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Unless otherwise noted, classes will meet at the Max M. Fisher Federation Building, 6735 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills.

SUNDAY

Sunday Mornings
Area Congregations

**Melton Foundations
of Jewish Family Living**
Rabbis & Educators

9:30 - 11 a.m.
Congregation Beth Ahm

Torah Line by Line - Dvarim
Dr. Mitch Parker

10 a.m. - 12 noon
Hechtman Apartments

Advanced Hebrew Language and Literature I
Nira Lev

7 - 8:30 p.m.
Fall 2014

The Anti-Semitism Equation
Ruth Bergman

7 - 8:30 p.m.
Winter/Spring 2015

Jewish Folklore, Fairytales and Legends
Ruth Bergman

7 - 8:30 p.m.

Reading the New Testament
Rabbi Joseph Klein

7:30 - 8:45 p.m.
Fall 2014

Learn to Read Hebrew in Six Weeks
Hadassa Kidron

7:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Beginning Hebrew I
Hadassa Kidron

7 - 9 p.m.

Advanced Hebrew I
Nira Lev & Amalia Poris

MONDAY

9:15 - 10:45 a.m.
Fall 2014

Melton - Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah
(Exclusively for Melton PEP graduates)
Rabbi Michele Faudem

9:15 - 10:45 a.m.
Winter/Spring 2015

Melton - Jews in America
(Exclusively for Melton PEP graduates)
Rebecca Starr

9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Melton PEP – Year 2
Rabbi Michele Faudem & Rebecca Starr

10 - 11:30 a.m.
Fall 2014

The Anti-Semitism Equation
Ruth Bergman

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Jewish Folklore, Fairytales and Legend
Ruth Bergman

10 - 11:15 a.m.
Fall 2014

The Way We Read the Bible
Rabbi Eric Grossman

Frankel Jewish Academy

10 a.m. - 12 noon

Advanced Intermediate Hebrew I
Nira Lev

11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Talmud Two by Two
(Exclusively for Melton graduates)
Rabbi Michele Faudem

12 noon - 1:15 p.m.
Winter/Spring 2015

Understanding Biblical Hebrew
Dr. Melissa Ser

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Advanced Intermediate Hebrew II
Nira Lev

6 - 7:15 p.m.

Advanced Beginner Hebrew
Hadassa Kidron

TUESDAY

9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Beyond Melton...613 Commandments
Ruth Bergman

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Beyond Melton...Chapter and Verse
Rabbi Michele Faudem

11 a.m. - 12 noon

Teachings of the Talmud
Rabbi Rod Glogower

12 noon - 1:15 p.m.

Intermediate Hebrew I
Nira Lev

12 noon - 1:15 p.m.
Monthly

Who Wrote the Bible
Rabbi Jeffrey Falick

6:45 - 9 p.m.

FedEd Book Group
Rabbi Ilana Baden

6:45 - 9 p.m.

Melton – Year 1
Ruth Bergman & Rabbi Michele Faudem

Melton – Year 2
Ruth Bergman & Rabbi Michele Faudem

7 - 8:30 p.m.
Fall 2014

Jewish Humor in America
Professor Howard Lupovitch

7 - 8:30 p.m.
Winter 2015

Women of Valor, Women of Power
Professor Howard Lupovitch

7 - 8:30 p.m.
Spring 2015

We Were Like Dreamers...
Professor Howard Lupovitch

at a Glance

WEDNESDAY

9:30 - 11 a.m. **Melton Foundations — Grandparents Edition**
Rabbi Joseph Krakoff

9:30 - 11:45 a.m. **Melton – Year 2**
JCC – W. Bloomfield Ruth Bergman & Rabbi Michele Faudem

10 a.m. - 12 noon **Advanced Hebrew Language and Literature II**
Nira Lev

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon **Second Book of Samuel**
Rabbi Rod Glogower

12 noon - 1:15 p.m. **Hebrew Calligraphy**
Fall 2014 Jeffrey Lasday

12 noon - 1:30 p.m. **Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers)**
JCC – West Bloomfield Rabbi Michele Faudem

12:15 - 1:15 p.m. **Intermediate Hebrew II**
Nira Lev

7 - 8:30 p.m. **Fantasies of Wine, Women and Mayhem**
JCC – Oak Park Rabbi Eliezer Finkelman

