

Westchester Adult Jewish Education Cooperative

2016 - 2017 Course Offerings

Synagogue Name:	Beth El Synagogue Center
Course Name:	(re)Introduction to Judaism
Description:	<p>“I didn’t grow up with any Jewish education at all.” “I went to Hebrew school but I didn’t learn anything!” As children, so many of us did not have access to a Jewish education or we don’t remember much at all from Hebrew school. This class is intended to introduce people to Judaism for the first time or re-introduce it to people as adults. This class will start from the beginning and delve into topics about the Jewish calendar, life-cycle, ethics, textual tradition, and ways in which Judaism can address modern questions. Some topics include: Jewish Holidays; the real differences between Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Judaism; Who is a Jew; What is the Torah vs The Bible vs The Talmud; Prayer; What is Happening in the Sanctuary on Shabbat, etc.</p>
Instructor (s):	Rabbi David Schuck
Class Dates:	Three Wednesday evenings a month, starting November
Class Time:	7:30 PM
Fee:	no fee
Location:	The class will take place in participant’s homes, with plenty of wine and no judgement!
Registration Deadline:	Limited space available, registration will be determined on a first come, first serve basis
Online Registration:	http://www.bethelnr.org/judaism
Registration contact:	Rabbi Josh Dorsch, jdorsch@bethelnr.org

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Synagogue Name:	Congregation Anshe Sholom
Course Name:	Heroes & Villains of Modern Jewish History
Description:	This course will examine the lives and careers of Jews who achieved renown or infamy for their contributions to the fate of world Jewry. Rabbis, politicians, generals, spies, traitors, and heretics left behind complicated legacies. In some instances, one man's hero is another man's villain.
Instructor(s):	Rabbi Evan Hoffman
Class Dates:	Mondays, starting September 12th
Class Time:	7:00 PM
Fee:	no fee
Location:	Congregation Anshe Sholom (Library), 50 North Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10805
Registration Deadline:	No deadline. You can join the course at any point.
Online Registration:	No registration required
Registration contact:	Rabbi Evan Hoffman, evanhoffman@gmail.com , 914-632-9220

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Synagogue Name:	Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester
Course Name:	Introduction to Judaism: A Survey of Jewish History and Practice for Beginners and Deepeners
Description	Join with clergy from throughout Northern Westchester to learn about the breadth and wonder of Jewish tradition. This class offers a pathway for the adult learner who wishes to discover or deepen Jewish knowledge or the non-Jew who is considering living a Jewish life or possibly conversion to Judaism. Each session is based upon a chapter in Stephen M. Wylen's <i>Settings of Silver: An Introduction to Judaism</i> . It is recommended but not required that the chapters be read in advance of each session.
Instructor(s):	Various Rabbi's from Westchester
Class Dates:	11/11/16, 11/15/16, 11/22/16, 1/10/17, 1/24/17, 2/7/17, 2/21/17, 3/7/17, 3/21/17, 4/4/17, 4/25/17
Class Time:	7:30pm–9:00 pm
Fee:	no fee
Location:	Various Locations
Registration deadline :	No deadline
Online registration:	https://bethelnw.org/Lifelong_Learning/Intro_Judaism
Registration contact:	Jaclyn Dubray, jdubray@bethelnw.org

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Synagogue Name:	Temple Sholom (Greenwich)
Course Name:	Lunch 'n Learn
Description	Study Jewish ethics through the lens of the rabbinic sages with Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz or a special guest teacher. A kosher lunch is provided.
Instructor(s):	Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz
Class Dates:	Tuesdays, ongoing
Class Time:	12:00 - 1:00PM
Fee	no fee
Location	Temple Sholom, 300 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830
Registration deadline:	Registration is not required for this ongoing course.
Online registration:	http://www.templesholom.com/lunch-n-learn-0
Registration contact:	Lori Baden, Associate Executive Director, lori.baden@templesholom.com , 203-869-7191

