAS ON THE MOUNTAIN

Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Krakoff

THURSDAY 10 – 11:30 AM

May 12, 19, 26

Have you ever come across someone you thought looked familiar but knew that you had never actually met them before? Perhaps that is because Jewish tradition teaches that we all were familiar with each other many years ago when we stood together at Mount Sinai to accept the Torah as one people. As we approach the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, which marks the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, Rabbi Krakoff will explore some of the most powerful and inspiring eternal truths that the Jewish people learned when they first received the Torah and their relevancy to our lives today.

**Tuition: \$60**



## CHASING ART: STOLEN WORKS FROM THE HOLOCAUST

Instructor: Wendy Evans

THURSDAY 10 – 11:30 AM

Mar 24, 31; Apr. 7

Assisted by the internet, more descendants of Jewish collectors and dealers who were either forced to sell at greatly reduced prices or had their art stolen by the Nazis, are now seeking restitution. Some of those restitutions have become famous, none more so than Gustav Klimt's *Woman in Gold*. As we discuss the works that have been restituted or are under investigation, we'll be viewing and discussing tremendous art from medieval times to works by the most famous modern artists, stolen during the Holocaust.

*Co-sponsored by The Holocaust Memorial Center Sekelman Family Campus*

**Tuition: \$60**



## ENGAGING ISRAEL, FOUNDATIONS FOR A NEW RELATIONSHIP; A HARTMAN INSTITUTE CURRICULUM

Instructor: Rabbi Brent Gutmann

THURSDAYS 12 NOON – 1:30 PM

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3

Going deeper than the political issues of the day, Rabbi Gutmann re-frames the discussion about the enduring significance of the State of Israel for contemporary Jews worldwide, using video lectures, text study, and lively group discussion. What are the benefits of Jewish sovereignty? How should a Jewish state exercise military power ethically? How do we create and maintain a Jewish democracy? Why should American Jews care about Israel? What values should a Jewish state embody? Join us to discuss these questions and many more based on the curriculum by The Hartman Institute.

**Tuition: \$165**



## YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIKE IT BUT DO YOU UNDERSTAND IT?

**Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem**

**THURSDAY 6:45 – 7:45 PM**

Series 2: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3

Series 3: Mar. 10, 24, 31; Apr. 7, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26

Join Rabbi Faudem for lively weekly discussion and debate on current, relevant topics. How does Halacha (Jewish Law) impact our everyday opinions and decisions? Join our round table discussion as Rabbi Faudem asks you to answer the question: “You don’t have to like it, but do you understand it”?

**Tuition: \$120 per 9-week series**

## FRIDAYS

### PARSHA HASHAVUAH (WEEKLY TORAH PORTION)

**Instructors: Community Rabbis, Cantors and Educators**

**FRIDAY 10 – 11 AM**

Series 2: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11

Series 3: Mar. 18, 25; Apr. 1, 8, 29; May 6, 13, 20, 27; Jun. 3

Each week a different rabbi, cantor or educator will present the weekly Torah portion from his or her own perspective. You never know who will be teaching each week but it is always enlightening and engaging! Sign up for one ten-week series or the entire year. Have your own Tanakh.

**Tuition: \$120 per 10-week series**

**Co-Sponsored by: The Michigan Board of Rabbis and The Michigan Board of Cantors**

### AFTER THE PARSHA...STILL MORE TO TALK ABOUT!

**Instructor: Rabbi/Dr. Mitch Parker**

**FRIDAY 11:15 AM-12:30 PM**

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11

Join Mitch Parker for a weekly discussion of topics related to what is happening in the upcoming Jewish week. We may review hidden gems in Shabbat’s Torah reading, or we might delve deeply into the haftorah or even discuss the meaning of the Jewish holidays and holy days that are upon us. Each week a different topic, each time an opportunity to walk away with a new insight derived from our literature as well as a time to engage in lively discussion with friends, old and new.

**Tuition: \$160**



## TEXT AND TEXTURE OF THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Klein

**FRIDAY 11:30 AM – 1PM**

Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 4

This eight-week course will be a close and careful reading of the better-known narratives in the Book of Exodus, looking for messages and meaning beneath the surface, with presented commentaries from Rabbinic and occasional Christian sources, and evidence from archaeology. The class will incorporate a discussion of the Documentary Hypothesis as a means of better understanding the history, development and message of this foundational text of *Torah*. Students should have a Bible translation of their choice.

