



CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR FAITH OR CULTURE?

JEWISH WISDOM HAS TRAVELED LONG AND FAR
TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION.

Spring Classes 2023 via Zoom

A Call to Holiness: Leviticus/Vayikra

10 TUESDAY MORNINGS, 9:30-11:30AM
WITH RABBI SHANA LEON
APRIL 18, 25, MAY 2, 9, 16, 30, JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27
\$340 INCLUDES MELTON READER

The Book of Leviticus is not just a book about sacrifices and temple worship; it also explores Jewish perspectives on tragedy, forgiveness, and holiness. This 10-session course will elevate the esoteric laws into the realm of accessible and practical – with a sprinkling of sanctity mixed in. Together, we will discover holiness in the mundane, and the depth and wisdom each one of us can absorb from this oft-overlooked book of the Torah.

From Anguish to Joy: Psalms for Praise and Comfort

10 TUESDAY MORNINGS, 9:30-11:00AM
WITH MURIEL DANCE
APRIL 11, 18, 25, MAY 2, 9, 16, JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27
\$295

King David's Psalms are prayers connecting us with the Holy One, bringing together personal outpourings of the heart and yearning for salvation, along with community supplications and thanksgiving. Experience Psalms as expressions of struggle, anguish, praise, and joy, through reading, analyzing, writing and song. This course aims to help us understand and use Psalms as a major resource in every aspect of our lives. **This course is designed by local faculty.**



Experience non-denominational Jewish text-study.

No homework. No prep. No Hebrew required.

Subsidies available for those of you who are 40 and under.

Melton Core 1: Purposes in Jewish Living. It's never too late to check out Melton learning!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS | 7-8:30PM
WITH RABBI ADAM SCHAFER
APR 19, 26, MAY 3, 10, 17, 31, JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28
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Come face-to-face with Jewish texts and discover the profound intentions that have been a part of Judaism and Jewish living from ancient times to the present day. This Melton course studies the moments that have shaped our collective experience, defining who we are as a people. Journey into the heart of Jewish thought and listen to the influential voices of our ancestors, modern philosophers, theologians, and rabbis throughout the generations



ENJOY GREAT CONVERSATIONS AND MAKE
MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS.
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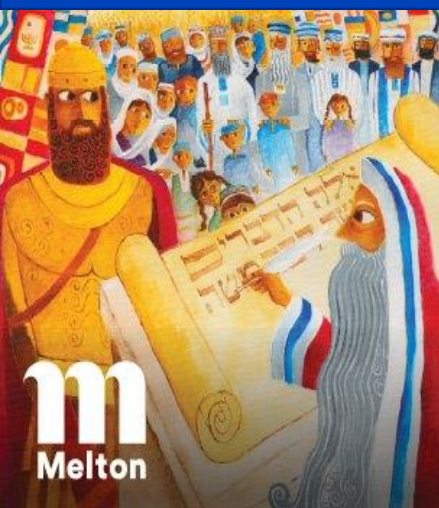
What's Bothering Rashi?

10 WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, 9:30-11:30AM
WITH MICHAEL RAILEANU
APRIL 19, 26, MAY 3, 10, 17, 31, JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28
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Rashi is the person upon whom all modern Torah interpretation is based. He is singular in importance in Jewish history. Once a student learns how to understand his comments, the world of deep and meaningful Torah opens wide. This course will go through selected "Rashis" from all five books of the Torah and see what he was trying to tell us. We will be using selections from the books, "What's Bothering Rashi? 1 & 2." No knowledge of Hebrew is necessary, only a desire to look at the Torah with both traditional and brand-new eyes. **This course is designed by local faculty.**

Have more questions? Need assistance? Subsidies available.
Email Conejo West Valley Melton Director pamela@templeetzchaim.org

Paying by check? Register online for class(es) first, then send check to TEC 1080 E. Janss Rd, Thousand Oaks CA 91360



