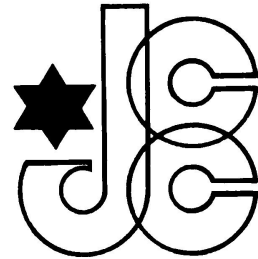


# Celebrate Lifelong Jewish Learning: Community Adult Education in Central MA

Fall 2011 - Spring 2012 / Jewish Year 5772



A Collaborative Effort of the Jewish Communities of Central Massachusetts



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Many thanks to the Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts, the Worcester Jewish Community Center and the five area synagogues for their support of this project.

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### **Trip to Israel: October 23-31, 2011**



Join the Jewish community of Central Massachusetts as it travels to the New Israel from Oct 23-31, 2011. Among the highlights: Visit the City of David, the newest archaeological site in Jerusalem, visit the Better Visitors Center, and learn about Israel's leading electrical car innovators, cultural tour of Tel Aviv, security briefings with IDF officers and Knesset members, home hospitality in our Partnership region of Afula/Gilboa, tour the new Yad Vashem and visit to the recently opened Yitzchak Rabin Museum and so much more. For complete details please call or email the Federation.

**Torathon 2011: "A Journey into Jewish Life and Learning"**



**Please contact Joyce Siegel at (508) 756-1543 or email: [Torathoncentralma@gmail.com](mailto:Torathoncentralma@gmail.com) for additional information and transportation assistance.**

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2011  
Time: 5:45-11:00 PM  
Location: Temple Emanuel  
Cost: TBD

Grab the opportunity to laugh, learn, and listen; delve into the creative mind of your Rabbi (or someone else's); dance till your feet ache; 34 different class offerings; study Jewish topics presented by Rabbis, Cantors, Educators and community lay leaders.

Torathon is a Tapestry of Jewish Life program funded by the Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts.

### **Harold Cotton Leadership Institute**

#### ***Our Partnership with the State of Israel—Where Are We and Where Are We Going?***

As American Jews our relationship to Israel and Israelis is a central and critical one. It is also multi-faceted, complicated, and at times controversial and highly charged emotionally. Our connection with Israel at times unites us, while at other times it seems to divides us. There are complexities and nuances inherent in the relationship that often gets lost in our heated debates about Israeli policies and decisions.

The Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts believes that it is imperative that our community leaders be well informed about these issues that affect our relationship with the State of Israel and its people. To foster this understanding, the Harold Cotton Leadership Institute this year will bring three highly regarded experts with experience in both the American and Israeli Jewish communities to share with us their insights and expertise. Each brings a unique perspective that collectively will enrich our

understanding and give us tools to be effective agents in strengthening and enhancing the ties between us and the Jewish State of Israel.

**Dr. Daniel Gordis, “A State unto the Nations: How Israel’s Fate Could Determine the Fate of Civilization Itself”**



Date: Thursday, November 10, 2011

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Congregation Beth Israel, 15 Jamesbury Drive, Worcester

Since moving to Israel in 1998, Dr. Gordis has written and lectured throughout the world on Israeli society and the challenges facing the Jewish state. His writing has appeared in publications such as the *New York Times*, the *New Republic*, the *New York Times Magazine*, the *Jerusalem Post*, *Moment*, *Tikkun*, and *Commentary*. His latest book, *Saving Israel: How the Jewish People Can Win a War That May Never End*, was awarded the 2009 National Jewish Book Award. Dr. Gordis is currently working on two new books, one of which is tentatively entitled *Israel’s Survival, Freedom’s Future: How the Fate of One Small Nation Could Determine the Fate of the Whole World*.

Gordis is widely cited on matters pertaining to Israel. Professor Alan Dershowitz has called him “one of Israel’s most thoughtful observers,” while Jeffrey Goldberg of the Atlantic has written, “If you asked me, ‘of all the people you know, who cares the most about the physical, moral and spiritual health of Israel?’ I would put Daniel Gordis at the top of the list.” This event is a community lecture and is co-sponsored with Torahthon, another program of the Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts.

