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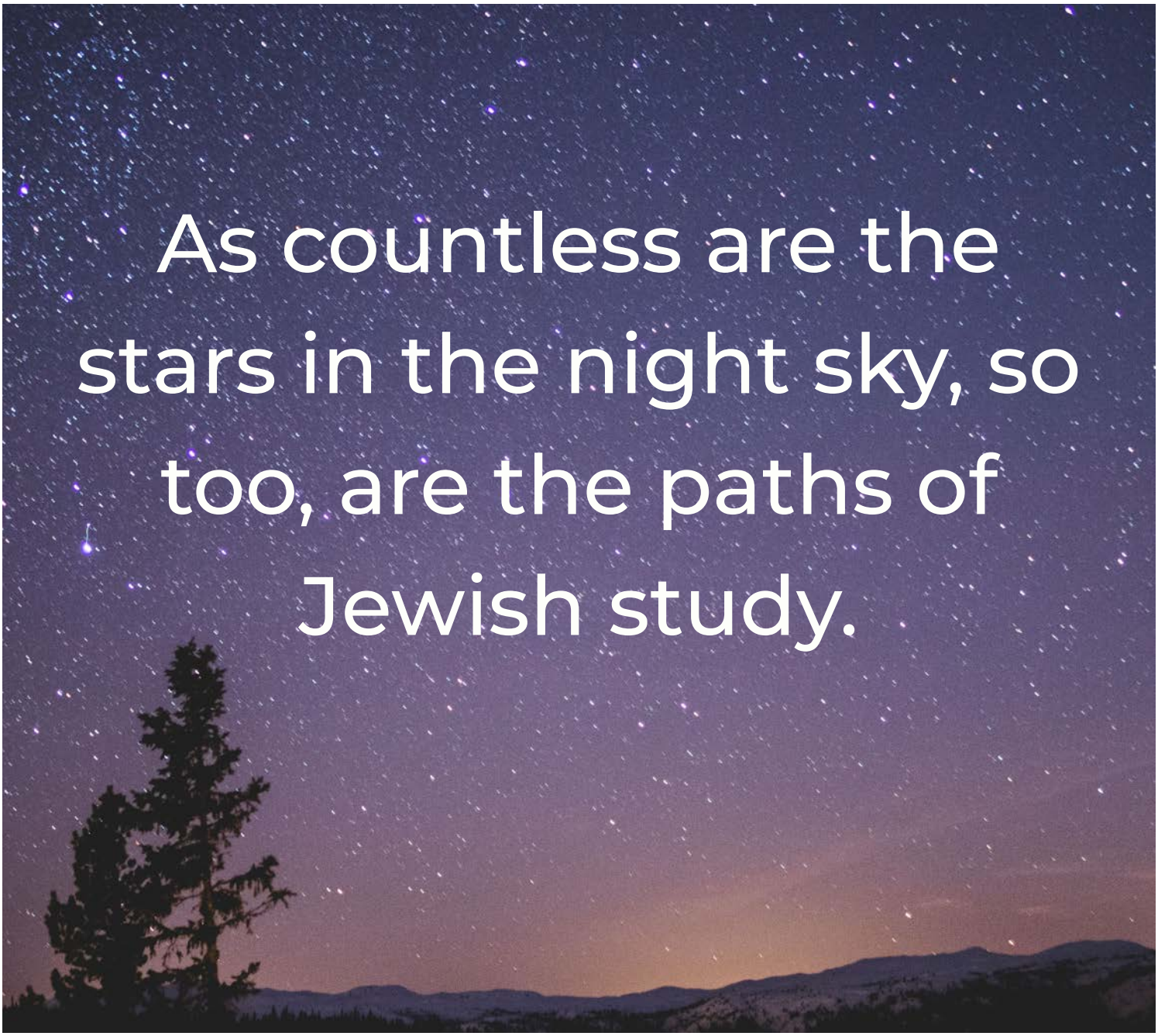

The word mazal, often pronounced with a Yiddish inflection, "mazel" as in "mazel tov," comes from the Hebrew word which means "luck". In truth, the word means "a group of stars" or a "constellation." Medieval Jews paid close attention to the "mazalot," the constellations, and in fact, we find representation of the constellations throughout the ancient Jewish world. Jews have always found meaning in astrology, as it represented **the vast possibilities** of the world created by God. As countless are the stars in the night sky, so too, are the paths of Jewish study. As we partake in adult Jewish learning, we offer a few of those paths, leaving many more for tomorrow. It is our MaZAL to learn.