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Synagogue Name:	The Pelham Jewish Center
Course Name:	The Ethical Life
Description:	From political and financial scandals to rapid progress in biomedical science and technology, the complex issues of modern society are – at their core – issues of ethical and moral concern. Now, more than ever, we require a solid understanding of how Jewish ethics can inform our discussions and decisions about the critical questions of the day. Each session of The Ethical Life includes a short video lecture featuring JTS faculty members and other expert scholars, a text study and a guided group discussion led by Rabbi Salzberg. Join us for this unique opportunity to study the sources of Jewish ethics in their original, and learn how we can apply them today. The course explores critical topics of contemporary relevance, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Does Ethics Need God?* The Ethical Dimensions of Food Production* Is Teshuvah Possible? Rethinking Mass Incarceration* Advance Directives and the Ethics of End-of-Life Care* Disabilities and the Ethics of Inclusion"
Instructor(s):	Rabbi Alex Salzberg
Class Date:	12 sessions-Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 13, 20, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 14, 28, Mar. 14
Class Time:	4:00-5:30PM OR 7:30-9PM
Fee:	\$150
Location:	451 Esplanade, Pelham Manor, NY 10803
Registration Deadline:	11/10/2016
Online registration:	Office@thepjc.org OR 914 738 6008
Registration contact:	Julia Coss, Office Manager

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Synagogue Name: Temple Beth Abraham

Course Name: Mysteries of the Jewish Calendar with David Frank

Description: Have you ever wondered how the Jewish calendar was created? How did it evolve from our early understanding of lunar and seasonal cycles? How is it related to the secular calendar? What role did Hillel and Maimonides play in its construction? What's up with that pesky extra Adar?

As a computer scientist at IBM Research, David Frank became captivated with the mathematics and sociology of calendar systems. In this lecture, he'll explore the origins and evolution of the Jewish Calendar, revealing its intriguing mysteries from pre-Babylonian times, through the rise of Rabbinic Judaism, to the present.

This event will be followed by refreshments.

Instructor(s): David Frank

Class Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Class Time: 7:30 – 9:30pm

Fee: No charge

Location: 25 Leroy Avenue, Tarrytown, NY 10591

Registration Deadline:

Online registration: <http://bit.ly/2mmoR0w>

Registration contact: Bernice Rogowitz, Adult Learning Chair, adulted@tba-ny.org

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Synagogue Name: Westchester Reform Temple

Course Name: King David

Description "David, melech Yisrael, chai, chai, v'kayam."

"David, king of Israel, lives and endures."

The words of the popular Hebrew children's song ring true: King David's legacy endures to the present day, as the quintessential poet and musician, the chosen one of God, even as a Messianic figure. David has inspired countless generations of artists, musicians, and authors, who seek to give new expression to this beloved Biblical figure. But there have been many great Jewish leaders; what makes David unique?

Join us in a year-long study of one of our tradition's most intriguing and complex personalities. This course, taught by our clergy, will explore the many facets of King David, from triumphant military hero, to inspired musician, to monarch, to flawed father and husband. We will study portrayals of David from the Biblical era to the modern day, using diverse media, ranging from sacred texts to art, music, and contemporary literature.

Instructor(s): Rabbi Jonathan Blake and Rabbi Daniel Reiser

Class Date: Tuesdays, November 8, 15, 29, December 6, February 28, March 7, 14, 28, April 4 and May 9

Class Time: 7:15pm

Fee: no fee

Location: 255 Mamaroneck Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583

Registration Deadline: Registration is not required for this course.

Online Registration: No registration necessary. All welcome.

Registration Contact: Hillary Fontana, Hillary.fontana@wrtemple.org, 914-468-0523

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Synagogue Name:	Yorktown Jewish Center
Course Name:	Mishneh Torah: Jewish Law from Maimonides Through Today
Description	An English text-based study of Mishneh Torah; Maimonides' compendium of Jewish law, written for everyone who wishes to understand Judaism's application to every sphere of life
Instructor(s):	Rabbi Seth Sternstein
Class Date:	Tuesday evenings
Class Time:	7:30-9:00pm
Fee:	No fee
Location:	Yorktown Jewish Center 2966 Crompond Road, Yorktown Heights, NY
Registration Deadline:	Ongoing
Online Registration:	Please call to register
Registration Contact:	914-245-2324 Roseanne Devine