## **Community Adult Education Courses**

**Please contact Rabbi Matthew Berger at Temple Emanuel for more information or to register: [rabbistudy@temple-emanuel.org](mailto:rabbistudy@temple-emanuel.org).**

**Introduction to Judaism Class**

Introduction to Judaism provides an opportunity to learn about Jewish history, traditions, holidays and life cycle ceremonies. Participants will gain comfort and familiarity with the symbols, liturgy, music, traditions and Hebrew blessings that accompany Jewish celebrations in the home and synagogue. A dynamic team of three rabbis will teach this in-depth course from both Reform and Conservative perspectives.

Introduction to Judaism is designed for individuals and couples wishing to explore Judaism, as well as for those individuals considering becoming Jewish. Partners in an interfaith relationship are encouraged to enroll together.

Date: Begins November 7, 2011

Time: Mondays, 7:30-9:30 PM

Location: Temple Emanuel

Instructor: Rabbis Tom Alpert, Matthew Berger & Steven Schwarzman

Cost: \$275 per student / \$360 per couple (16 sessions, texts included)

Registration Required

### **Beginners Hebrew for Adults**

Hebrew is the language of Torah and the Jewish people. The ability to read Hebrew opens up an amazing connection to our stories, prayers and traditions. If you don't know an aleph from a bet or if you want to review the alphabet and practice your reading, we hope you will join us in Beginners Hebrew for Adults. We will learn the Hebrew alphabet and acquire some basic vocabulary as we read words and verses from the Torah and the siddur (prayerbook). Let this New Year be the year you take the first step into Hebrew.

Date: Begins November 9, 2011

Time: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM

Location: Congregation Beth Israel

Instructor: Ziva Rosenhand

Cost: \$18 per student (15 sessions, text included)

Registration Required

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### **Congregation Beth Israel**

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**Please contact Me'ir Sherer, Director of Congregational Learning at Beth Israel with any questions or to register by phone or email.**

### **Five Megillot: The Sexiest and Most Holy Books in the Bible**

Learn about the five biblical scrolls (Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes and Esther) and their use in the Jewish festivals and holidays.

Date: Begins November 2011  
Time: Mondays, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM  
Location: Worcester JCC  
Instructor: Rabbi Steve Schwarzman  
Cost: No charge

### **“Srugim” – Take 2**



Join us to watch, and then discuss, episodes from the second season of the Israeli TV drama “Srugim.” “Srugim,” which refers to the knitted kippot, deals with the lives of religious 20- and 30-somethings in the Katamon neighborhood of Jerusalem.

Date: Begins November 2011  
Time: Thursday evenings, 7:30-8:30 PM  
Location: Congregation Beth Israel  
Instructor: Me'ir Sherer  
Cost: No charge

### **Stories from the Talmud: The Wisdom of Ein Ya'akov**

Study the stories in “Ein Ya'akov,” a compilation of all the Aggadic (legends) material in the Talmud together with commentaries. It was compiled by Rabbi Jacob ibn Habib who

lived 1460–1516. Habib was in Zamora, Spain. In 1492, when Jews were expelled from Spain, he settled in Salonica, Greece and wrote “Ein Ya’akov.”

Date: Begins November 2011

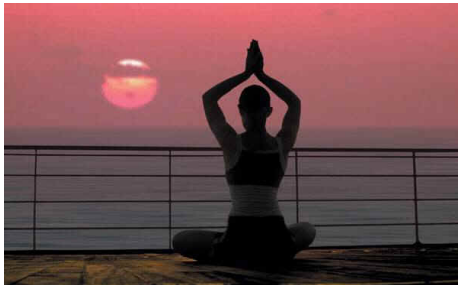
Time: Mondays, 7:40-9:00 PM (Following Minyan)

Location: Congregation Beth Israel

Instructor: Rabbi Steve Schwarzman

Cost: Non-Members: \$36

### **Yoga Class**



Stretch your bodies and your mind as you engage in the ancient and healing practice of yoga.

Date: Begins November 2011

Time: Thursdays, 4:00 PM

Location: Congregation Beth Israel

Instructor: Yeong Chang

Cost: \$80 for Beth Israel Members; \$120 Non-Members

### **Learning the Shabbat Musaf (Afternoon) Service**

Come learn the modes, melodies and words that make up the Shabbat Musaf service. Create a greater attachment to Jewish prayer and community by delving into this sacred text and musical tradition. The class will meet four times as a group and then each student will work with Cantor Barber at least twice individually to prepare to lead the congregation.