Come learn and enjoy!

Our focus this year!

Living the Jewish Calendar

As much as Judaism is rooted in a place, *Eretz Yisrael,* the land of Israel, our history anchors our identity mostly in time. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel spoke of "holiness in time" as the basic characteristic of Jewish practice. **This year at Mount Zion we are focusing on time and "living the Jewish calendar."**

This focus comes from our strategic plan adopted in 2023 and arrives at a welcome moment.

At a time when we may be feeling unmoored by world events and the way the Jewish community is being spoken of in political discourse and in sectors on the right and left fringes of our society, we turn to community and to the rhythms of our holidays and Shabbat.

The assumptions we have for this year:

- "Living Jewishly" is varied, rich and personal. There is not one way.
- Reform Judaism is predicated on informed choice.
- Practice is a way to integrate our learning into our lives.
- We do not judge each other's choices. Jewish practice is not "all or nothing."
- Any additional practice, however small, can be meaningful and create a feeling of *shalom* (wholeness), *shayachut* (belonging), and *simcha* (joy).

We hope you join in some way this year! Over the course of this year, we will teach practical "how to's" and explore the "why's" of Shabbat, holy days, and daily blessings through classes, online and material "tool kits," social media, and discussions. Some will be easy, accessible, and one-off modalities and some will be deeper, relational, and sustained ways to engage.

Share your Stories!

Our community is full of wisdom about how to infuse our holidays with meaning. From gathering with family and friends to honing reflective practices to favorite recipes, each of us has something to share.

Which Jewish holiday is most meaningful to you and why? Are there family traditions or learned traditions that enhance your experience of that holiday? **Submit your stories and reflections to Rabbi Renetzky at hrenetzky@mzion.org.** Selections may be included in our holiday guides.

We are grateful to our MaZAL (Mount Zion Adult Learning) Committee members who helped craft our offerings for the year and provided invaluable input for our MaZAL brochure! Share your MaZAL ideas with any of these committee members or reach out to Rabbi Renetzky:

Sarah Weinman (chair)
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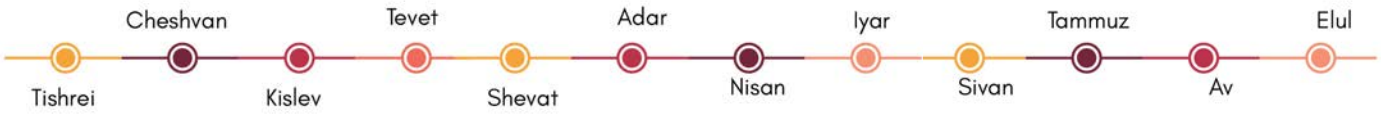
*Are you interested in **CONNECTING** with new people?*

Join our new

Living the Jewish Calendar Cohorts!



Cohorts will meet monthly to engage in meaningful discussion exploring the "why" and "how" behind the Jewish holidays. Our rabbis will facilitate and be available to answer your questions. Share your stories, thoughts, questions, and personal traditions as you explore together how to live through the structure of the Jewish calendar. Stay connected with group members between sessions through optional, lay-led texting groups.



When: Monthly from October through May. *Choose a cohort:*

Monday evenings:
Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, 6:00-7:00 pm (on Zoom)
Facilitator: Rabbi Renetzky

Wednesdays noon:
Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 19, 12:00-1:00 pm (in person)
Facilitator: Rabbi Adler

Thursday evenings:
Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 17, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, 6:30-7:30 pm (in person)
Facilitator: Rabbi Spilker

Cost and Registration
To join one of these cohorts, we are asking for a free will offering. You might consider the time the rabbis are spending facilitating the eight sessions, the staff's time, and some materials that will be provided. Please choose a level between $54 and $180 that feels doable and good for you. Your choice will be confidential and not known by the rabbis. As always, finances are not a barrier to participation. If you need financial assistance, please contact Kate Tucker (ktucker@mzion.org) before completing the below registration form.