**Tuition: \$160**

## SING A NEW PSALM

Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Klein

**FRIDAY 11:30 AM – 1PM**

Mar. 25; Apr. 1, 8, 29; May 6, 13

Closely examine selections from the Book of Psalms with a focus on their structure, wordplay and literary sophistication. The poetry and theology of the Psalms transcend their almost 3000-year history. It is significant that the Psalter (the Book of Psalms) was the first book ever printed in the American colonies – The Bay Psalm Book. Though the Hebrew text of the Psalms will be referenced and examined, Hebrew skills are not required. Students should have a Bible translation of their choice.

**Tuition: \$120**

# HEBREW LANGUAGE & LITERATURE CLASSES

## **BEGINNERS HEBREW**

**Instructor: Dorit Warfman**

**MONDAY 9:30 – 10:45 AM**

Jan. 3, 10, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28;  
Mar. 7, 14

If you ever wanted to learn the Hebrew letters, follow prayers in Hebrew or read signs in Israel then this is the course for you. This may be a stand-alone class or advance into the “Hebrew 1” class to learn conversational Hebrew.

**Tuition: \$145**

## **HEBREW 2**

**Instructor: Dorit Warfman**

**MONDAY, 11 AM – 12:15 PM**

Jan. 3, 10, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28;  
Mar. 7, 14

Pre-requisites: Hebrew 1

**Tuition: \$145**

## **HEBREW 4**

**Instructor: Dorit Warfman**

**MONDAY, 7:30 – 8:45 PM**

Jan. 3, 10, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28;  
Mar. 7, 14

Pre-requisites: Hebrew 3

**Tuition: \$145**

## **HEBREW 6**

**Instructor: Dorit Warfman**

**MONDAY, 6 - 7:15 PM**

Jan. 3, 10, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28;  
Mar. 7, 14

Pre-requisite: Hebrew 5

**Tuition: \$145**

## **BEGINNERS HEBREW – MINI-SESSION**

**Instructor: Dorit Warfman**

**MONDAY 9:30 – 10:45 AM**

Mar. 21, 28; Apr. 4, 25; May 2

**Tuition: \$75**

## **HEBREW 2 – MINI-SESSION**

**Instructor: Dorit Warfman**

**MONDAY, 11 AM – 12:15 PM**

Mar. 21, 28; Apr. 4, 25; May 2

**Tuition: \$75**

## **HEBREW 4 – MINI-SESSION**

**Instructor: Dorit Warfman**

**MONDAY, 7:30 – 8:45 PM**

Mar. 21, 28; Apr. 4, 25; May 2

**Tuition: \$75**

## **HEBREW 6 – MINI-SESSION**

**Instructor: Dorit Warfman**

**MONDAY, 6 – 7:15 PM**

Mar. 21, 28; Apr. 4, 25; May 2

**Tuition: \$75**

## ADVANCED HEBREW 1

Instructor: Nira Lev

MONDAY, 10:30 AM – 12 NOON

Series 2: Jan. 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28;  
Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 25; May 2, 9

Tuition: \$265

## ADVANCED BEGINNER HEBREW 2

Instructor: Nira Lev

MONDAY, 12:30 – 1:45 PM

Series 2: Jan. 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28;  
Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 25; May 2, 9

Tuition: \$175

## ADVANCED HEBREW 2

Instructor: Nira Lev &  
Amalia Poris

MONDAY, 7– 9 PM

Series 2: Jan. 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28;  
Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 25; May 2, 9

Tuition: \$265

## INTERMEDIATE HEBREW

Instructor: Nira Lev

TUESDAY, 11 AM – 12 NOON

Series 2: Jan. 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22;  
Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 26; May 3

Tuition: \$140

## ADVANCED HEBREW LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE 2

Instructor: Nira Lev

WEDNESDAY, 10 AM – 12 NOON

Series 2: Jan 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23;  
Mar. 2, 9, 23, 30; Apr. 6; May 4, 11, 18