Date: October 30, November 6, 13 and 20, 2011

Time: Sundays, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Location: Congregation Beth Israel

Instructor: Cantor Elise Barber

Cost: \$18 Non-Members (4 sessions)

### **Learning the Weekday Ma'ariv (Evening) Service**

This class not only teaches you to lead Weekday Ma'ariv service at a congregation, but also instructs on the leading of a Shiva Minyan therefore helping to comfort the mourners of our community.

Date: December 4, 11, 18, 2011; January 8, 2012

Time: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Location: Congregation Beth Israel

Instructor: Cantor Elise Barber

Cost: \$10 Non-Members (4 Sessions)

### **Israeli Dancing**



Learn classic Israeli folk dances and modern interpretations in this participatory class.

Date: Begins November

Time: Sundays, 6:00-7:00 PM

Location: Congregation Beth Israel

Instructor: Kfir Mizrahi

Cost: \$5 per session

### **“Kumsitz” (Group Singing)**

Shortly after Rabbi Steve Schwarzman joined Beth Israel, he described a program of evening song sessions held in congregants' homes that he had experienced as part of his Jewish community in San Francisco. We are hoping to create something similar here in Worcester and are calling the program “Kumsits.” The word Kumsits is taken from the Yiddish “kum” meaning “come” and “zits” meaning “sit” and is used to describe an evening of group singing. If you would like to participate as a musician, host, or organizer, please email Cantor Barber at: [elise.barber@bethisraelworc.org](mailto:elise.barber@bethisraelworc.org). Possible topics include Partisan Songs, Shirei Halutzim (Pioneer Songs), Modern Israeli Popular songs, Hanukkah, music inspired by Song of Songs, Pesach, and Art Songs. We are hoping to have three Kumsits in the fall and three in the spring. Please join us and help to make this happen!

Dates: TBA

Time: Sundays, 7:30-9:00 PM

Location: TBA

Instructor: Cantor Elise Barber  
Cost: No charge

### **Conversational Hebrew**

Learn the basics of conversational Hebrew in this engaging and participatory class.

Date: Begins November 9, 2011  
Time: Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 PM  
Location: Congregation Beth Israel  
Instructor: Ziva Rosenhand  
Cost: \$18 Non-Members (15 sessions)

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### **Adult Education/Brotherhood Breakfast Speaker Series**

**Ellen Allard: “A Tribute to Debbie Friedman”**



Legendary Jewish singer and composer, Debbie Friedman (z"l) had a profound impact on contemporary Jewish music. With more than 20 recordings in her catalog, she was a catalyst for change in the way Jews worship. Her most well-known song, Mi Shebeirach, is used in congregations all over the world. Join Ellen Allard as she explores Debbie Friedman's musical legacy and shares some of her most beloved songs. Come prepared to sing!

Date: Sunday, October 30, 2011

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Temple Emanuel

Cost: No charge

**Steve Cohen: "Jews and Baseball"**

The large Jewish immigration to the United States coincided with the growth of professional baseball. So, perhaps, it isn't surprising that the history of both tells us something about each of them. In this talk, we'll look at the interaction between Jews and baseball over the last century. Steve Cohen teaches in the department of education at Tufts University. Prior to becoming a college professor, he taught high school history for 20 years.

Date: Sunday, November 13, 2011

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Temple Emanuel

Cost: No charge

**Hankus Netsky: "Re-Connecting with Our Cultural Roots in Eastern Europe"**

In recent years there has been an unprecedented revival of interest in Eastern European Jewish Culture, the heritage of well over ninety percent of American Jews. In this talk (illustrated with recorded examples), we will explore some of the fundamental aspects of that culture and discuss how and why a new generation is looking to traditional Jewish sources for inspiration.

Hankus is founder of the internationally renowned Klezmer Conservatory Band, and has taught Yiddish Music at New England Conservatory, Hebrew College, and Wesleyan University. He holds a Ph.D. in Ethnomusicology from Wesleyan University and is working with the Yiddish Book Center to develop a major new ethnographic initiative.

