

## Westchester Adult Jewish Education Cooperative 2016 - 2017 Course Offerings

<b>Synagogue Name:</b>	Beth El Synagogue Center
<b>Course Name:</b>	(re)Introduction to Judaism
<b>Description:</b>	<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>
<b>Instructor (s):</b>	Rabbi David Schuck
<b>Class Dates:</b>	Three Wednesday evenings a month, starting November
<b>Class Time:</b>	7:30 PM
<b>Fee:</b>	no fee
<b>Location:</b>	The class will take place in participant's homes, with plenty of wine and no judgement!
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	Limited space available, registration will be determined on a first come, first serve basis
<b>Online Registration:</b>	<a href="http://www.bethelnr.org/judaism">http://www.bethelnr.org/judaism</a>
<b>Registration contact:</b>	Rabbi Josh Dorsch, <a href="mailto:jdorsch@bethelnr.org">jdorsch@bethelnr.org</a>

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### **2016 - 2017 Course Offerings**

<b>Synagogue Name:</b>	Congregation Anshe Sholom
<b>Course Name:</b>	Heroes & Villains of Modern Jewish History
<b>Description:</b>	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.
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	Rabbi Evan Hoffman
<b>Class Dates:</b>	Mondays, starting September 12th
<b>Class Time:</b>	7:00 PM
<b>Fee:</b>	no fee
<b>Location:</b>	Congregation Anshe Sholom (Library), 50 North Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10805
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	No deadline. You can join the course at any point.
<b>Online Registration:</b>	No registration required
<b>Registration contact:</b>	Rabbi Evan Hoffman, <a href="mailto:evanhoffman@gmail.com">evanhoffman@gmail.com</a> , 914-632-9220

## **Westchester Adult Jewish Education Cooperative 2016 - 2017 Course Offerings**

<b>Synagogue Name:</b>	Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester
<b>Course Name:</b>	Introduction to Judaism: A Survey of Jewish History and Practice for Beginners and Deepeners
<b>Description</b>	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.
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	Various Rabbi's from Westchester
<b>Class Dates:</b>	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
<b>Class Time:</b>	7:30pm–9:00 pm
<b>Fee:</b>	no fee
<b>Location:</b>	Various Locations
<b>Registration deadline:</b>	No deadline
<b>Online registration:</b>	<a href="https://bethelnw.org/Lifelong_Learning/Intro_Judaism">https://bethelnw.org/Lifelong_Learning/Intro_Judaism</a>
<b>Registration contact:</b>	Jaclyn Dubray, <a href="mailto:jdubray@bethelnw.org">jdubray@bethelnw.org</a>

## **Westchester Adult Jewish Education Cooperative 2016 - 2017 Course Offerings**

<b>Synagogue Name:</b>	Temple Sholom (Greenwich)
<b>Course Name:</b>	Lunch 'n Learn
<b>Description</b>	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.
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz
<b>Class Dates:</b>	Tuesdays, ongoing
<b>Class Time:</b>	12:00 - 1:00PM
<b>Fee</b>	no fee
<b>Location</b>	Temple Sholom, 300 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830
<b>Registration deadline :</b>	Registration is not required for this ongoing course.
<b>Online registration:</b>	<a href="http://www.templesholom.com/lunch-n-learn-0">http://www.templesholom.com/lunch-n-learn-0</a>
<b>Registration contact:</b>	Lori Baden, Associate Executive Director, <a href="mailto:lori.baden@templesholom.com">lori.baden@templesholom.com</a> , 203-869-7191

## **Westchester Adult Jewish Education Cooperative**

### **2016 - 2017 Course Offerings**

**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:

- \* 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](mailto:Office@thepjc.org) OR 914 738 6008

**Registration contact:** Julia Coss, Office Manager

## **Westchester Adult Jewish Education Cooperative**

### **2016 - 2017 Course Offerings**

**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](mailto:adulted@tba-ny.org)

## **Westchester Adult Jewish Education Cooperative**

### **2016 - 2017 Course Offerings**

**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](mailto:Hillary.fontana@wrtemple.org), 914-468-0523

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### **2016 - 2017 Course Offerings**

<b>Synagogue Name:</b>	Yorktown Jewish Center
<b>Course Name:</b>	Mishneh Torah: Jewish Law from Maimonides Through Today
<b>Description</b>	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
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	Rabbi Seth Sternstein
<b>Class Date:</b>	Tuesday evenings
<b>Class Time:</b>	7:30-9:00pm
<b>Fee:</b>	No fee
<b>Location:</b>	Yorktown Jewish Center 2966 Crompond Road, Yorktown Heights, NY
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Online Registration:</b>	Please call to register
<b>Registration Contact:</b>	914-245-2324 Roseanne Devine