7 - 8:30 p.m. **The Book of Genesis**
Fall 2014 Rabbi Joseph Klein

7 - 8:30 p.m. **The Book of Exodus**
Winter 2015 Rabbi Joseph Klein

7 - 8:30 p.m. **The Five Scrolls**
Spring 2015 Rabbi Joseph Klein

7 - 8:30 p.m. **Teachings of the Talmud**
Rabbi Rod Glogower

THURSDAY

9:30 - 11:45 a.m. **Melton – Year 1**
JCC – West Bloomfield Ruth Bergman & Aviva Panush

9:30 - 11 a.m. **Salon Series: Gemilut Chasadim**
(Exclusively for Melton graduates)
Rabbi Tzvi Muller

9:30 - 11 a.m. **Torah Line by Line**
Rabbi Michael Cohen

9:30 - 11 a.m. **Melton - Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah**
Fall 2014 Ruth Bergman

9:30 - 11 a.m. **Melton - Jews in America**
Winter/Spring 2015 Ruth Bergman

10 a.m. - 12 noon **Advanced Hebrew II**
Nira Lev

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Six Jewish Values**
Fall 2014 Rabbi Joseph Krakoff

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **The Six Biggest Challenges to Jewish Living**
Winter 2015 Rabbis Joseph Krakoff & Aaron Starr

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Debates in Jewish History**
Spring 2015 Rabbi Aaron Starr

12:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. **Shakespeare, Chaucer and the Jews**
Fall 2014 Rabbi Aaron Bergman & Dr. Melissa Ser

6:45 - 7:45 p.m. **Our Stories – Leviticus Edition**
Temple Israel Rabbi Michele Faudem

6:45 - 9 p.m. **Melton – Year 1**
Temple Israel Rabbis Michele Faudem & Arianna Gordon

7 - 8:30 p.m. **Torah Line by Line**
Rabbi Michael Cohen

FRIDAY

10 - 11 a.m. **Parsha Plus**
Community Rabbis & Educators

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Ripped from the Headlines**
Rabbi Eli Finkelman



If you would like to study something new, consider...

Arts & Culture

- FedEd Book Group
- Hebrew Calligraphy
- Jewish Folklore, Fairytales and Legends
- Jewish Humor in America
- Shakespeare, Chaucer and the Jews
- Fantasies of Wine, Women and Mayhem

Classes for Parents & Grandparents

- Foundations of Jewish Family Living
- Foundations - Grandparents Edition
- Melton PEP – Year 2

Comparative Religions

- Reading the New Testament: The Gospels
- Reading the New Testament: The Writings of Paul
- Rabbinic Judaism and Early Christianity

Ethics & Values

- Foundations of Jewish Family Living
- Foundations Grandparents Edition
- Gemilut Chasadim (Acts of Loving-Kindness)
- Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers)
- Ripped from the Headlines
- Six Jewish Values
- Six Biggest Challenges to Jewish Living
- 613 Commandments

Hebrew

- Beginning to Advanced Hebrew Language
- Hebrew Calligraphy
- Learn to Read Hebrew in Six Weeks
- Understanding Biblical Hebrew and Jewish Prayers

Holidays & Shabbat

- Foundations of Jewish Family Living
- Foundations - Grandparents Edition
- Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning
- Parsha HaShavuah (Weekly Torah Portion)

Israel

- We Were Like Dreamers...

Jewish History

- The Anti-Semitism Equation
- Debates in Jewish History
- Jews in America
- Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah
- Women of Valor, Women of Power

Jewish Thought

- Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah
- Six Biggest Challenges of Jewish Living
- 613 Commandments

Jews in America

- The Anti-Semitism Equation
- Jewish Humor in America
- Jews in America

Judaism - an Overview

- Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

Tanakh (Bible)

- The Book of Exodus
- The Book of Genesis
- Chapter and Verse
- The Five Scrolls
- Our Stories – Leviticus Edition
- Parsha Plus (Torah Portion Plus Haftarah)
- Second Book of Samuel
- Torah Line by Line
- Understanding Biblical Hebrew and Jewish Prayers
- The Way We Read the Bible
- Who Wrote the Bible
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Talmud

- Gemilut Chasadim (Acts of Loving-Kindness)
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Thursdays: 6:45 - 9 p.m.

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Beginning September 11, 2014

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Young Adult Tuition: \$495 (Ages 39 and under)

Couples Discount: \$50 per couple

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is received by August 15, 2014**

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TASTE OF MELTON

Sample the program everyone is talking about...

