



**ADULT LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES**

TEMPLE NER TAMID

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REGISTRATION

Lunch With the Rabbi	\$36	_____
Beginning Hebrew	\$150 [+material]	_____
Intermediate Hebrew	\$150 [+material]	_____
Introduction to Judaism	Contact Rabbi Hertzman at rhertzman@urj.org or call 212-452-6557	
T'ai Chi Chih	\$50 for 6 classes or \$10 a session	_____

All other courses and events have no fees unless otherwise noted.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

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If you are looking for more classes, look into Rimon, a dynamic collaboration among the synagogues and agencies of MetroWest to open their educational offerings to other congregants in the MetroWest community.

For a complete description of the course offerings, visit <http://www.jccmetrowest.org/rimoncatalog>, or , contact Michael Jay at mjay@JCCmetrowest.org or 973-530-3489. Some of our classes will be part of Rimon this year.

INTRODUCTION: THE LANGUAGES OF JUDAISM

Those of us who have studied foreign languages know that a language is not just a set of words and grammar, but a window into the values and world view of the language's speakers. As Jews became assimilated into the larger world, we abandoned the languages that bound us together and made us unique. While Hebrew is spoken in Israel, you do not hear it spoken among Jews in other countries, the way Yiddish and Ladino was spoken among the Jews of Eastern Europe and the Sephardic countries.

This year's adult education opportunities attempt to re-introduce you to some of the languages of the Jews. We have performers and films in Yiddish and Ladino. Our Hebrew language courses will again be offered on Sunday mornings. Rabbi Kushner will introduce a new course, "Teaching Values through Hebrew," which will do what the title suggests. Each week he will look at different expressions that have entered the popular language from a Jewish language, and examine its origin and meaning in the original and the current usage.

We have many other offerings for you, from T'ai Chi Chih to book groups. Our most ambitious undertaking is the Scholar-in-Residence weekend, made possible by the generosity of Tamar Weiss in memory of her husband, Emil, z'l, who was a big supporter of continued Jewish learning.

We look forward to seeing you at our classes and events.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

We are pleased to announce Rabbi Samuel K. Joseph as Temple Ner Tamid's Scholar-in-Residence this year. Rabbi Joseph, a professor at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, is a renowned and dynamic speaker on topics of Jewish importance. He will present the following topics:

◆ **"JEWS AND CHINESE FOOD"**

There was an active Jewish Community in China for 900 years. Who were they? From where did they come? What happened to them? What can we learn by their experiences?

Friday, October 16 / 8 pm

◆ **"DOUBLE LATTE, NO FOAM, NO FAT, EXTRA HOT, IN A LARGE CUP... JEWISH IDENTITY IN A TIME OF UNLIMITED CHOICE"**

This may be the first time in history that four generations are sitting at the same table. From the 'Greatest Generation' that fought WWII, to the Boomers, to Generations X and Y, all have their ideas about Jewish life, living and Jewish identity. What will the future bring?

Saturday, October 17 / 1:30 pm

Rabbi Joseph's appearance is made possible by the generosity of Tamar Weiss in memory of her husband, Emil, z'l.



INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

This year Temple Ner Tamid will host the Union for Reform Judaism's *Introduction to Judaism* course. This 16-week course is for anyone interested in exploring Judaism: interfaith couples, those considering conversion, and Jews looking for adult level basics. Topics include the fundamentals of Jewish thought and practice: holidays, life cycle events, theology and prayer, Israel, history and Hebrew. The course will be taught by Temple member Rabbi Rachel Hertzman. To register, contact Rabbi Rachel Hertzman at rhertzman@urj.org or 212-452-6557.

Tuesdays, October 6 thru January 19 / 7 to 9 pm

Fee: \$400 for individuals or couples

\$375 for members of a URJ congregation

SHABBAT

◆ WAKE UP SHABBAT

A wonderful, community building Shabbat morning experience for all ages, includes separate learning experiences for children and adults, engaging, song-filled services, a light morning nosh and lunch. Come learn and worship with other Ner Tamid families of all age groups and varieties! This program is for the entire community, not just the religious school—all are welcome. **This program is free and open to all.**

November 7, January 30, April 24 / 9 am to 1 pm

◆ TORAH TISH: SHABBAT TABLE WITH LUNCH AND TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI STEVEN KUSHNER

Join Rabbi Kushner for a Kiddush luncheon following Shabbat morning services, on the third Saturday of every month following the Casual Minyan. Attendance at the minyan is not a prerequisite for participation. This is your chance for more serious text study on the weekly Torah portion in a relaxed atmosphere. **This program is free and open to all.**

**November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20
March 20, April 17, May 15**

RABBI SAMUEL JOSEPH

Rabbi Samuel K. Joseph, Ph.D., is Professor of Jewish Education and Leadership Development at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, where he teaches in the rabbinical school.

