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Fall/Winter/Spring Adult Jewish Learning Programs

Here are a few reasons to attend AJL classes and events at TBI: you are interested in the topics; you want to increase your knowledge and experience; you want to meet your fellow congregants.

So, let's get started!

CLASSES

THE TORAH IN TEXT AND IMAGE

Join professors and congregants Gary Gilbert, our resident expert on all things Israeli, and Tammi Schneider, our resident expert on all things biblical, as they present a new class examining our most important book, the Torah.

Wednesdays:

October 16 – The Making of Torah: How Did the Torah Become the Torah?

October 23 – The Torah with Images: Illuminated Medieval Bibles and Other Manuscripts

October 30 – The Torah in Images: Jewish Art Inspired by the Bible

November 6 - Writing the Torah: Scribal Practices; Modern Midrash

7:00 – 8:30 pm Social Hall

PERSONAL AND FAMILY SAFETY: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CLASS

Joan and Neil Gerard, TBI's long-time congregants, will be presenting a seminar on how to prepare for natural disasters in our area. They will provide specific guidance and suggestions for protecting our families and homes. Helpful handouts will be available. RSVP to TBI Office, 909-626-1277 and include your city so that local information can be provided.

Sunday, November 3

9:30 – 11:30 Social Hall

INCLUDES BAGEL BRUNCH

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

This exciting new curriculum is taught by Cantor Paul Buch with Rabbi Jonathan Kupetz. It is open to the wider community and TBI congregants. It focuses on the "big ideas" of Judaism: who we are as a people, our beliefs and sacred texts, living in Jewish time, and living a Jewish life.

This course is for you if you are Jewish but lack an understanding of Judaism; you are a non-Jew participating in raising Jewish children; or you are a non-Jew who wishes to explore Judaism and/or is considering conversion. It fulfills the basic educational requirements for conversion to Judaism.

The first session is free to all attendees. The course is \$180.00.

Tuesdays, starting October 22, for 18 weeks

7:00 – 9:00 pm Beit Midrash

October 29, November 5, 12, 19; December 3, 10, 17; January 7, 14, 21, 28;
February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10

THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL: A SHARED HOMELAND FOR A DIVIDED PEOPLE

Join Rabbi Kupetz for the fourth class of the Hartman Institute's iEngage Series. This multimedia course confronts the challenge of creating a Jewish and democratic modern State of Israel for a people divided along "tribal" lines: religious, ideological, national, and geographic.

A \$50 donation is requested to offset the cost of the curriculum.

7:00 - 9:00 pm Beit Midrash

**Wednesdays: November 13, 20; December 4, 11, 18; January 15, 22, 29;
February 5**

THE BIBLE: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

Join Tammi Schneider in this NEW course exploring the duality of the Bible, which has been both the inspiration for noble values and legal principles but also presents viewpoints that differ from our modern beliefs (e.g. slavery, sexism). How does the Bible present these troubling topics and how do we as modern readers address such traditions in our sacred literature?

7:00 – 8:30 pm Social Hall

Wednesdays, February 19, 26, and March 4

STORIES OF MUSIC

Cantor Buch presents a NEW series developed by UCLA and the Milken Archive of Jewish Music, "Stories of Music," exploring the breadth and depth of Jewish music through the last 3,000 years. Sessions include "Jewish Music 101," "The Art of Prayer," and "Yiddish Music in America." Explore the history.....Delight in the music.

7:00 – 8:30 pm Beit Midrash

Tuesdays, April 21, 28, May 5

DISCOVERING ISRAEL THROUGH SHORT STORIES

Sara Truitt, our congregant and published author, will present this NEW course built around a book by Ayelet Tsabari, called *The Best Place on Earth: Stories*. Sara will select the stories that best illustrate and provoke discussion of differing aspects and points of view about contemporary Israeli life.