Register at mzion.org.

When you register, choose which cohort works for you.
Please note, each cohort will only be held if a minimum of 7 people register.

Foundations of Jewish Ritual and Practice

"Living the Jewish Calendar" Fairs!



Deepen your understanding of the Jewish holidays through two exciting events! Take home resources, activities, recipes, and more to enhance your own practice.

FALL: Friday, Nov 13, Lipschultz Lounge (Before Shabbat services starting at 5:30 pm) – Explore Shabbat, Chanukah, Tu BiSh'vat, Rosh Chodesh, and Daily Blessings

SPRING: Sunday, Feb 7 (9:30 am-11:30 am) Margolis Hall – Explore Purim, Passover, Omer, Shavuot, Tisha B'Av, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

- Information geared for all knowledge and experience levels
- Sample festival foods and drinks
- Gain confidence in leading your friends and family through at-home holiday rituals
- (Spring) Optional 30-minute workshops at 11:00 am led by our rabbis and cantors

A Taste of Honey: An Introduction to Judaism



Weds, Oct 14 – Feb 24, 7:00-8:30 pm
Taught by Rabbi Esther Adler
There will be no class on Nov 25, Dec 23 and 30.
$72 members/$180 public per person
Register at mzion.org.

This course provides students with a basic understanding of Jewish practice and belief. Topics include Jewish history, life cycles, Shabbat, theology, home observance, and more! For anyone interested in learning more about Judaism and/or thinking about conversion.

Building a Jewish Home, Creating a Jewish Family



Mon, March 15, 29, April 5, 7-8:30 pm
Taught by Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker
$36 members/$72 public per person
Register at mzion.org.

What does it mean to have a "Jewish" home? This three-part class is for couples or single heads of households who want an open and structured way to reflect. The emphasis of the class will be on making choices that are right for you after study and discussion on key questions of Jewish life. Examples: What Jewish values will we emphasize? What books and art will be in our home? What rituals will we incorporate? What will Shabbat look like in our home?

Learn Hebrew This Year!

Follow synagogue services or simply enhance your ties to Judaism.

Register at mzion.org.

Tuition *(includes all materials)*: $75 members/$100 non-members (Minimum of seven students). Confidential financial assistance is available to members by contacting our Executive Director, Kate Tucker, at ktucker@mzion.org.



Beginning Adult Hebrew II

Taught by Nancy Flynn

Building on familiarity with the aleph-bet, emphasis will be on developing fluency in reading Hebrew.

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:45 pm at Mount Zion
October 21 - December 2 *(no class November 25)*

Learn to Read Hebrew!

Taught by Nancy Flynn

This class covers the building blocks of written Hebrew, offering you the ability to begin to read the prayers in Hebrew. You will learn the letters and begin basic reading, focusing on increasing access to any siddur (prayerbook)!

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:15 pm at Mount Zion
March 17-May 5 *(no class April 21 and 28).*

At Life's End: Jewish Beliefs and Rituals on Dying, Death, and Mourning

Wednesdays, March 10, 17, 24, 31 7:00-8:30 pm
Taught by Rabbi Adler



Deepening Your Study

Torah at the Center...

Every week, three times to study Torah. Stop by anytime.
No experience/background necessary.

Torah Mondays

Rabbi Esther Adler
Mondays, 12:00-1:00 pm via Zoom

Brighten your Monday with this lively Torah discussion. We read through the text and commentaries, and respond with our own experiences, ideas, and events of the day. This fall, we are continuing our study of the Book of Psalms. All are welcome, and no previous experience or registration is necessary. Join us from the link on our website (under "Featured Events").

Thursday: Genesis with Rashi

Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker
Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 pm via Zoom and monthly in person

Study the book of Genesis the way it has been studied for centuries, with the great commentator Rashi as our guide. Come once or regularly and enjoy the camaraderie of a chevruta, the Talmudic way of learning with one's friends and colleagues.

Shabbat - Open Torah Study

Studying the weekly Torah portions with our Rabbis.
Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 am In person and via Zoom

This weekly study group is open to regular attendees and those who are able to drop in once or periodically – people of all ages, knowledge, and background. Through reading and discussion of the weekly parashah/Torah portion, participants will learn the stories of Torah and make them come alive in their own lives.