His special interest is assisting Jewish institutions and organizations, from schools to synagogues to national groups, to fulfill their missions and visions. Toward this end, Rabbi Joseph works with such groups throughout the world. Most recently he taught at the first rabbinical seminary in Germany since the Holocaust, the Abraham Geiger Kollege in Berlin as the Jacobs Fellow. In past years he has worked with Jewish communities in Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina. He is the founding rabbi of the liberal congregation in Hong Kong.

Rabbi Joseph consults with rabbis, educators, administrators, communal leaders and lay leaders, supporting them as they lead their institutions and organizations. He is the author of four books and more than fifty articles in the area of education and leadership.

Education

- ◆ Ordained, HUC-JIR (1976)
- ◆ Ph.D., Clayton University (1981)

Recent Books

- ◆ *Leading with a Jewish Heart: Text Study and Good Leadership Practices for Congregational Leaders* (in press)
- ◆ *Portraits of Schooling: A Survey and an Analysis of Supplementary Schooling in Congregations*, UAHC Press, 1998
- ◆ *How to be a Jewish Teacher: An Invitation to Make a Difference*, Tarah Aura Prod., 1988

SPEAKERS

◆ DAN PERRI

Former Temple member Dan Perri and current Hollywood movie title designer will talk about the “art of motion picture title design.” Dan has designed the opening titles for such movies as *Star Wars*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Taxi Driver*, *The Aviator* and *Gangs of New York*. He is the most celebrated title designer in film-making today.

Sunday, October 25 / 3 pm

◆ JENNIFER ANNE MOSES

Jennifer Anne Moses, author of “*Bagels and Grits: A Jew on the Bayou*” will talk about her move with her husband and children to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her book takes us into a world that is strange and sad but also suffused with the holy. As witness to dire poverty and extreme adversity, Moses discovers a deeper commitment to her own faith—Judaism that asks not for blind belief, but rather daily commitment. She recounts the challenges of taking on a life committed to God in a postmodern world that has little use for the divine.

Friday, November 20 / 8 pm

◆ ANDREW SILOW-CARROL

The distinguished editor-in-chief of New Jersey’s own Jewish News will address the Temple on the following Topic: “The Soft Middle, the Triumphant Right, and the Emergent Left: The Top Three Trends in Jewish Life.” What kind of Jewish world will our children and grandchildren inherit? We’ll look at the key demographic trends and predictions, and the ways younger Jews are challenging the definitions of what it means to be an American Jew.

Sunday, December 6 / 11:15 am

FILM FESTIVAL

Our ever popular Sunday afternoon film series is returning this winter, with three Israeli films that reflect this year’s theme of the languages of Judaism. Look for more details later in the year.

◆ HEBREW LESSON (HA ULPAN)

Characters meet in a Hebrew language Ulpan, where their personal stories melt with the complexities of Israeli reality. The immense effort of learning a new language is revealed through their encounter with a strange culture and an unfamiliar environment. Israeli society is revealed through the foreigner’s eyes. This gaze—at times funny, at times sad—paints daily reality with irony. But beyond the obvious differences, the human common denominator of longing and love triumphs time and again.

-122 minutes

January 24, 2010 / 2 pm

◆ LIVE AND BECOME

The magnificent, epic story of an Ethiopian boy who is airlifted from a Sudanese refugee camp to Israel in 1984 during Operation Moses. Shlomo is plagued by two big secrets: he is neither a Jew nor an orphan, just an African boy who survived and wants, somehow, to fulfill his Ethiopian mom’s parting request the he “go, live, and become.” Buoyed by a profound and unfaltering motherly love both in his memory and in the arms of his adoptive mom he ultimately finds an identity and happiness all his own.

-140 minutes

February 21, 2010 / 2 pm

- ◆ The third film will be announced shortly
March 14 / 2 pm

Suggested donation of \$5 includes popcorn.

ENTERTAINMENT

SARAH AROESTE: A FUNKY BLEND OF TRADITIONAL LADINO MUSIC MIXED WITH ROCK AND JAZZ

Sarah Aroeste is best known for her innovative fusion of Spanish, Mediterranean and American musical traditions. Inspired by her family's cultural heritage—with Sephardic family roots originally from Spain and later settling in Salonika, Greece—the Aroeste sound combines and updates aspects from her unique family background. Her band combines traditional Mediterranean Sephardic sounds with contemporary influences of rock, funk, jazz and blues. Using traditional instruments such as oud and dumbek, alongside electric guitar, bass and drums, the Sarah Aroeste Band seeks to bring new life and energy to the beautiful and mysterious sounds of Sephardic music.