Tuesday, August 12

Max M. Fisher Federation Building, Bloomfield Hills
6:45 p.m.

or

Thursday, August 14

Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield
9:30 a.m.

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About our INSTRUCTORS



Rabbi Ilana Baden was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1999. She is currently the Director of Community Engagement at the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and Rabbi at Temple Beth El in Battle Creek. Prior to moving to Michigan, she served as associate rabbi at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and at the Isaac Wise Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio. During her tenure in Cincinnati, Rabbi Baden was the President of the Greater Cincinnati Board of Rabbis.

Rabbi Aaron Bergman is a Detroit native and a graduate of the University of Michigan. He is a rabbi at Adat Shalom Synagogue. Rabbi Bergman was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and pursued additional graduate work in Jewish Folklore at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He was part of the educators program at the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Ruth Weiss Bergman has been teaching in the Detroit Jewish community for 16 years. She taught for the Midrasha College of Jewish Studies, Hillel Day School, Frankel Jewish Academy, and Women's Day of Learning. Ms. Bergman is currently an instructor for Melton, Melton Scholars Curriculum and FedEd classes.

Rabbi Michael Cohen is the Rabbi of Young Israel of Oak Park. He was formerly the Rabbi of Keter Torah for the Sephardic community. Educated in London and Gateshead, England and Jerusalem, he received Rabbinic ordination from the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Jeffrey L. Falick serves as Humanistic Rabbi of The Birmingham Temple Congregation for Humanistic Judaism in Farmington Hills. Rabbi Falick received an M.A. and ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He served for 11 years as director of Hillel Jewish student centers at universities in Illinois and Miami and for 13 years as assistant director and Jewish educator at the Jewish Community Center in Miami. Rabbi Falick has served as a faculty member at numerous schools including Melton.

Rabbi Michele Faudem was ordained by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1995. She also received her M.A. in Education from The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She was the Coordinator of Adult Jewish Education at the Houston JCC and the Houston Melton Director. Rabbi Faudem teaches in the Melton core program, the Melton Parent Education Program (P.E.P.), and Melton graduate classes.

Rabbi Dr. Eliezer Finkelman holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from City University of New York, and Rabbinical Ordination from Yeshiva University. He served as Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel in Berkeley, CA and as Hillel Director at Wayne State University. His stories often appear in the *Detroit Jewish News*. Hobbies include archery and brewing wine.

Rabbi Rod Glogower is the Rabbinic resource person on staff of the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation at the University of Michigan and an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan Law School. He received his rabbinic ordination with distinction from Midrasha Seminary of Machon Harry Fischel in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Arianna Gordon graduated from Brandeis University with a B.A. in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies before going on to Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. There she earned her Master's in Jewish Education and became ordained as a rabbi on the Los Angeles campus. She spent three years working in Cleveland as Religious School Director at The Temple-Tifereth Israel before returning to Detroit in 2011 to serve as Director of Education and Lifelong Learning at Temple Israel in West Bloomfield.

Rabbi Eric Grossman is Head of School at Frankel Jewish Academy. He is a Bible teacher and scholar. He studied at York University, Brandeis University, Yeshivat Hamivtar, and Hebrew University, where he was a two-time recipient of the Hebrew University Bible Prize. Rabbi Grossman has published numerous articles in the field of academic Bible study and on Jewish education, and is the author of a grammar of Biblical Hebrew. He lectures widely in the U.S. and Canada, and is an active member of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Hadassa Kidron was born in Israel and graduated from Talpiot College where she received her teacher's certificate. She continued her studies at Oranim Teacher's College with a focus on teaching through drama. She has taught in Israel, Vancouver, Canada, Hillel Day School and Akiva. Ms. Kidron is currently teaching Hebrew at the Frankel Jewish Academy.

Rabbi Joseph Klein was Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanuel of Oak Park for 16 years before becoming Rabbi Emeritus in 2013. He holds a Master of Hebrew Letters and received his ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rabbi Klein has been Adjunct Professor at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Indiana State University and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, teaching courses on Genesis, Hebrew Scripture, First Century History, New Testament, and Introduction to Judaism. He currently teaches at Oakland University.

Rabbi Joseph H. Krakoff was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1998. He also has a Master of Arts from JTS and a Master of Hebrew Letters from the University of Judaism. A past president of the Michigan Board of Rabbis and Rabbinical Assembly-Michigan Region, Rabbi Krakoff appeared on the PBS special, "The Embrace of Aging." He has also made several trips to the White House over the last several years to consult with Senior Administration Officials on the American-Israeli relationship. He has spoken on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC and is also the co-chairman of the Religious Leaders Forum.

