



ADULT EDUCATION

TIFERET BET ISRAEL

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Tiferet Bet Israel
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Blue Bell, PA 19422

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to a new year of adult learning at Tiferet Bet Israel!

We are pleased to offer both popular continuing programs and new ones, from both familiar and new teachers. Make a long term commitment to learn Hebrew or prepare for your bar or bat mitzvah. Sample a single session of Lunch and Learn or Beit Midrash. Sign up for any of our short courses and workshops. I am sure that you will find something to pique your curiosity and expand your horizons. Programs are open to members and friends of the TBI community.

Nearly all of our instructors are volunteers from within TBI. Unless indicated in the course description, there is no charge to participate. Some classes may be limited in size. As a courtesy, please let us know you're coming. Pre-register with the form at the end of this brochure, returning it to

Adult Education at TBI
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Additional brochures and registration forms will be available on the TBI website, www.tbibluebell.org.

There may be additions to our adult education offerings over the course of the year, and occasionally a class may be rescheduled. Please check our monthly newsletter, Ma'aseem, and weekly What's Nu email bulletins, for the most current information.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy new year.

Larry Shapiro

Adult Education Chairperson

Based on the words of Joshua Ben Perakhya:

"Find a teacher to challenge your answers. Acquire a friend to challenge your questions. Allow everyone the room to doubt, the ability to challenge opinions, even your own."

—Pirkei Avot 1:6

COURSE SELECTIONS 5772

Courses are listed chronologically by start date. Please see individual listings for complete information about date and time.

SEPTEMBER

Book Nosh
Tallit Making Workshop Series
Hebrew Language
Zumba
Mitzvah 613: Gematria: The Torah as Mathematical Code
Mitzvah 613: Jewish Money and Spiritual Credit
Mitzvah 613: Health, Kabbalah, and the Hebrew Letters

OCTOBER

Playtime for Grownups: Book Binding
Mitzvah 613: Different Points of View in the Torah
Shabbat Torah Study Luncheons
Abraham on Trial

NOVEMBER

Mitzvah 613: Kosher Magic
Mitzvah 613: STa'M: Sefer Torah, Tefillin and Mezuzot and Other Creations of the Sofer
Lunch & Learn
Mitzvah 613: Why a Pomegranate?
Mitzvah 613: Top Ten Torah Verses Every Jew Should Know

JANUARY

Mitzvah 613: Calligraphy and your Hebrew Name
Mitzvah 613: Rule #1 Be Thankful: Modeh Ani
Mitzvah 613: Wrap Yourself in Tefillin: Our Red Telephone to Upstairs

FEBRUARY

Mitzvah 613: The Torah, Its Relevance in Our Days
Playtime for Grownups: Purim Mask-Making

APRIL

Women's Meditation

MAY

Playtime for Grownups: Make a Personal Megillah

STAY TUNED FOR...

Playtime for Grownups: Word Weaving
Uncover the Mysteries of the Universe: Kabbalah Cantors in the Cinema (Cantor Shammash)
The Art of the Hazzan (Cantor Shammash)
92nd Street Y (Hilary Yohlin)
Gratz A La Carte

Mitzvah 613

TORAH PROJECT

These offerings are taught by our Torah scribe, Rabbi Moshe Druin. To help us plan, please let us know you are coming: Abbey Krain, (610) 272-7007 or abbeykrain@gmail.com. Thank you.

Sunday, September 18, 2011

“GEMATRIA: THE TORAH AS A MATHEMATICAL CODE” - [613A](#)
12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Sunday, September 25, 2011

“JEWISH MONEY AND SPIRITUAL CREDIT” - [613B](#)
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (during Men’s Club Breakfast - all are invited)

Monday, September 26, 2011

“HEALTH, KABALLAH, AND THE HEBREW LETTERS ” - [613C](#)
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. at Shannondell (Senior Community - all are invited)

“KOSHER MAGIC” - [613D](#)

Wednesday, November 9, 2011
11:45 p.m. -12:30 p.m. especially for Early Childhood parents and children

“STA’M: SEFER TORAH, TEFILLIN AND MEZUZOT AND OTHER CREATIONS OF THE SOFER” - [613E](#)

Wednesday, November 9, 2011
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

“CALLIGRAPHY AND YOUR HEBREW NAME” - [613F](#)

Sunday, January 8, 2012
12:00p- 2:00p (overlaps with lunch)

“RULE #1 BE THANKFUL: MODEH ANI” - [613G](#)

Monday, January 9, 2012
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

“WRAP YOURSELF IN TEFILLIN: OUR RED TELEPHONE TO UPSTAIRS”

Monday, January 9, 2012
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

“THE TORAH, ITS RELEVANCE IN OUR DAYS”

Thursday, February 16, 2012
10:00a-11:00a

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DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW IN THE TORAH - [613H](#)

Tuesday evenings, October 11, 18 and 25
Join us for minyan at 7:15 p.m. if you can; class begins at 7:45 p.m.
Susan Zeelander, Ph.D.