The Long Goodbye: Deuteronomy/ Devarim

10 THURSDAY MORNINGS, 9:30-11:30AM
WITH REVITAL GOLDBREICH
MARCH 23, 30, APRIL 20, 27, MAY 4, 11, 18, JUNE 1, 8, 15
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In the final book of the Torah, Moses halts at the outskirts of Canaan, the promised land that he will never enter, for his last oration – his long goodbye. Deuteronomy is an ending to a story that is rich in poetry and prose. It is simultaneously a review of 40 years of wandering and the surprising source for many biblical laws and ethical teachings. For 10 sessions, learners will reflect on the concepts of journey and closure and discover powerful messages for themselves. The past, present and future fuse as the Jewish nation prepares for the transition from God's direct support in the wilderness to an independent yet still faithful existence.

When Rabbis Became Our Guides

10 THURSDAY MORNINGS, 9:30-11:30AM
WITH BENZY KOGEN
APRIL 20, 27, MAY 4, 11, 18, JUNE 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
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When did Rabbis, as teachers and guides, assume central positions of leadership in the Jewish community? How did their earliest teachings help to shape the Jewish community of today? When did it become healthy/advisable to argue constructively amongst ourselves – in search of a healthier Jewish community? This course will explore the text of Pirkei Avot (Sayings of the Fathers) and other seminal Rabbinic texts – in order to better understand the roles that the Rabbis played in the building, and rebuilding, of Jewish life – yesterday and today. **This course is designed by local faculty.**

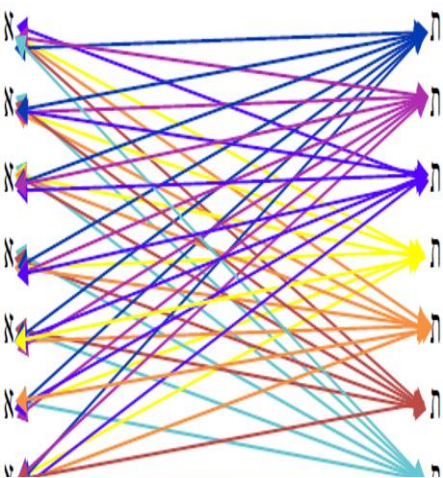
על שלשה דברים
העולם עומד:
על התורה
ועל העבודה
ועל גמילות חסדים:
On three things
the world stands:
on the Torah,
on the service,
and on acts of lovingkindness.
Pirkei Avot 1:2



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Post-Zionism - Where Do We Go From Here?

10 THURSDAY EVENINGS, 7:00-9:00 PM
WITH REVITAL GOLDREICH
MARCH 23, 30, APRIL 20, 27, MAY 4, 11, 18, JUNE 1, 8, 15
\$340

A thought-provoking mosaic of documents, conversations, news reports, pop culture, political analyses, and social commentary will help us unpack and understand where the state of Israel might be headed in the 21st century. We will wrestle with tough questions of origins and original sins, unpack complex dynamics impacting Israel's relationship with Jews and non-Jews in Israel and around the world, and examine possible responses to critics. **This course is designed by local faculty.**



Conejo-West Valley Melton School together with the Melton School at Stephen Wise Temple invite you to our annual community event. Join fellow lifelong learners on Sunday March 12 from 11am -12:30pm when we receive Melton International Director Rav. Dr. Morey Schwartz for a morning lesson that promises to be, not only interesting, but timely with Passover around the corner.

No cost to attend, but please register by completing form at [Morey's March 12th Event](#)

Please help sponsor Jewish literacy in our community by clicking [here](#)
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JOIN US FOR THREE EXCEPTIONAL DAYS OF INSPIRING AND EYE-OPENING MELTON LEARNING AND COMMUNITY AT THE SPERTUS INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP IN CHICAGO, IL. THE CONFERENCE BEGINS ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023 AT 6:30 PM WITH AN OPENING DINNER AND ENDS ON THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2022 AT 1:00 PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CLICK HERE
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