Jeffrey Lasday serves as Director of the Alliance for Jewish Education at the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. He earned his B.S. in Psychology and Judaic Studies from the University of Pittsburgh and Ed. M. from Harvard Graduate School of Education. Mr. Lasday is also a graduate of the Senior Educators Fellowship Program in Israel at Hebrew University's Melton Center for Jewish Education in the Diaspora. Jeffrey learned Hebrew calligraphy in order to write his wedding K'tuba (contract) for his bride.

Nira Lev holds M.A. degrees from Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University and is a graduate of the Leadership Training Program from NYU. She has been teaching Hebrew, training teachers and developing curricula for the past 30 years and currently teaches Hebrew at Oakland University. She is a recipient of the Berman Outstanding Professional Service Award and the Schochet Outstanding Teacher Award.

Professor Howard Lupovitch received a Ph.D. in Jewish History from Columbia University. He has taught at Cornell University, Colby College, the University of Western Ontario and U of M where he was also a fellow at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies. He is currently Associate Professor of History and the Director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University. Professor Lupovitch has published two books and is completing a history of the Jews of Budapest and writing a history of the Neolog Movement. Professor Lupovitch is the 2009 winner of the Benard L. Maas Prize for Achievement in Jewish Culture and Continuity in the Area of Humanities.

Rabbi Tzvi Muller is the Director of the Kindness Project, a joint project of the JCC and the Weiss Family Partners in Torah Program where he serves as the Director of Education. He also serves as Senior Research Fellow for the Center for Jewish Values in Jerusalem, Israel. Rabbi Muller pioneered and led a team of scholars in the research of Jewish teachings pertaining to love, respect and consideration for other people. This effort produced an encyclopedic seven volume set of books intended for, and embraced by, thousands of scholars across the world.

Aviva Panush has been involved in formal and informal Jewish education for over 30 years, teaching adults and children of all ages, directing religious schools, developing curricula and training teachers. She is an instructor for Melton and serves as School Director at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in East Lansing. Ms. Panush holds an M.A. in Educational Leadership, as well as degrees in Urban Planning and Environmental Education.

Dr. Mitch Parker has been a popular instructor for Melton and has taught in FedEd's Summertime Torah program. He served as the national director of the Parent Education Program (PEP) for Melton. Dr. Parker is the principal/clinical director of Zareinu Education Centre in Toronto.

Amalia Poris graduated from Beit Berel Teacher's College in Israel. She started her career in the Israeli Defense Force, teaching Hebrew to new immigrant soldiers. She has been teaching Judaic Studies in Jewish Day Schools for 28 years and is currently a teacher and Hebrew Language coordinator at Hillel Day School. She is participating in a special Master Hebrew Teacher's program at the Hebrew College in Boston.

Dr. Melissa Ser joined Adat Shalom Synagogue as its Director of Congregational Learning in July 2012. She earned a BA from Florida State University and an MA and PhD, focusing on Medieval Literature and Textual Scholarship, from the University of Rochester. She also studied Rabbinics at Hebrew Union College. Dr. Ser spent almost a decade living in Jerusalem, where she was the Academic Coordinator for the Ramah Jerusalem High School and the Director of the Ramah Jerusalem Day Camp. She has been teaching Hebrew to adults and children for over fifteen years.

Rabbi Shneur Silberberg is the Director of the Hyman and Sonia Blumenstein Outreach Division of the Sara and Morris Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center. 'Rabbi Shneur' was ordained at Lubavitcher Yeshiva in Brooklyn, New York. As a student rabbi he served in Russia, Kenya, spent Jewish holidays in Israeli army bases, and taught Torah to inmates in a 'Yeshiva in Prison' program in West Virginia. He currently teaches Torah on college campuses.

Rabbi Aaron Starr is a rabbi at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. He is the author of the book, *Taste of Hebrew* (URJ Press) and article Tradition vs. Modernity: The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) and Conservative Halachah, published in the Journal of Conservative Judaism. A past-president of the Metropolitan Detroit Board of Jewish Educators, Rabbi Starr has received numerous awards for youth work and adult education.