A close reading of the Bible reveals that some laws, traditions, and history are related with different values within the Five Books of the Torah as well as in the histories and prophetic books. One example is the idea of individual responsibility. We will look at and discuss some of these differences.

ABRAHAM ON TRIAL - [613I](#)

Sunday, October 30
11:00 a.m. For all ages
Rabbi Joshua Kalev, with co-chairs Rachel Krantz and Heather Stein

WHY A POMEGRANATE? - [613J](#)

Monday, November 14
7:00 p.m. meeting of Miriam’s Well Hadassah - all are welcome.
Elaine S. Carroll
Scripture and symbolism, exploring the very ‘juicy’ metaphor of the pomegranate in Judaism through text and artwork.

TOP TEN TORAH VERSES EVERY JEW SHOULD KNOW - [613K](#)

Wednesday evenings, November 16, December 14 (in conjunction with Miriam’s Well Hadassah), January 18, March 14 and April 18.
7:00 p.m.
Rabbi Joshua Kalev

If you could be intimately familiar with only ten verses from Torah - from the Hebrew and the history, down through the many layers of meaning - which ten verses should they be? Join Rabbi Kalev for this series of detailed study sessions.

THE TORAH TRIVIA QUIZ - [613L](#)

(TO BE SCHEDULED)
For all ages
Rabbi Joshua Kalev, with co-chairs Josh and Aimee Bentley



Fun Stuff

But Serious, Too

BOOK NOSH: FOR THE LITERARY OMNIVORE WHO LIKES A SNACK

ALEX & HELENE GEIGER

First Tuesday of the month starting September 6 at 7:00 p.m. (before minyan).

Subsequent months at 7:45 p.m. (after minyan).

A book club that seeks to appeal to both men and women, of all ages and persuasions, with no required books to read; the only requirement is a love of good books, excellent conversation, and mediocre snacks. Come chat about any book or any topic of your choice, so long as it relates to Jewish authors, characters, or themes. To find out more, please check out our blog at <http://tbibooknosh.blogspot.com/> Any questions, please email AlexanderGeiger@AOL.com. *No preregistration required*



Torah Crown, Alsace, France

“The purpose of maintaining the body in good health is [to make it possible to] acquire wisdom.”

Maimonides

Commentaries on the Mishnah V

ZUMBA

SHEILA KOWIT

Monday mornings 9:30 a.m. starting September 12

Thursday evenings 7:00 p.m. starting September 15

\$10 per class or 10 classes for \$85. Checks are payable to Sheila Kowitz. *Preregister by contacting Sheila, redzi425@yahoo.com.*

Do yourself a favor with fast and fun fitness-to-music.

PLAYTIME FOR GROWN-UPS

FOUR CHOICES FOR CREATIVE FUN – NO ARTISTIC SKILLS REQUIRED

BOOK BINDING WITH AARON WIENER - PT4GA

Monday evenings 7:00 p.m.

October 3, 10, 17 and 24

Make a book from scratch using old techniques and new methods. Absolute beginners are welcome. Dress to make a mess. \$15 per person for materials. Checks are payable to Aaron Wiener.

WORD WEAVING WITH DEBBY PEIKES COHEN - PT4GB

Schedule to be announced.

Create a woven image incorporating text and other materials. All skill levels are welcome.

PURIM MASK DECORATION WITH ELAINE S. CARROLL - PT4GC

Monday, February 27, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Adults, work with blank mask form and decorate it with paint and a variety of other add-ons to give yourself a new Purim persona. Absolute beginners are welcome. Dress to make a mess. \$10 per person for materials. Checks are payable to Elaine S. Carroll.

PERSONAL MEGILLAH WITH ELAINE S. CARROLL - PT4GD

Monday evenings May 6, 13 and 21, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Inspired by the Megillah Ruth and the challenges she faced, participants will make a personalized “megillah”. Combine words and images in a mixed media assemblage, to represent a ‘chapter’ from your own life experience. Absolute beginners are welcome. Dress to make a mess. \$10 per person for materials. Checks are payable to Elaine S. Carroll.



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“The beginning of wisdom is to desire it.”

-Ibn Gabirol

Serious Stuff

But Fun, Too



Torah crown, Turkey

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

Hillel

-Pirkei Avot 2:4

TALLIT MAKING - TMWP

ELAINE S. CARROLL

Beginning Thursday, September 8. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Twelve evening sessions over several months. Learn about the tallit as a ritual garment; design and make a tallit for yourself or a loved one using your preferred techniques (e.g. needlepoint, cross stitch, appliqué); tie tzitzit to finish the prayer shawl. Class size limited; preregistration required: elaine.s.carroll@gmail.com. \$180; does not include materials. Checks are payable to Elaine S. Carroll. (Morning sessions also available, please inquire.)