Date: Sunday, December 11, 2011

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Temple Emanuel

Cost: No charge

**Rabbi Matthew Berger: "Hot Topics: How to Meaningfully Confront the Difficult Issues We Face Today"**

Life issues are complex. Abortion, euthanasia, consumerism, business ethics, war and Israel: there are but a few of the many “hot topics” we face in the present day. Each of these topics raises difficult questions. A search for simple answers will elude us. Our priorities and values compete and we must weigh our decisions carefully.

The goal is not to discover the one “right” response to a particular dilemma, rather to explore a range of defensible responses. Jewish teachings can help us face the challenges of our time with honesty and integrity. Rabbi Berger will select a particular “hot topic” in the weeks leading up to this participatory discussion based on current events.

Date: February 12, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM (snow date February 19)

Location: Temple Emanuel

Cost: No charge

### **Cantor Jeff Klepper: “Great Jewish Stories of Rock and Roll”**



Using rare video footage, Cantor Klepper will focus on how “protest songs” by Jewish songwriters such as Bob Dylan, Jan Ian, Randy Newman and others gave Rock and Roll a social conscience and influenced the direction of popular music during the 1960s. For baby-boomers, it’s a nostalgia-fest. For college kids and teens, it’s an education. For all, it’s a veritable “Shul of Rock”!

Cantor Jeff Klepper has performed with orchestras, choirs, and jazz greats and with renowned Klezmer musicians and singers such as Peter Yarrow, Bonnie Koloc, Debbie Friedman, Craig Taubman, Shlomo Carlebach and alongside his friend and mentor, Theodore Bikel. Jeff's Worcester connections go back to the early 1970's when as a student at Clark University he teamed up with his friend Dan Frelander to form the group *Kol B'Seder*.

Date: Sunday, March 18, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Temple Emanuel

Cost: No charge

### **Shabbat Morning Torah Study**

Discuss the Torah, our sacred text, in an informal setting with members of Temple Emanuel. “Beginners” as well as “seasoned veterans” are welcome. All readings are in English.

Date: Weekly

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 AM-10:10 AM

Instructor: Rabbi Matthew Berger

Location: Temple Emanuel Library

Cost: No charge

### **Shabbat Morning Learning** (on certain days in lieu of Torah Study)

#### **Planning Ahead: Jewish Views of the Afterlife & Messianic Times**

In this two-part series we will explore the age-old wisdom that “it’s never too early to plan ahead.” Did you know that certain Jews believe in reincarnation? Are you curious about what will happen when the Messiah comes? Are you convinced there is no life after death? Let’s see what Judaism has to say about these fascinating and intriguing questions. You may be surprised and amazed to learn what the Bible, the rabbis, sages and modern thinkers have to say.

Date: November 12, 19, 2011

Time: 9:00-10:10 AM

Instructor: Rabbi Matthew Berger

Location: Temple Emanuel

Cost: No charge

#### **Navigating the New Jewish Kitchen: A Modern Guide to Kashrut (Dietary Law)**

This three-part series will examine the wisdom, challenges and spiritual benefits of Kashrut (Jewish Dietary Law) through the ages. From the basics of separating milk and meat dishes to modern dietary options such as “eco-kashrut” and Jewish vegetarianism, these interactive and participatory sessions will open your mind and whet your appetite for this ancient and compelling practice.

Each of the three sessions will stand on their own: Session 1 will explore the Kashrut Basis; Session 2 will cover the Festival of Pesach (Passover); Session 3 will deal with modern approaches to dietary practice.

Date: February 25, March 10, 24, 2012

Time: 9:00-10:10 AM (snow date March 31)

Instructor: Rabbi Matthew Berger

Location: Temple Emanuel

Cost: No charge

## **The Gould Music Festival**

### **Pre-Concert Lecture**

Prior to the performance of “King David,” Rabbi Berger will lead a brief yet exciting exploration of this fascinating biblical character. In the course of his life, David was a shepherd, warrior, king, psalmist, husband and father. Many people believe that the Messiah will ultimately come from David’s genealogical line. Let us discover King David anew in preparation for the Master Singers of Worcester’s Performance of “King David.”

