

Adult Education  
Tiferet Bet Israel  
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Hillel:

"Say not, when I have leisure I will  
study; for you may never have leisure"

*-Pirkei Avot 2:4*

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## BEIT MIDRASH

*Rabbi Joshua Kalev*

We will be looking at Jewish texts from the ages including the Midrash, Mishnah, Talmud & Shulkhan Arukh. Come and study with a partner, chevrutah-style, in TBI's own Beit Midrash!

October 21	March 17
November 11	April 28
January 20	May 5
February 10	



## MELODIES OF THE SIDDUR

*Cantor Elizabeth Shammash*

Would you like greater familiarity and comfort with the variety of tunes we share on Shabbat? Come join Cantor Shammash in learning melodies for L'Cha Dodi, Ein Keloheinu and Adon Olam from various Ashkenazic and Sephardic traditions. We'll learn them, sing them through and vote on our favorites. No musical knowledge is required, just a desire to share your voice!

Sunday Mornings, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
November 8, 2009  
February 14, 2010

## PILLAR OF FIRE

### A History of Israel's Rebirth

*Rabbi Joshua Kalev*

"European Jews displaced the Palestinians"  
"Jews have always rejected a two state solution"  
"The UN Partition Plan was unfair to the Palestinians"  
"Israel created the Arab refugee problem"

If you ever believed, or heard and didn't know how to respond to the above claims, then you must attend this class and discussion on the history of the modern state of Israel! Through film (Pillar of Fire) and text, we will



learn the facts behind the birth of our homeland.

Thursday evenings  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

November 5, 2009  
December 10, 2009  
January 14, 2010  
February 11, 2010  
March 4, 2010  
April 8, 2010

Exodus 13: <sup>21</sup>By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. <sup>22</sup>Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

## LUNCH AND LEARN PARSHAT CLASS

*Rabbi Joshua Kalev*

Weekly Torah portion discussion classes will be conducted at the Law offices of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell and Lupin located at the ACTS Center, 375 Morris Road, Landsdale, PA 19446. Bring your lunch and learn.

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Thursday, November 19,  
2009 (Toledot)

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 (Miketz)

Thursday, February 4, 2010 (Yitro)

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 (Vayakhel—Pekudei)

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 (Bemidbar)



"I learned much from my teachers, more from my colleagues and most from my students."

-Judah HaNasi

The courses listed in this brochure are open to members and friends of the TBI community. Please let us know you are coming by contacting Fan Levin, [officesec@tbibluebell.org](mailto:officesec@tbibluebell.org) or 610-275-8797, x 120. Unless otherwise noted, the programs are free of charge.

## DEATH AND MOURNING

*Joshua Kalev, Rabbi; Donald M. Cohen, Education Director; and Judy Chasen, PhD, Clinical Psychologist*

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

January 27, 2010

Ritual & Customs

Learn the various rituals and customs associated with the processes of dying, burial, and mourning

February 10, 2010

Levine's Funeral Home Tour

4737 East Street Road

Feasterville/Trevoze, PA 19053-6649

(215) 942-4700



February 24, 2010

After Burial

Helping grieving families  
The "Jewish support system"

The beginning of wisdom  
is to desire it.

-Ibn Gabirol

## MOSES AND PHARAOH

### The Process of Liberating the Jewish People

*Donald M. Cohen*

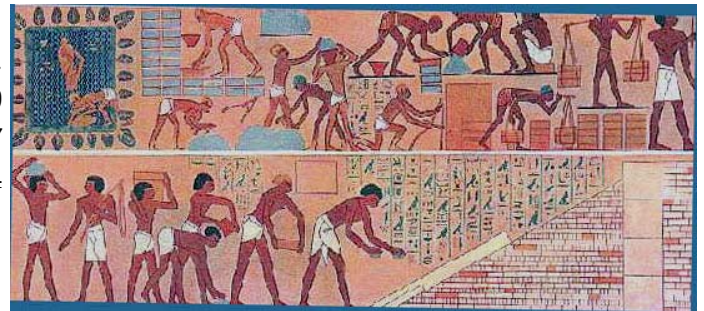
The power struggle between Moses and Pharaoh is a dramatic story that is central to the history of our people. We will spend three exciting sessions looking at the progression of events that led up to the Exodus. Our text materials will include commentary from noted teacher and scholar, Nahama Leibowitz, on our learning journey. Come learn some new stories for your Pesach Seder.

Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

March 10

March 17

March 24



## A CONVERSATION WITH CONVERTS: A PANEL DISCUSSION

*Moderated by Rabbi Joshua Kalev*

*Members of the panel include Jane Greenberg, Rabbi Selilah Kalev, and Jeffrey Llewellyn*



Come join us as we hear from members of our congregation on how they took the journey to conversion. How have they been welcomed, or not, into the Jewish community? What stereotypes have they faced and how have they dealt with them? How can we as a community better understand the needs of converts seeking to be a part of our community?

7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

(You are invited to join us for minyan at 7:15 p.m., prior to class.)

*Mikvah (ritual bath) site at Masada, Israel*

## HEBREW FROM ALEPH TO TAV

*Ilana Margolis*

Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Beginning October 18

When Religious School is in session

Hebrew classes for all levels of adult learners - beginners, advanced beginners, and advanced students - taught in separate one-hour sessions. Ilana, a Tel Aviv University Graduate in Hebrew Literature, has taught here and at Temple University, Gratz College, and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. **There will be a tuition charge for classes** based on the number of students enrolled, so sign up your friends, too! To register call the Religious School Office at 610-275-6839.



## HEROES IN GENESIS

*Susan Zeelander*

Come study with Susan as we spend four sessions learning about some of the biblical heroes mentioned in Genesis.

This course is planned for late winter/early spring. Class dates and times will be announced in the Ma'aseem and on our website.

## MEGILLAH TROPE CLASS

*Michael Sauber*

Congregants - adults and students alike - can prepare to read the Purim Megillah. Learn the special holiday trope with Mike Sauber. Our Purim celebration will be Saturday evening, February 27, 2009.

Dates and times for this six-session class will be announced in the Ma'aseem and on the TBI website.

Would you like to suggest a topic for future adult education sessions? Would you consider sharing your expertise by teaching on a topic of Jewish interest? Contact adult education chairman Larry Shapiro, (610) 265-3304 or landk1@verizon.net.

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Programs broadcast live via satellite

SUSIE ESSMAN

& JOY BEHAR

*What Would Susie Say?*

Sunday, October 25

7:30 p.m.

Actress and comedienne SUSIE ESSMAN draws from a lifetime of dispensing advice (solicited or not) as herself and as Susie Greene, her alter ego on the HBO comedy series, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. The program will be moderated by JOY BEHAR, veteran comedienne and co-host of ABC's *The View*.



MITCH ALBOM

*Have a Little Faith*

Wednesday, November 4

8:00 p.m.

Writer/ Broadcaster MITCH ALBOM, author of *Tuesdays With Morrie*, has become an inspiration to millions of people around the world. Among the topics Albom will discuss is his forthcoming book, *Have a Little Faith: A True Story of a Last Request*. Books will be available for purchase at the event.



DAN & PETER AKROYD

*Ghosts and Other*

*Creepy Things*

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 pm

The Aykroyds will tell the strange and delightful story that inspired Dan to make the mega-hit *Ghostbusters*, introduce us to the paranormal, & discuss the development of spiritualism. Dan Aykroyd (*Saturday Night Live*, *The Blues Brothers*) & Peter Aykroyd, a retired Government of Canada Senior Executive, have contributed to a new book, *A History of Ghosts*.



We suggest a donation of \$3 per person at each event, for fresh popcorn, coffee, and lemonade.