



Limmud Moriah: Fall 2019

opportunities for jewish learning



Talmud Torah

Mishneh Torah

Monday-Friday / Following Shacharit

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

Parashat HaShavua

Shabbat Morning / 8:30 am

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

Practical Halakha

Shabbat Afternoon / Between Mincha and Maariv

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

Talmud Study

Mondays / 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm / Starting October 7

Taught by: Rabbi Yehoshua Ben Avraham

All classes are suitable for all levels of experience and new students are always welcome.

Jewish Thought

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's The Sabbath

Tuesdays / 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm / September 3, 10, 17, 24

Taught by: Rabbi Kenneth Berger

Abraham Joshua Heschel's brief book, *The Sabbath*, is a beautiful and evocative presentation of the meaning of Shabbat, one that is especially relevant today. In the weeks before the fall holidays, we will read the Prologue and selected passages of *The Sabbath*. While photocopies of the material will be distributed, it is recommended that participants purchase their own copies of the entire book, which may be the subject of a future class.

Mussar Study Group

Tuesday / November 5 - December 17 / 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

Mussar is a Jewish spiritual discipline focused on character development and personal growth. In this class we will study passages from classical works of mussar and explore various mussar techniques and strategies for achieving our full potential as human beings.

What Happens After We Die: Jewish Ideas About Life After Death

Tuesdays / 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm / Beginning October 29

Taught by: Rabbi Kenneth Berger

Many of us were taught that Judaism has little to say about life after death, that its emphasis is on how we live our lives in this world. However, Jewish sources are replete with references to *olam haba*, the “world to come,” and Maimonides included belief in resurrection in his “thirteen articles of faith.” What does Judaism teach about, and what have Jews believed about the afterlife? In this course we will trace Jewish ideas about life after death, from biblical until modern times.

Jewish History

The Holocaust And The Law

Wednesdays / 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm / Starting August 28

Taught by: Bruce Ogron

There are many ways to study the Holocaust. In this class, we will focus on how the role and rule of law helped transform Nazi Germany from a democracy to a dictatorship. In so doing, we will examine the ways in which the systematic implementation of numerous edicts, decrees and regulations enacted by the National Socialist Party restricted the human and civil rights of Germany's Jewish citizenry. We will also analyze several of the Nuremberg trials as well as the Eichmann trial.

To enhance our learning, we will periodically welcome incredible speakers who will share their vast knowledge and expertise. Among those scheduled to appear are internationally renowned author, Edwin Black, who will be speaking on The Chicago Connection to American and Nazi Eugenics, and Professor Cathy Mansfield, who will lecture on the Nuremberg Laws.

Hebrew

Intermediate Conversational Hebrew

Monday / September 9 - November 25 / 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Taught by: Silvi Freedson

Join us for conversational Hebrew classes in a relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere led by Silvi Freedson, principal of Be'ivrit. Silvi is a native Hebrew speaker, and is highly experienced with helping adult learners break through language barriers. Students will learn Hebrew through Israeli literature, current events, cinema and songs! **Registration required. \$90 fee for non-members**

The Melton School Of Jewish Learning

Shemot Part 2: Revelation and Revolution

Thursdays / 9:30 am - 11:00 am / Starting September 12 (10 Sessions)

Taught by: Rabbi Yehoshua Ben Avraham

This course follows the development of the emerging Jewish nation from their awe-inspiring encounter at Mount Sinai through the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness. The high points of divine revelation in “Ten Commandments,” “Encountering God,” and “Face to Face with God” are sharply contrasted with the low points of the “Golden Calf: Revolt or Reversion.” The text addresses some of the specific laws and regulations that were to become part of Jewish living as well as the meaning, purpose, and relevance to our lives today. **Registration required. Please call 847.291.7788 x1321.**

The Rhythms and Purposes of Jewish Living

Wednesdays / 9:15 am - 10:15 am / Starting October 23 (24 Sessions)

Taught by: Lori and Rabbi Ben Kramer

What’s the point of living Jewishly? What ideas, beliefs, and practices are involved? Why do Jews believe as they do? What are the big questions of life and how do Jewish thinkers answer these questions? This course examines a wide variety of Jewish sources to discover the deeper meanings underlying Jewish observance, and explores both ancient and modern responses to many of the major issues of Jewish thought and theology.