Date: Sunday, April 1, 2012

Time: 2:45-3:45 PM

Instructor: Rabbi Matthew Berger

Location: Temple Emanuel

Cost: No charge

### **Master Singers of Worcester Perform Arthur Honegger’s “King David”**



“King David”(French: *Le Roi David*) was composed in Switzerland in 1921 by Arthur Honegger and is classified as an oratorio or more specifically as a dramatic psalm. The libretto was written by René Morax and tells the biblical story of King David’s life from the time he was a shepherd, to his conquests in battle, his rise to power, his lust for another man’s wife, his agony over his son’s death, his disobedience to God and finally to his own death.

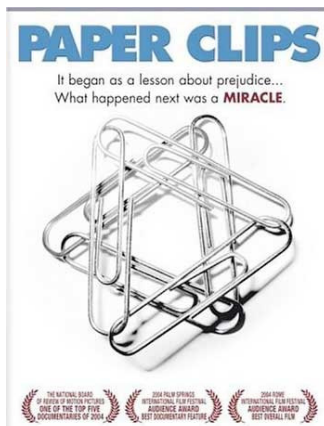
Arthur Honegger was commissioned to write incidental music to accompany René Morax’s play *Le roi David* in 1921. Honegger was given the nearly impossible deadline of two months to complete the work and was rewarded with much acclaim at the premiere. In 1923 he combined Morax’s narrative with his music and created a “symphonic psalm,” the form that is familiar today.

Date: Sunday, April 1, 2012  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Location: Temple Emanuel  
Cost: TBA

### **Movie and a Nosh**

#### **“Paper Clips”**

Date: Sunday, April 29, 2012  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Location: Temple Emanuel  
Cost: No charge



This compelling documentary tells the story of a rural Tennessee middle school class that goes on a quest to collect six million paperclips to represent each Jewish person killed in the Holocaust.

“It is straightforward, heartfelt and genuine.” – Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun-Times

This movie is approximately 80 minutes long and will be followed by a short discussion led by Rabbi Matthew Berger.

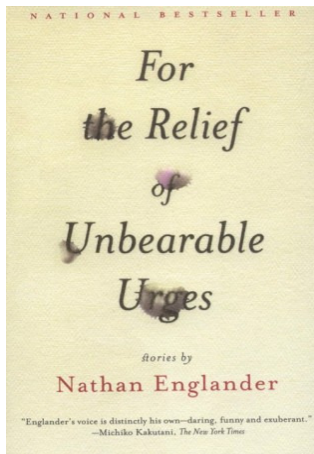
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**Jewish Imaginings: Readings & Insights from Nathan Englander's For the Relief of Unbearable Urges and Elie Weisel's collections of contemporary *Midrashim* (Commentary) on Biblical, Talmudic and Hassidic Personalities**



Date: TBA  
Time: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 9:15-10:30 AM  
Location: Temple Sinai  
Instructor: Rabbi Scott Saulson  
Cost: No charge

**Getting Bitten by the *Parashiyot*: Tackling the Conundrums of the Weekly Torah Portions**

Date: Weekly  
Time: Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 AM  
Location: Temple Sinai  
Instructor: Rabbi Scott Saulson  
Cost: No charge

**Grappling with Forces of Change: Reform Judaism Now & Tomorrow**



Date: October 15, 22, 29; December 3, 10, 17, 2011; March 3, 10, 17, 2012  
Time: Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 AM  
Location: Temple Sinai  
Instructor: Rabbi Scott Saulson  
Cost: No charge

### **Rabbinic Profiles: Candidates for Your Consideration**

Date: September 9; October 21; November 11; December 12, 2011; January 6, February 6; March 3, April 20, May 19, 2012  
Time: 7:30 PM  
Location: Temple Sinai  
Instructor: Rabbi Scott Saulson  
Cost: No charge

### **Curiously Interfaith**

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.” (Isaiah 56.7)

Prophetic words remain a dream unless concretized by our actions.