Rebecca Starr received her undergraduate degree in Education and Judaic Studies and a Master's Degree in Social Work and Jewish Communal Service from the University of Michigan. She served as the Director of Education and Programming at Northern Hills Synagogue in Cincinnati and Assistant Director of Federation's Alliance for Jewish Education. Ms. Starr currently serves as an independent educational consultant and an instructor for Melton.

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JUDAIC STUDIES CLASSES

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SUNDAY

Torah Line by Line – Dvarim

Instructor: Mitch Parker

Only one more year to go. We have 17 more chapters of Dvarim to study as we finish our 10-year journey through the Torah. Join us as we get close to crossing the Jordan River. Hear Moses' last words to the people after 40 years of leading the people in the desert. New students are welcome.

9:30 - 11 a.m.

Congregation Beth Ahm

Series 1: 10 weeks: Sep. 7, 14, 21, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16

Series 2: 10 weeks: Nov. 23, Dec. 7, 14, 21, Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 22

Series 3: 10 weeks: Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Apr. 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17

Tuition: \$175 per 10-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series - \$495

MONDAY



Melton Presents: Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah

(Exclusively for MELTON PEP Graduates)

Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem

For many people, Jewish mysticism (Kabbalah) is intimidating and unfamiliar. But, if you have ever used a Seder plate or participated in a Friday night Shabbat service, you've already experienced mystical traditions! This Melton Scholars course opens up the world of Kabbalah to you. Participants will learn about development of mysticism over the centuries, from Biblical times to the present. Students will also study some central mystical texts that explain how Kabbalah uncovers deep and esoteric meanings of Judaism. This course is sure to expand your understanding of what mysticism is and how it continues to play an important role in our Jewish lives.

9:15 - 10:45 a.m.

12 weeks: Sep. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8

Tuition: \$175 (Includes Scholars textbook)



Melton Presents: Jews in America *(Exclusively for MELTON PEP Graduates)*

Instructor: Rebecca Starr

Denominations, affiliations, egalitarianism, synagogue membership, Jewish community centers, these concepts are a product of life in America. In America we struggle to find the balance between being American and Jewish, patriotic and Zionistic, integrated without being assimilated. America has transformed Judaism, and Jews have transformed America.

This course will explore how in the 350 years since the first Jews came to New Amsterdam, Judaism has been evolving from generation to generation. We will look at the factors that have impacted Jewish life: waves of immigration, world events, the Civil Rights Movement, and the principles of freedom of religion upon which America is built. We will examine the challenges that face us as a community living in the 21st Century.

9:15 - 10:45 a.m.

12 weeks: Jan. 5, 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 13

Tuition: \$175 (Includes Scholars textbook)

CLASS LOCATIONS

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- **Congregation Beth Ahm**
5075 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield
- **Frankel Jewish Academy**
6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield
(inside of the West Bloomfield JCC)
- **Hechtman Apartments**
6700 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield
- **Jewish Community Center W. Bloomfield Campus**
D. Dan and Betty Kahn Building
Marion and David Handleman Hall
Eugene and Marcia Applebaum Jewish
Community Campus
6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield
- **Jewish Community Center Oak Park Campus**
Jimmy Prentis Morris Building,
A. Alfred Taubman Jewish Community Campus
15110 W. Ten Mile Road, Oak Park
- **Temple Israel**
5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield

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(Monday Continued)

Melton PEP (Parent Education Program) – Year 2 (Year 1 is a Prerequisite)

Instructors: Rabbi Michele Faudem & Rebecca Starr
Melton designed especially for parents of young children ages 0 – 5th grade.

9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

28 weeks beginning Sep. 15

The Anti-Semitism Equation

Instructor: Ruth Bergman

Whether called “dirty Jew” on the playground or victimized by the Nazis, we are all familiar with anti-Semitism. Some of us have personal experiences, while others have only heard or read about it. Although we may think we “know it when we see it,” what is anti-Semitism, and what are its causes? Is every incident unique, or can we place all of it into a framework of understanding?

The class will explore the historical and present day factors that influence people to mistrust, dislike or hate the stranger. What is the nature of prejudice and why are some groups targeted? What factors promote stereotypes and what leads to a “them versus us” mentality? What are the political, cultural and religious elements that contribute to these stereotypes that lead to discrimination? This course will change the way you think about stereotyping, prejudice, discrimination and anti-Semitism. You will come away with an entirely new paradigm for thinking about what you thought you knew.

10 - 11:30 a.m.