Tuition: \$265

## ADVANCE HEBREW LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE 3

Instructor: Nira Lev

SUNDAY, 10 AM – 12 NOON

Series 2: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20,  
27; Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27; Apr. 3

Tuition: \$265

For more information about Hebrew classes or to  
discuss placement of new students, contact

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# THE INSTRUCTORS

**RABBI JOSHUA BENNETT** is a rabbi at Temple Israel of West Bloomfield. Ordained at Hebrew Union College in 1994, he holds a Masters Degree of Hebrew Letters as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from the University of Illinois at Champaign. He has served the Jewish community in many roles including Michigan Jewish AIDS Coalition, Salvation Army Legal Aid Clinic, Young Adult Division of the Allied Jewish Federation and The ADL. Social justice is a primary concern of his.

**DR. AVI BLITZ** is a graduate of Oxford University and Indiana University, has a PhD in Comparative Literature and is an experienced Jewish educator. He has taught Yiddish, Hebrew, and Jewish Studies at undergraduate and graduate level in the US, Israel, and in Argentina, where he teaches through the Buenos Aires branch of YIVO. Avi enjoys writing about Yiddish and has published his work in *In Geveb*, the online journal of Yiddish Studies.

**RABBI ROBERT DOBRUSIN** was born and raised in Boston and has served at Beth Israel in Ann Arbor since 1988. He was ordained from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and in 2015 was named one of the 33 most inspiring rabbis in America by The Forward. He is a published author of numerous essays and sermons, and a book entitled *The Long Way Around: Stories and Sermon's from a Life's Journey*.

**WENDY EVANS** was raised among the museums of London, England. She has advanced degrees from Oxford University in England and Wayne State University in Detroit. She taught art history at Wayne State University and elsewhere and is a long-time volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Ms. Evans gives presentations on a wide variety of art subjects throughout Michigan.

**RABBI MICHELE FAUDEM** was ordained by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1995 where she also earned her M.A. in Education. She was the Coordinator of Adult Jewish Education at the Houston JCC and the Melton Director of Houston. Rabbi Faudem was a popular Melton instructor and teaches numerous JLearn classes. She is the Rabbi Educator for Hillel of Metropolitan Detroit.

**RABBI ROD GLOGOWER** is the rabbinic resource person on staff of the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation at the University of Michigan and an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan Law School. He received his rabbinic ordination with distinction from Midrasha Seminary of Machon Harry Fischel in Jerusalem.

**RABBI BRENT GUTMANN** is the Senior Rabbi of Temple Kol Ami, and has served as Rabbi to congregations in Petoskey, Michigan, Cincinnati, Ohio and Auckland, New Zealand. Rabbi Gutmann is active in adult education, interfaith, and social justice work around our region. He received his rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, and a Bachelors of Arts from Indiana University in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics.



**JILL GUTMANN** has experiences in Jewish ethics, halakha, medical ethics and public health. She holds an AB from Smith College; Fulbright Grantee to South Korea; a Masters of Public Health from the University of Cincinnati and Jewish Ethics from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. She has served on hospital ethics boards and worked as an ethicist for the CDC and the Israeli Ministry of Health. She served on faculty at the Melton School in Auckland, New Zealand.

**RABBI DAN HORWITZ** is a product of the Metro Detroit Jewish community and is committed to fostering a joyful Judaism that is inclusive, inspiring and relevant. A lifelong learner, in addition to rabbinic ordination, he holds a BA, 3 MAs and a JD. Now serving as a Rabbi at Adat Shalom Synagogue, he previously was the CEO of the Alper JCC in Miami, was the founding director and rabbi of The Well, and was the organizational rabbi for Moishe House.

**RABBI JOSEPH KLEIN** was Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El of Oak Park for 16 years before becoming Rabbi Emeritus in 2013. He holds a Master of Hebrew Letters and received his ordination from Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rabbi Klein has been Adjunct Professor at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Indiana State University and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He is currently Adjunct Professor at Oakland University and Rochester College, and Visiting Rabbi with the Grosse Pointe Jewish Council.

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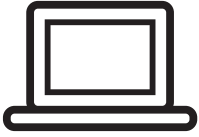
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