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Family Learning

Family Learning Programs at The Moriah Family School

Sunday / 10:45-11:30 am

Sept 15: Grades 6-7 / Nov 10: Grades 4-5 / Nov 24: Grades K-1 / Jan 12: Grades 2-3

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

Join Rabbi Kramer for a morning of fun and engaging learning with your child.

The Bnei Mitzvah Family Learning Program

Sunday / September 15, December 8, February 9, March 15 / 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Taught by: Rabbi Ben and Lori Kramer

A series of four amazing opportunities for sixth-grade students and their parents to learn together.

Discussion Groups

The Moriah Women's Rosh Chodesh Study Group

Shabbat / After Kiddush

October 26 / November 23 / December 28 / January 25

Facilitated by: Greta Rothschild and Sheri Ann Lowe

The Moriah Women's Rosh Chodesh Study group, now in its eleventh year, is an opportunity for the women of Moriah to get together to learn with, and from, each other. All women of Moriah are invited to participate in this wonderful learning experience.

Moriah Movie Night

Wednesdays / 7:30 pm / Dates TBA

Facilitated by: Arnie Landis

Moriah Reads!

Shabbat / Following Kiddush

Facilitated by: Irene Sufrin

September 7: [Kaddish.com](#) by Nathan Englander

November 2: [Forest Dark](#) by Nicole Krauss

December 7: [Three Floors Up](#) by Eshkol Nevo

January 11: [The Best Place On Earth](#) by Ayelet Tsabari

Teen Learning

Moving Traditions

Sunday / Once A Month / Starting In September

Facilitated by: TBA

Moving Traditions emboldens teens by fostering self-discovery and inspiring a commitment to Jewish life and learning. Through supportive peers, an inspiring adult mentor, and of course your love and support as a parent, we aspire to empower your teen to grow into a healthy, successful, and connected Jewish adult. **Registration and fee required. Contact Karen Ebroon for more info: kebroon@moriahcong.org.**

Teen Midrasha Co-Op: A Jewish Institute For 8th-12th Graders

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**TEEN
MIDRASHA
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**STUDENT
REGISTRATION**

Sokol Hebrew High School is joining Moriah Congregation and Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah in a combined Teen Midrashah Cooperative.

Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

October 29 - January 28
First 9 weeks: Moriah
Jewish Ethics and Middot with
Rabbi Kramer
Social action projects facilitated
by Chuck Kahalnik

February 4 - April 28
Second 9 weeks: NSSBE
Current hot topics with Rabbi Schwab
& Rabbi Freedman
Social action projects facilitated
by Chuck Kahalnik

March 22 - 26
Tentative Trip - Spring Break to Florida

Goals:

- Building relationships between students, synagogue communities, teens and educators
- Authentic and Positive Jewish Learning and Experiences
- Social action component
- Dinner each week
- Group travel option available in the Spring - more details to follow
- Make new friends and build community with other teens!

All Jewish teens are welcome!

Please register by filling out the back of this flyer and including a deposit. Bring or mail checks to: North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, attention Alicia Gejman.

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**2019 MORIAH CONGREGATION SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
NOVEMBER 15 & 16**

2019 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE NOMINEE MICKEY BERGMAN



Bergman, second from right, negotiating in North Korea.

Born in Israel, Mickey Bergman has spent the past fifteen years forging a diplomatic and humanitarian legacy through what refers to as “fringe diplomacy,” an innovative discipline exploring the space in international relations just beyond the boundaries of the capacity and authority of states and governments.

As Vice President of the Governor Richardson Center for Global Engagement, Mickey manages private diplomacy efforts in North Korea, Cuba, Myanmar, Middle East, and Africa he works to free people held by criminal organizations and hostile regimes around the world. Mickey has led his team at the Richardson Center to facilitate the release of more political prisoners than any other organization, including the release of Otto Warmbier from North Korea in 2017 and the release of Gilad Shalit from Hamas in 2011. In recognition of his work, Mickey, alongside Former Governor Bill Richardson, has been nominated for the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize.

In addition to his work in diplomacy, Mickey is also a professor at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, where he teaches about emotional intelligence in international relations, as well as a consultant to the Clinton Global Initiative. He has published numerous articles, interviews, and opinion pieces in the New York Times, Washington Post, International Herald Tribune, Boston Globe, Foreign Policy Online, and Huffington Post, and has been featured as a subject matter expert for television interviews on CNN, ABC, CBS, Fox News, I24news, Global News, and ABC News Australia.