13 weeks: Sep. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15

(Also offered Monday evenings)

Tuition: \$225

Why is This Knight Different from All Other Knights? Jewish Folklore, Fairytales and Legends

Instructor: Ruth Bergman

Witches, wizards, fairies, dybbuks, demons, and golems, the transformation of people into beasts and other supernatural events...these are the stuff of Jewish folklore, fairytales and legend! Stories of supernatural kings, creatures from the great beyond, rabbis with superhuman powers, all this and more are found in Jewish literature going as far back as the Torah and Talmud. Some tales are adaptations of Greek, Indian or Persian stories, retold with a Jewish slant-- the themes of struggle, survival and dignity, often told with a dose of humor.

Join us as we read a variety of legends, fairy stories and tall tales and learn about the creativity, imagination, and values of the people who retold these stories from generation to generation.

10 - 11:30 a.m.

14 weeks: January 5, 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 13, 20

(Also offered Monday evenings)

Tuition: \$240

Something New Under the Sun: Discoveries that Transformed the Way We Read the Bible

Instructor: Rabbi Eric Grossman

In the modern era, breakthroughs in the fields of archeology, linguistics, political philosophy, comparative religion, and psychology have revolutionized the study of the Hebrew Bible, unlocking secrets in the text that have remained a mystery to scholars and students for thousands of years. Join Rabbi Eric Grossman as he shares insights and deciphers texts in ways that will forever change how you see Scripture.

10 - 11:15 a.m.

Frankel Jewish Academy

4 weeks: Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17

Tuition: \$55

Co-sponsored by Frankel Jewish Academy

Talmud Two by Two

(Exclusively for Melton Graduates)

Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem

Dive into the sea of the Talmud, the compilation of centuries of discussion between the greatest Jewish sages of the 3rd Century B.C.E.-6th Century C.E. Its stimulating and mind-sharpening twists of logic represent the ultimate in Jewish scholarship. You will be provided with texts (in Hebrew and English), study sheets, and guidance, to teach you the tools of Talmud study. Topics may include parent-child obligations, prayer, conversion for the sake of marriage, what heaven might look like, and the Passover Seder. *Limited to 20 people.*

11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Series 1: 12 weeks: Sep. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1

Series 2: 12 weeks: Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 13, 20

Tuition: \$170 per 12 week series.

Discount: Sign-up for both series: \$310

Understanding Biblical Hebrew and Jewish Prayers: The Roots, Their Meanings and the Message

Instructor: Dr. Melissa Ser

The Hebrew language is based on roots, and these roots help us develop a deeper understanding of the Bible and our prayers. For example, the word “bless” is related to the word “knee” and the word “peace” is related to both the words “complete” and “pay.” Learn the building blocks of biblical and prayer book Hebrew, and gain a better understanding of key verses from the weekly Torah portion in this engaging look at Hebrew vocabulary. Basic Hebrew reading skills are helpful.

12 noon - 1:15 p.m.

Series 1: 8 weeks: Feb. 2, 9, 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Series 2: 8 weeks: Apr. 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, Jun. 1, 8

Tuition: \$115 per 8 week series.

(Monday Continued)

A Jewish Understanding of Early Christianity

Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Klein

This three-part series (though each a stand-alone course) will explore from a Jewish perspective, the New Testament Gospel writings, the Epistles/Letters of Paul, and Rabbinic and Early Christian literature that reflect the issues and conflicts that resulted in the 2nd Century "Parting of the Ways." Our Jewish identities are enriched by an understanding how Christianity grew out of 1st Century Judaism, and what that historical process might teach us about living our lives within our larger, non-Jewish community.

Reading the New Testament: The Gospels

The three Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and the fourth unique Gospel of John separately tell the story of Jesus, his mission and message to the Jews. Each Gospel will be examined for its own perspective on Jews and Judaism and its impact on Jewish/Christian relations today. Students should bring a copy of the New Testament of their choice.

7 - 8:30 p.m.

8 weeks: Sep. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10

Tuition: \$140

Reading the New Testament: The Writings of Paul

Discuss selected readings from Paul's New Testament Epistles. Explore Paul's theology, not only as a blending of Hellenistic thought and Jewish history, but also as a window into the character, quality and conflicts of the early Church. Students should bring a copy of the New Testament of their choice.

7 - 8:30 p.m.