Chevruta

Chevruta learning is a traditional Jewish method of one-to-one learning, in which a pair of learners works in partnership to read and discuss Jewish texts through self-guided exploration. **Almost 100 people participated in Mount Zion's chevruta offerings last year!** Try paired learning for the first time or continue to spend time in the Beit Midrash (House of Study) with our latest course offerings. If you're interested in learning the material but are not able to attend in person, reach out to Rabbi Renetzky at hrenetzky@mzion.org.

Cost per course:
Members: $54; Non-members: $72
Contact Kate Tucker at ktucker@mzion.org for financial assistance.

Shabbat Rituals: The Oldest New Way to Friday

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15pm, October 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, Nov 11
Explore Friday night ritual — not only the words and practices, but where they come from, why we say them, and what they are meant to do. Get inspired to experience ritual in a way that reflects you—with meaning and intention. Register at mzion.org.

The God I Found

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:45pm, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10
Have you ever felt God when staring out at Lake Superior? Was God in the room when your child was born? Have you found God in the liturgy of Yom Kippur or when sitting by the bedside of a sick friend? Explore different frameworks for understanding our ever-evolving relationship with the creator. Bring your spiritual experiences *and* your skepticism. Register at mzion.org.

Spring chevruta courses coming soon, including:
The Stories We Tell and What Stories Tell Us: Storytelling on Passover and Beyond

Anshei Mitzvah: Adult B'nei Mitzvah

Join the next cohort of Anshei Mitzvah! It is a two year program, culminating with the Anshei Mitzvah service in Spring 2028.

- Year 1 (2026-2027) is for individual completion of prerequisites and acquiring basic skills.
- Year 2 (2027-2028) The cohort will meet together to study, learn their Torah portions, and prepare the service.

Important Informational Meetings will take place on Zoom. Choose to attend one on **Monday, August 31, Wednesday, September 2, 23, or 30 at 7:00 pm.**

If you are interested but can't come to one of these sessions, please contact Rabbi Adler at eadler@mzion.org.



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MUSSAR AT MOUNT ZION

Join one of Mount Zion's five Mussar study groups (va'adot) and discover a Jewish practice that connects the way we live each day to who we're becoming. Our inner lives and the world we help create are deeply intertwined — and study, done together, is how we grow. Come learn classic Jewish wisdom with us, both on the page and in the choices of everyday life.

Seeds of Mussar

Rich foundations for those new to Mussar or re-entering study — hitlamdut (self-reflection), bechira (choice), anavah (humility), savlanut (patience), kavod (honor), and more. Open to new and continuing participants.

- Jim Crist-Harif, facilitator, Sundays, 9:45-11:45. Oct 25, Nov 8, 22, Dec 6, 20, Jan 3, 17, 31, Feb 14, 28, March 14, 28.

The Shabbat Effect

Explore how Shabbat can transform your week through eight middot — from menucha (rest) to simcha (joy) to kedusha (holiness) — following Alan Morinis's The Shabbat Effect. Open to new and continuing participants.

- Michael Kuhne, facilitator. Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30. Nov. 17; Dec 1, 15; Jan 5, 19; Feb. 2, 16; March 2, 16, 30; April 6, 20.

The Courageous Path

For those with prior Mussar learning: one month each on ometz (courage), slicha (forgiveness), ka'as (anger), simcha (joy), and gevurah (strength). Open to new and continuing participants.

- Mandy Roll-Kuhne, facilitator, Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Nov. 17; Dec 1, 15; Jan 5, 19; Feb. 2, 16; March 2, 16, 30; April 6, 20.

Men's Va'ad - Seeds of Mussar

Born from interest at the Brotherhood retreat, now open to all men at Mount Zion for the study and practice of Mussar using the Seeds of Mussar curriculum. Open to new and continuing participants.

- Bruce Matza, facilitator, Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Oct 8, 22; Nov 5,19; Dec 3, 23; Jan 7, 21, Feb 4,18; Mar 4,18. *People who identify as men are welcome here and in all Mussar groups.*

Parenting and Grandparenting with Mussar

A six-session taste of Mussar exploring how Jewish wisdom strengthens relationships with children, grandchildren, and family.