Saturday, October 24 / 8 pm

Fee: \$25 in advance / \$30 at the door

FOLKSBIE NE TROUPE

The Folksbiene Troupe (or Di Trupe) will perform a delightful and entertaining cabaret act entirely in Yiddish. Made up of young people who are passionate about finding their artistic expression through performance in the Yiddish language they have all learned Yiddish, as adults. The Troupe performs in Yiddish, rehearses in Yiddish and even socializes in Yiddish.

Performances are in Yiddish with English translation supertitles.

Sunday, January 10, 2010 / 2:30 pm

Fee: TBA

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

◆ *THE BLESSING OF A SKINNED KNEE* BY WENDY MOGEL

Join facilitator Jodi Paroff as we meet to discuss a book that provides a helpful road map for raising self-reliant, compassionate, and ethical children through the lens of Jewish teachings. Read through Chapter 2 before you attend the first meeting. Books are available for purchase in the office or at Watchung Booksellers.

Sundays November 1, 22 & December 13 / 9:15 to 10:30 am

◆ *PUTTING GOD ON THE GUEST LIST* BY RABBI JEFFREY K. SALKIN

Is it time for your family to give serious thought to your child or grandchild's Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Join us as we use Rabbi Salkin's book as a jumping off point to discussing member concerns and reclaiming the spiritual meaning of the event. This discussion is especially designed for adult members in interfaith families and adult members who were not raised with Jewish traditions, and will be led by social worker, Beth Berns and Temple member, Peter Della Bella. Books are available for purchase in the office or at Watchung Booksellers.

Date: TBA

USED BOOK SALE

Back by popular demand, TNT will hold a fall Used Book Sale. Children's books, fiction, memoirs, cookbooks, Judaica, general nonfiction galore!

You can recycle your old books starting October 26—no textbooks, computer books or outdated travel guides.

Sunday, November 1 / 9 am to 2 pm

CLASSES

◆ BEGINNING HEBREW

Learn the *alef-bet* and some simple Hebrew grammar and phrases.

Sunday mornings beginning October 25 / 9:30 to 10:30 am

◆ INTERMEDIATE HEBREW

For those who already know the *alef-bet*, learn more Hebrew grammar and vocabulary and practice speaking.

Sunday mornings beginning October 25 / 11:15 am to 12:15 pm

Both Hebrew classes will begin on Sunday, October 25 and meet whenever Religious School is in session. Hebrew courses are taught by rabbinic student and Temple member Anne Laurent

◆ LUNCH WITH THE RABBI

Bring your own lunch and join Rabbi Kushner at Temple Ner Tamid for thought-provoking discussions of the book "*In the Beginning: A Short History of the Hebrew Language*" by Joel Hoffman. The book will be available for purchase in the Temple office. Classes meet the second Tuesday of each month.

October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12

February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8

12 to 1:30 pm

◆ ROSH CHODESH

Rosh Chodesh, the celebration of the beginning of each month in the Jewish calendar, corresponds to the new moon, and has always existed as a women's holiday celebrating women's spirituality. Join with Cantor Meredith Greenberg and continue on to topics chosen by the group.

Monday, November 16, Wednesday, December 16

Saturday, February 13, Monday, March 15

Tuesday, April 13, Thursday, May 13 / 7 to 8:30 pm

JEWISH VALUES THROUGH HEBREW WORDS

While Jews have embraced several languages over the centuries as their own—Hebrew, Aramaic, Ladino and Yiddish—Judaism is not only a faith, an ethos, a culture, it is also a language unto itself.

Join with Rabbi Kushner (almost) every Sunday following the Shacharit worship service for a thirty-minute digression into the *words* that make up *Judaism*. Each discussion will focus on a word or phrase that embodies a primal value of the Judaic tradition. The discussions will mirror what is being taught in the Religious School classrooms, but you need not have a child in the school to find meaning in this weekly class.

Join us for our community morning service and then sit in on Rabbi Kushner's class. Expand your vocabulary, enrich your understanding of Judaism.

Sunday mornings beginning November 1 whenever Religious School is in session / 11:15 to 11:45 am

T'AI CHI CHIH

T'ai Chi Chih, a set of movements focused on the development of an intrinsic energy called *Chi*, has many beneficial effects, including greater flexibility, increased energy, and increased concentration. Accredited instructor Bill Moore will guide you through these movements. No particular level of physical fitness or coordination, and no special clothing or equipment are required.

**Sunday, October 25; November 1, 22; December 6, 13, 20*
9:30 to 10:30 am**

Fee: \$50 for 6 classes or \$10 a session

**If there is sufficient enrollment, class will continue beyond this session.*