If you are not Jewish but are part of a Jewish partnership or family; if you would like to become more familiar with and/or have questions about Jewish practices and beliefs; then we would be honored to welcome you (and your Jewish partner, if he/she wishes) to participate in a series of six exploratory sessions with Rabbi Scott Saulson.

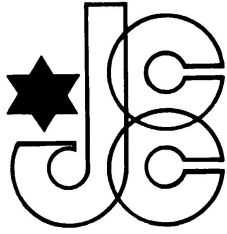
The sessions will be using two texts; *To Life: a celebration of Jewish being and thinking* by Harold Kushner and *The How To Handbook of Jewish Living, vols. I & II*, by Kerry Olitzky & Ronald Isaacs. Please register for the sessions by email: [templesinaiworchester@yahoo.com](mailto:templesinaiworchester@yahoo.com).

Date: November 5, 12, 19, 2011; January 21, 28; February 4, 2012  
Time: 10:00-11:00 AM, Saturdays  
Location: Temple Sinai  
Instructor: Rabbi Scott Saulson  
Cost: No charge (texts available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com))

### **Worcester Jewish Community Center (JCC)**

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**Worcester JCC Author Series**

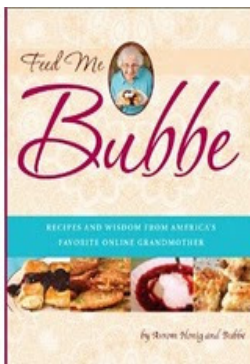
Bubbe and Grandson Avrom Honig, *Feed Me Bubbe*

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Worcester JCC

Cost: No charge



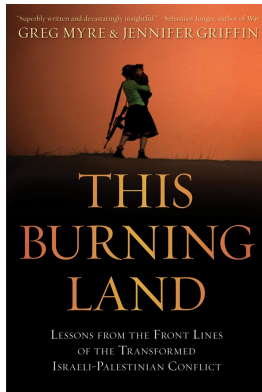
Greg Myre and Jennifer Griffin, *This Burning Land: Lessons from the Front Lines of the Transformed Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*

Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2011

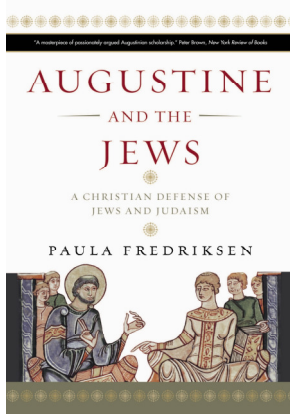
Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Worcester JCC

Cost: No charge



Paula Fredriksen, *Augustine and the Jews*



Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: College of the Holy Cross, Rehm Library in Smith Hall

Cost: No charge

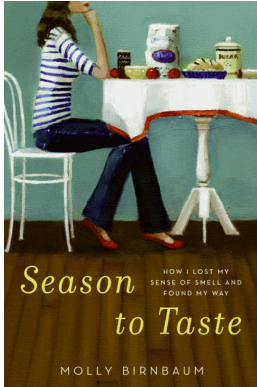
Molly Birnbaum, *Season to Taste*

Date: Monday, December 5, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Worcester JCC

Cost: No charge



Wendy Dubow Polins, *Fare Forward*

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Congregation Beth Israel

Cost: No charge



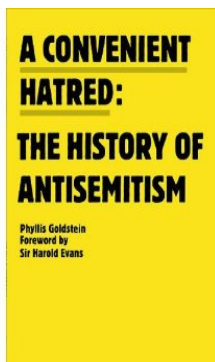
Phyllis Goldstein, *A Convenient Hatred: The History of Antisemitism*

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Worcester JCC

Cost: No charge

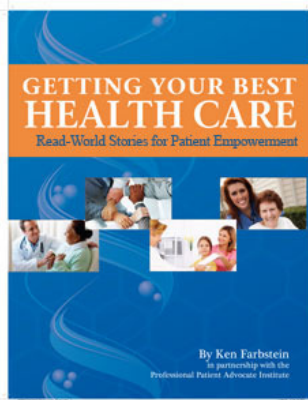


Deborah Dwork, *A Boy in Terezin*

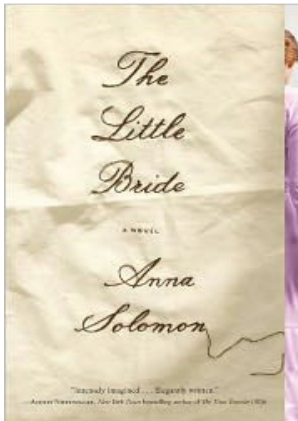
Date: March or April 2012  
Time: 6:30 PM, Thursday  
Location: Temple Emanuel  
Cost: No charge