- Cantor Strauss-Klein, Sundays, 9:45 - 11:15 am, Jan 10, 24, 31, Feb 21, 28, March 14. Cost $180.

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New to Mussar? Go to **livingmussar.org** to complete an interest form and receive registration information. Returning participants should contact their facilitator to secure a spot.

Cost: $360, scholarships available.

LIVING MUSSAR

Please join us for our musician-in-residence

Elana Arian!

Friday - Sunday, November 6-8

Friday, November 6

6:30 pm First Friday Family Shabbat featuring Elana Arian
Elana joins with our clergy and Mount Zion choirs in a joyful, enthusiastic Shabbat service for all ages!



Saturday, November 7

12:30 pm Lunch & Learn: Music as Midrash
How does music help us understand sacred text? Just as the ancient rabbis made midrash by bridging the gap between tradition and creativity, so too do composers of new Jewish melodies. Join Elana as we explore how creators of contemporary Jewish song continue the midrashic tradition of interpreting and re-interpreting our unchanging biblical text and respond to contemporary problems while reflecting new Jewish realities through their musical interpretations.

As a composer, worship leader, and 2026 URJ Biennial musical director, Elana will bring a special perspective to this conversation, perfect for anyone curious about the power of music to deepen our experience of Jewish prayer and tradition.

6:00 pm An Evening with Elana Arian!
Join us for Havdalah, dessert, and an adult evening of songs & stories!

Sunday, November 8

11:30 am – 12:15 pm Religious School Song Session and T'filah (prayer service)!
(For Religious School students and their families)

A composer, multi-instrumentalist, and prayer leader, Elana Arian is one of the most influential voices in contemporary Jewish music. A nationally touring artist serving over 30 distinct communities each year, Elana's music is an important part of Jewish life across the globe. Elana has released five albums of original music, and she is the subject of a forthcoming composer's anthology published by Transcontinental Music Publications. A beloved teacher, Elana serves proudly on the faculty of Hava Nashira (Oconomowoc, WI), the Wexner Heritage Foundation (Aspen, CO), Shirei Chagiga (London, England), and Hebrew Union College in New York, where she teaches in the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. Elana has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Tanglewood, and perhaps most memorably, five separate appearances at the (Obama) White House. She lives in the Hudson Valley with her wife, Julia, and their two daughters, Maya and Acadia.

To learn more about Elana and hear samples of her music: elanaarian.com!

An Ethiopian Jewish Journey:

Stories and Culture

Chef-in-Residence Beejhy Barhany

Friday, April 2-Saturday, April 3
Sponsored by MaZAL and the Israel Advisory Committee



Friday, April 2

6:30 pm Shabbat Services
Beejhy will tell a story during the service.

After services (approx. 8:00 pm)
Beejhy will tell her personal story as an Ethiopian Jew.

Saturday, April 3

3:00-4:30 pm – Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony
4:30-6:00 – Berbere Spice Workshop and Havdalah
Member price for each - $18, non-member $25
Member price for both - $25, non-member $36

Beejhy Barhany is a chef, author, and cultural bridge-builder who uses food as a universal language to connect communities worldwide. She is the founder of the Beta Israel of North America Cultural Foundation and the proprietor of Tsion Café in Harlem. Her cookbook, *Gursha:Timeless Recipes for Modern Kitchens from Ethiopia, Israel, Harlem and Beyond*, was the first Ethiopian Jewish cookbook from a major American publisher. Gursha was recognized among The New York Times' Best Cookbooks of 2025, named a finalist for the Jewish Book Council awards, and nominated for a James Beard Award.

Text Study/Creativity Circle with Cantor Spilker

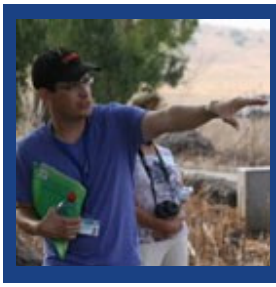
Sundays, 1:00-2:30 pm at Mount Zion
November 1 and 15, December 20, January 10, March 7, April 11, May 16, June 6 (One date TBD)
Presented by TCJewfolk's FolkLab and in partnership with the Jewish Studio Project



In these uncertain times, we need spaces that nourish imagination, deepen connection, and open us to new possibilities. In the Text Study/Creativity Circle we'll explore the Jewish Studio Process in community — weaving together Jewish text study, creative expression, and reflection.