HEBREW LANGUAGE

ILANA MARGOLIS

Sunday mornings when Religious School is in session: September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20; December 4, 11, 18; February 12, 26; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20.

Four skill levels in separate classes beginning at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and noon. Tuition for the year, \$315/person for TBI members; \$450/person for non-members. Checks are payable to Tiferet Bet Israel. *To register, call the Religious School office, 610-275-6839.*

SHABBAT TORAH STUDY

EDIE HARRIS

Saturdays: October 22, November 26, December 24, January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16
On Shabbatot when we bless the new month, share a feast of lunch and Torah study following Shabbat services.

LUNCH & LEARN

RABBI JOSHUA KALEV

Thursdays at noon

Bring your own brown bag dairy lunch, and learn. Topics to be announced.

November 10 (*Hosted by Delaware Steel Co., 535 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 102, Fort Washington PA 19034; for directions: Geneane, 215-654-8285*). December 8, January 12, March 8, April 12 (hol hamoed Pesach), May 10 (*Hosted by Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, 375 Morris Road, Lansdale PA 19446; for directions: 215-661-0400*).

WOMEN'S MEDITATION - WMCA

CANTOR ELIZABETH SHAMMASH

11:00 a.m. Tuesdays during counting of the Omer

April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22

All-women's meditation class series. Take a contemplative approach to counting the Omer, the period of reflection between Pesach and Shavuot, between leaving the oppression of Egypt and receiving Torah at Mount Sinai. Class will include meditative readings and some gentle yoga.

UNCOVER THE MYSTERIES OF THE UNIVERSE - UMUA

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SHARONE WEIZMAN

Sunday mornings, schedule to be announced.

Kabbalah: a lot more than superstitions, golems and Madonna. This 3-part class will highlight the origins and philosophies of our ancient mystic traditions. Uncover Kabbalah utilizing Torah text study; delve into Tzifrot and their practical meanings; unearth applications for Kabbalah in your life. Someone once described Kabbalah's relationship to Judaism as "the salt in the chicken soup" - without the salt, it's still chicken soup, but it's definitely lacking flavor.

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

-Judah HaNasi



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Star Earned For...

- Cantors in the Cinema (Cantor Shammash)
- The Art of the Hazzan (Cantor Shammash)
- 92nd Street Y (Hilary Yohlin)
- And more

We welcome your suggestions for new adult education topics and programs.

Gratz A La Carte

We are considering hosting some adult education offerings from Gratz College during the late winter and early spring. Below is a list of sample topics being taught by Gratz instructors. Please let us know if you are interested in any of these subjects. Your input will help us select our courses. Contact adult education chairman Larry Shapiro, landk1@verizon.net, or drop Larry a note c/o the office at TBI.

- **A Picture in Time: The Daily Life and Creative Expression of Our Ancestors**
See the lifestyle of our Talmudic Rabbis and the effect Roman culture had on them. Follow Jewish artistic creativity from the Tabernacle to modern times.
- **The Dugout**
What does loving baseball have to do with Jewish identity and social justice? We'll field thoughts on legacy, community, team-building, and peophood.
- **Celebrating Our Lives: Designing Rituals for Special Moments**
How does classic ritual, and modern ritual created for our 24/7 existence, transform us? Design new rituals to heal, celebrate and uphold our lives.
- **Jewish Views of the Afterlife**
Combining historical texts with personal, contemporary discussion, discern how Jews have traditionally understood the moment of death and the world beyond.
- **Sh'ma Yoga**
Experience an inspiring integration of yoga and Jewish spirituality, and let the wisdom of your body and the mystery of your soul flow freely.
- **A Tale of Love and darkness: The Works of Amos Oz**
When Amos Oz was 12, his mother committed suicide. We will examine Oz's work and discuss how his themes speak to us today in light of his personal tragedy and the historic context of his life in Israel.
- **Girl Talk: How Do Women pray?**
How do women pray? From Hannah through Marcia Falk, how do women open their hearts and souls to God.
- **Jewish Angels? More than Wrestling Matches, Burning Bushes and Lions' Dens**
Angels have been referenced in Jewish texts since the beginning of "creation," not all of them good. Learn about the Jewish understanding of these heavenly creatures.
- **You Oughta Be in Pictures: The American Jewish Experience in Film**
Explore themes in American Jewish History as presented in classic films, such as Hester Street, Avalon and Crossing Delancey, and consider how they relate to your own experience as American Jews.



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A [person] should never stop learning, even on his last day.

- Maimonides