Ken Farbstein, *Getting Your Best Health Care*

Date: Monday, April 16, 2012  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Location: Worcester JCC  
Cost: No charge



Anna Solomon, *The Little Bride*



Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2012  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Location: Temple Sinai  
Cost: No charge

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**Beth Tikvah Synagogue will be offering a series of adult workshops and short series of classes on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM beginning in October 2011. The exact schedule and costs for the workshops are still to be determined and will be published on the Beth Tikvah website. Please register by email.**

#### **ClayTime Workshop**

Participants will be able to purchase clay pieces to paint such as challah plates, candle sticks, serving plates, etc. Miri Sharon will teach you some techniques for painting and decorating your masterpiece.

Date: TBA

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM

Instructor: Miri Sharon

Location: Beth Tikvah

Cost: \$25 plus material costs (1 session)

#### **Israeli Dinner**

Over three 2-hour long sessions, bake pita bread, make falafel and other yummy foods from the Israeli kitchen.

Date: TBA

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM

Instructor: Miri Sharon

Location: Beth Tikvah

Cost: \$75 plus material costs (3 sessions)

### **Hebrew Calligraphy and Illumination**

Miri Sharon will show you how to form the Alef Bet letters and how to decorate them at the beginning of a sentence. By the end of the sessions, you will have a piece of artwork to be proud of.

Date: TBA

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM

Instructor: Miri Sharon

Location: Beth Tikvah

Cost: \$75 plus material costs (3 sessions)

### **Tie-Dye Talit (Prayer Shawl)**

Come and enjoy the 70's art form with a Jewish twist. Make a *talit* for yourself or for your child. Learn how to tie-dye and tie the *tzitzit* (fringes).

Date: TBA

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM

Instructor: Miri Sharon and Judy Narod

Location: Beth Tikvah

Cost: \$50 plus material costs (2 sessions)

### **Hanukkah Decoration**

Learn how to make decorations that you will never find at a store. You will make decorations that will last you for years to come.

Date: TBA

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM

Instructor: Miri Sharon

Location: Beth Tikvah

Cost: \$25 plus material costs (1 session)

### **Tefilah (Prayer) for Adults**

Come learn the meanings of the prayers. In each hour long session, Miri Sharon will focus on a specific prayer. The exact prayers and schedule are TBA.

Date: TBA

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM

Instructor: Miri Sharon

Location: Beth Tikvah

Cost: \$75 plus material costs (3 sessions)

Session: 1 hour (multiple sessions, each class stands on its own)  
Cost: \$15 for each session

### **Enriching Jewish Holidays at Home**

A series of hands-on workshops on ways to enrich holidays for children. Parents and teens will work together on creating activities and learning materials that will generate new family traditions. Teens and adults working together will enable a range of perspectives for everyone to have input on what is important and most valuable. This series is about creating your own family traditions that will have personal value.

Date: TBA  
Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM  
Instructor: Wendy Gosenhauser  
Location: Beth Tikvah  
Cost: \$150 plus material costs (6 sessions)

### **Jewish Artists Profiles**

This course is designed for older teens and adults to explore specific Jewish artists from a variety of global backgrounds, and artistic styles. Each session will consist of a learning/art history portion, and a hands-on art experience that allows the participants to experiment in the style of the artists they are studying.

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### **Family Oriented Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World)**

This course will help parents work together with their teens on community service projects in our local area. This is designed for youth coming into their Bar/ Bat Mitzvah experience, or older. We will be working on actual projects together and learning about community programs where families can work together. A portion of this course will also focus on a global project that will be determined by the specific interests of the participants.