All are welcome; no artistic background or experience with Torah study required.

Registration information available at mzion.org. For more information email rspilker@mzion.org.



Mount Zion's Israel Advisory Committee Presents:

Israel Votes 2026

"Never Has There Been Such an Important Election"

A Four-Part Educational Seminar

Wednesdays 12:00-1:15 pm via Zoom *(All sessions will be recorded).*
September 23, 30; October 7, 28

Instructor:
Mike Hollander - Jewish Educator and Tour Guide
Cost: $54/Members; $72/Public – Register here
Financial support is available to members upon request.
Please reach out to our Executive Director, Kate Tucker at ktucker@mzion.org.

Israel has faced seemingly insurmountable external and internal threats in its less than 80 year existence. Israelis will vote for the 26th Knesset by October 27, 2026 after the tumultuous events of the last 6 years, including the COVID pandemic, the attack of October 7, 2023, and the seemingly never-ending 7-front war of the last almost 3 years.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has led one of the longest-serving governments in Israeli history over the last four years. For many Israelis who head to the polls within a few months, the one question they face as they enter the polling booth is "To Bibi or Not to Bibi." In recent years, Israelis are voting less for political ideologies, and more for individual leaders.

One of the more popular questions I have faced in teaching about Israel over more than 40 years is "Why is the Israeli system of governance so crazy? It seems like your government barely survives its fragile coalition and you are always on the brink of heading to new elections. Why does everything feel like such a 'balagan' here?"

This four-part series is designed to help understand the nature of Israeli democracy and how the uniquely Israeli political system and elections work. Three sessions will be offered during the campaign and before the elections, and the fourth will be shortly after the dust settles and a coalition is made to form a new Israeli government.

September 23: **Israeli Democracy 101 - "How a People Without Power Became a Powerful People: Israeli Democracy"**

September 30: **Israeli Politics 102 - "Continued Challenges to Israeli Democracy"**
How Israel went from its broadest - yet short-lived - coalition, to the most right wing government in its history in the 4th and 5th elections over 3 ½ years. What challenges has Israel faced during this topsy-turvy period?

October 7: **Israeli Elections 2026 - "Who are the parties and leaders, and what are the platforms and issues in this election?"**

October 28: **"What now and where are we heading after the elections? Possible scenarios for a government coalition after the elections"**

Mike was the much-beloved Tour Educator Mount Zion's 2006 Israel Trip and teacher of our online series during the pandemic in 2021: "7 Countries in 7 Weeks". He was born in Canada and made Aliyah to Modiin, Israel in 1998. Before making Aliyah, he completed his BA degree at York University, Toronto in History and began his MA degree in Middle Eastern Studies at Tel Aviv University. He completed his MA from the Cambridge Center for Jewish-Christian Relations in 2008. Jewish education has always been Mike's passion and he began to guide Israel trips in 1994.

Join one of our Annual Retreats!

All are welcome to attend whichever retreat best aligns with your identity.

30th Annual Jewish Retreat for Women

Our Bodies, Our Souls

Manna: What Sustains Us?





Friday, January 22, 4:00 pm -
Sunday, January 24, 10:00 am
at Dunrovin Retreat Center

Registration includes lodging for two nights, five delicious meals, and all programming

$245 Mount Zion members (priority until January 4)

$295 non-Mount Zion members (open to register starting January 4)

The Clara Margolis Fund provides a 50% discount for first-time MZ member attendees in their 20s and 30s.



Registration coming soon!

Finances are not a barrier to participation.
Email Kate Tucker - ktucker@mzion.org - for confidential financial assistance (available to members).

Brotherhood presents Mount Zion's

Men's Retreat



Friday-Sunday, June 4-6

at Dunrovin Retreat Center (near Stillwater)

This will be a weekend of camaraderie, spirituality, and enjoying the great outdoors especially designed for men of all ages from 20s on up!