7:00 – 8:30 pm Beit Midrash
Wednesdays, May 13, 20, June 3, June 10

3rd ANNUAL ISRAELI FILM SERIES

Gary Gilbert is again bringing a wonderful selection of Israeli films to Claremont McKenna College (CMC), and, happily, all are welcome free of charge. These films represent widely differing aspects of Israeli society.

2:00 pm

CMC Roberts North 15

October 13: *Foxtrot* (2017) Best Picture, Venice Film Festival; a family's struggles show the way Israeli society is trapped by its traumatic past.

November 17: *Red Cow* (2018) Best Feature Film, Jerusalem Film Festival – A motherless girl rebels in this story of sacrifice, redemption, passion, and love.

December 1 – *Arab Labor* (2007-2012) Acclaimed irreverent TV comedy series about a young Palestinian journalist and Israeli citizen struggling with identity.

TBI JEWISH-THEMED FILM SERIES

For the second year, Cantor Bush and congregant Judy Rose will host a carefully-curated choice of films, each followed by a discussion.

Sundays, 3:00 – 5:00 pm Social Hall
January 19, February 23 and March 8
Films to be Announced Soon

TBI EDUCATIONAL FILM SERIES

Ed Kahanick, TBI congregant, will again host a weekly Sunday morning viewing and discussion of relevant documentaries and other nonfiction films.

The first film in October is the acclaimed *Miriam's Mosaic*, a lively panel discussion of groundbreaking women clergy from vastly different cultural experiences and ethnic identities. Included are clergy of Syrian, Asian-American and Orthodox backgrounds. You will be enriched by this example of our contemporary clergy.

October 13 – *Miriam's Mosaic*, Part One

October 20 – *Miriam's Mosaic*, Part Two

Note these upcoming dates and watch for information on the films:

October 27, November 10, 24, December 8 and 15

9:30 – 11:00 am Beit Midrash

TBI CULTURAL OUTINGS

Lisa Smolen, TBI congregant, will continue to lead us on local cultural adventures.

RAILWAY CARS AND CULTURE
November (Sunday Date and Time TBD)

An exciting Sunday will start with the Metrolink to Union Station and a walk or Uber to Disney Symphony Hall for a private, curated tour of that fabulous space. We will then take the famous Angel's Flight Railway and have lunch at Grand Central Market before heading home.

BOYLE HEIGHTS HERITAGE TOUR WITH BARRIO BOYCHIK
February (Weekday Date and Time TBD)

TBI adventurers will go on a private tour of this storied part of LA's Jewish history with one of the best local tour guides.

THE SKIRBALL MUSEUM
"I'll Have What She's Having," The Jewish Deli
May (Day and Time TBD)

Join us as we take a delicious bite of the history and culture of Jews in America. This exhibition reveals how delicatessens became cornerstones of American Jewish food culture during the past century, evolving from specialty stores catering to immigrant populations into beloved national institutions. This will resonate with our personal pasts, which we can discuss when we end the day at, what else, a Jewish deli!

TBI READS!

Join fellow congregants this fall as we read Jane Ziegelman's
97 Orchard:

An Edible History of Five Immigrant Families in One New York Tenement

Books may still be available at the TBI and Claremont Libraries and, inexpensively at Amazon.com.

Come to the TBI Social Hall on December 8 at 2:00
for a lively book discussion and refreshments.

TBI WOMEN: LAUGH, LEARN and LUNCH

Quarterly, TBI women will meet on Tuesdays to share lunch, to socialize, and to focus on a topic of interest.

Tuesday, October 29 – Raising Jewish Children and Grandchildren in the Current Climate of Anti-Semitism

Hold the Dates: January 28 and April 28

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

TBI Social Hall

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

Please join this lively study group led by congregant Mikey Rhein to discuss the Torah portion of the week. No prior knowledge of Torah is necessary—just interest in Judaism. Everyone is welcome.

Every Saturday Morning

9:30 – 11:00 am

Louis Family Library (in Education Building)

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THANK YOU.