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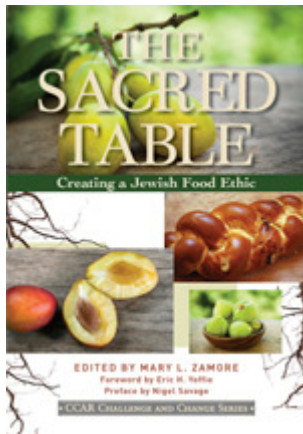
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**Course registration is now in progress. As a benefit of membership, most courses are offered to Congregation B'nai Shalom members at no charge. Courses listed below only include Fall 2011 semester. Spring semester course listings available in January 2012.**

**Please contact Rabbi Joe Eiduson at Congregation B'nai Shalom with any questions or to register by email: [office@cbnaishalom.org](mailto:office@cbnaishalom.org).**

### **We Are What We Eat: Jewish Approach to Ethical Eating and Cooking**



Through this year-long study, we will use Torah text and other Jewish sources as well as the newly published book by the Reform Movement, “The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic” to study our multifaceted relationship to food. We will look at how our own tables are supposed to be a *mikdash m'at* – miniature altars and how we can create community by sharing food, celebrations and friendship. The dialogue will include a discussion of the many different ethical discussions taking place around food today and how these issues relate to us as a Jewish community.

The course will include dialogue, text study, cooking demonstrations and will culminate in the spring with a field trip to Brookline to discover some of the traditions and stories that lie behind our own Jewish food history here in the Boston area. Pre-registration is required and there will be a fee for the book, materials, and the trip. Join us for study, food and fun!

Date: Begins October 16, 2011  
Time: Sundays, 9:15-10:15 AM (Fall 2011 Semester)  
Location: Congregation B'nai Shalom  
Instructor: Rabbi Sharon Sobel  
Location: Congregation B'nai Shalom  
Cost: \$36 which includes all materials and texts

### **Adult Sunday School!**

A ten-week seminar for those who want to learn or re-learn the guiding principles, ideals and rituals of Jewish life. A great course for Jews by ???, Jews by choice and those who would just like to know the why's and the how's! This is an excellent opportunity to explore the richness of Judaism in a comfortable atmosphere. Parents welcome! No prior Jewish knowledge necessary!

Date: Begins October 16, 2011  
Time: Sundays, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM  
Instructor: Rabbi Joe Eiduson  
Location: Congregation B'nai Shalom  
Cost: \$36 Non-Members  
Registration Required

### **The CBS Lunch & Learn Series: What Does Judaism Say About .....?**

We will look at modern responses to interesting questions posed by ordinary people to the Reform Movement's Responsa Committee. What were the issues that raised the question? What would your response be? What do you think the Responsa Committee said? Why did they answer how they did? Join us for a spirited discussion in an informal, lighthearted setting!

Date: November 10, 2011; January 12; March 8; May 10, 2012  
Time: Thursdays, 12:00 PM-1:30 PM  
Instructor: Rabbi Sharon Sobel  
Location: Congregation B'nai Shalom  
Cost: \$10 per session for CBS Members / \$15 per session Non-Members  
Registration Required

### **Shabbat Morning Torah Study**

Discuss the Torah, our sacred text, in an informal setting with members of Congregation B'nai Shalom. "Beginners" are welcome. All readings are in English.

Date: Weekly

Time: Saturdays, 8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Location: Congregation B'nai Shalom Library

Cost: No charge

**Save the Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sisterhood Shabbat & Women's Kallah**

Date: January 20-21, 2012

Time: Friday 6:00 PM, Saturday 12:30 PM-5:30 PM

Location: Congregation B'nai Shalom

Cost: TBA

## **Westborough Community Adult Education Classes**

### **Beginner's Hebrew for Adults**

Discover the joys of reading Hebrew and begin to understand our people's ancient tongue. Beginning Hebrew is for those who cannot read Hebrew, or who are in the beginning stages of Hebrew learning. Geared especially for adults, Hebrew *Aleph* will help you feel more included at services, the Passover *Seder* and at other times you might wish to know how to read Hebrew. Haven't you waited long enough?

Date: Begins Sunday, October 16, 2011

Time: 10:45 AM-11:45 AM

Location: B'nai Shalom

Registration Required

Cost: \$18 (15 sessions)