Some activities and sessions include:

- Celebrate Shabbat with a musical, interactive service and study
- Relax and make new friends from Mount Zion
- Learn about and experience Mussar, Judaism's thousand-year-old practice of character development. (This is the sixth year of including Mussar which past participants have universally appreciated!)
- Fish on the St. Croix River (bring your gear)
- Talk informally about substantive topics in our lives
- Enjoy the quiet and serenity of the retreat grounds
- Bike, practice yoga, hike, play cards and games, and schmooze!
- Optional bike ride to and from the retreat starting from Mount Zion

Pricing and registration available in the spring!

Connecting with our Broader Jewish Community

Jewish Learning Beyond Mount Zion

And let us know if you take advantage of these opportunities!

In our Strategic Plan, we plan to *"Strengthen and Expand our Adult Education Offerings in partnership with local organizations (e.g., Twin Cities Mussar and FolkLab) and national learning platforms (e.g. Hadar, SVARA, URJ, Hebrew College, and Jewish Studio Project). We are excited to continue our commitment to partnership and hope you find an opportunity to learn with these wonderful organizations.*

The Center for Jewish Studies at the U of M (cla.umn.edu/jewish-studies)

The Center for Jewish Studies is dedicated to exploring questions about Jewish history and culture from antiquity to the modern age. They offer in-person lectures throughout the year.

FolkLab (tcjewfolk.com/folklab-classes)

FolkLab is Jewfolk, Inc.'s evolution of Talmud Torah of St. Paul's beloved Hineni program, broadening access to deep, meaningful Jewish learning and connecting people across the Twin Cities through community and shared learning.

Hadar (hadar.org)

The Hadar Institute is a center of Jewish life, learning, and practice that builds vibrant egalitarian communities in North America and Israel. Hadar offers classes, immersive seminars, and curriculum (including Project Zug, our partners in chevruta learning).

Jewish Studio Project (jewishstudioproject.org)

The Jewish Studio Project builds creative capacity across the Jewish community by facilitating a guided creative and reflective art process.

SVARA (svara.org)

SVARA's mission is to empower queer and trans people to expand Torah and tradition through the spiritual practice of Talmud study. SVARA is open to learners of all identities.

URJ (reformjudaism.org/learning/judaism-classes)

Learn about Jewish spirituality, ethics, practice, and community in the Reform Movement's official online classes.

Hebrew College (hebrewcollege.edu)

Hebrew College promotes deep Jewish learning and leadership within a pluralistic environment.

Living Mussar (livingmussar.org)

Mussar is an engaging Jewish spiritual pathway of personal transformation for the sake of creating a better world. Twin Cities Mussar organizes va'adot (Mussar groups) across the Twin Cities including several at Mount Zion.

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Center for Jewish Studies Community Lecture Series

All classes will be held at the JCC in St. Paul or Minneapolis.
Mount Zion is a co-sponsor of this series.

The *Other* Jew

Is the "other Jew" the one who goes to the synagogue you wouldn't set foot in? Is it "The Jews" functioning as outsiders in the societies in which they live? Is it the Ashkenazi to the Sephardi and vice versa? Is it the Jew whose Jewish life is defined as much by gender as by Jewishness? Or by economics? Politics? Social Status? A different Zionism, or lack of it? It is all of these, of course, and more. In this series we look at otherness as a boundary, both internal and external, and the ways in which Jewishness is represented in light of these boundaries, along with the perceptions, divisions, and entanglements that result from them. Full details at cla.umn.edu/jewish-studies.

- *Sander Gilman, Emory University, Tuesday Oct. 20*
  Antisemitisms and Anti-antisemitisms
- *Rachel Gordan, University of Florida, Thursday Nov. 12*
  The Jew Who Passed: Laura Z. Hobson and the American Bargain of Belonging
- *Rowan Dorin, Stanford University, Tuesday Dec. 8*
  Before 1492: Expelling Jews and "Jews" in Medieval Europe
- *Rotem Tamir, CJS, University of Minnesota, Thursday, January 28*
  Latitude 33°: Another Heritage
- *Michelle Campos, Penn State University, March 25*
  The 'Other Jew' 'Between Jaffa and Tel Aviv
- *Ofer Ashkenazi, Hebrew University, Thursday April 8*
  Paying Attention at the End of the World: 1930s Photographs by German Jews