8 weeks: Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9

Tuition: \$140

The Parting of the Ways: Rabbinic Judaism and Early Christianity

Reading both Rabbinic and Christian sources, the course will answer the question of how a 1st Century Jewish leader who lived Jewish, prayed Jewish, thought Jewish, ate Jewish, spoke Jewish and died Jewish, whose disciples were only Jewish, and who preached only a Jewish message, only to Jews—could and would become the focal point of a religion that is not Judaism! Students should bring a copy of the New Testament of their choice.

7 - 8:30 p.m.

8 weeks: Mar. 16, 23, 30, Apr. 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11

Tuition: \$140

Discount: Sign up for all 3-courses of A Jewish Understanding of Early Christianity - \$390

The Anti-Semitism Equation

Instructor: Ruth Bergman

(For course description see Monday, 10 a.m.)

7 - 8:30 p.m.

13 weeks: Sep. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15

Tuition: \$225

Why is This Knight Different from All Other Knights? Jewish Folklore, Fairytales and Legends

Instructor: Ruth Bergman

(For course description see Monday, 10 a.m.)

7 - 8:30 p.m.

14 weeks: January 5, 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 13, 20

Tuition: \$240



Have you ever wished that you could take Melton all over again? Maybe you have a friend who has always wanted to take Melton but didn't want to go alone. Now is your chance! We are offering Melton, Take 2 for second timers. You may choose to start all over with Year 1 or jump right into Year 2. This offer is limited to only a few people per class. And, best of all, alumni taking Melton, Take 2 will receive a \$100 discount. (no additional discounts apply).

Snowbirds – don't miss out on your favorite classes or teachers! Sign up and attend up to the time

you are departing for warmer weather, or resume classes once you return from sunnier parts. Tuition is the cost of the sessions attending, plus 10%. Snowbirds must determine their schedule in advance and **no refunds will be given for missed classes**. Material fees must be paid in full.

Some restrictions may apply. This offer is not valid for classes with limited enrollment. This offer does not apply to the Melton Snowbird policy.



TUESDAY

Beyond Melton...

A series of classes that compliment your Melton experience

613 Commandments! Defining and Redefining Mitzvot

Instructor: Ruth Berman

Honor your parents. Take care of the poor. Don't lie. Don't bear false witness. These are familiar Jewish rules — mitzvot — but what are mitzvot? Are they an assortment of laws or a philosophy of living? Do they change over time? How many are there? Can you follow all of them? Mitzvot cover social, ritual, legal, family and ethical life. Many are found in the Torah, others were developed over time. Some are still observed, but others are not. This multi-denominational course will explore what it means to be "commanded" in a world of religious freedom, how mitzvot are interpreted, and how these "rules" are the framework for Jewish life.

Chapter and Verse

Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem

In the Book of Genesis, God tells Abraham that his offspring will be strangers in a land not theirs, and they shall be enslaved. The Book of Exodus begins with the realization of these words. The collectio a "people." The Book of Exodus provides the framework for this through the telling of the enslavement and redemption of the Jewish people, presentation of key legal and ethical rules and the building of the Tabernacle. Come and explore the texts and commentaries of the most historical memories of the Jewish people.

9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Series 1: 10 weeks: Sep. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, Dec. 2

Series 2: 10 weeks: Dec. 9, 16, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

Series 3: 10 weeks: Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, Apr. 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19

Tuition: \$225 per 10-week series (Tuition includes both classes)

Discount: Sign up for all three series - \$645

One course only: \$125 per 10-week course or \$345 for the series of three 10-week classes.

Teachings of the Talmud

Instructor: Rabbi Rod Glogower

Discuss the nature and inner workings of Jewish law. Explore what the ancient to modern rabbinic sources have to say about a wide range of contemporary issues. Past topics include bio-medical ethics, conversion to Judaism, and the nature of the Yetzer Hara (evil inclination), among many others. Hebrew reading is helpful, but not required. *New students welcome.*

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Series 1: 14 weeks: Sep. 2, 9, 16, 30, Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16, Jan. 6, 13

Series 2: 14 weeks: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar. 10, 17, 24, Apr. 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19

(Also offered Wednesday evenings)

Tuition: \$245 per 14-week series

Discount: Sign up for both series - \$450

Who Wrote the Bible? Part 1:

Judah, Israel and the Ancient Near East

Instructor: Rabbi Jeffrey Falick

The Hebrew Bible is the product of hundreds of years of oral and written transmission. This class will provide an introduction to the history of the ancient Israelites. What were their origins? How did they live? What did they believe? Were they always monotheists?

We will begin with a survey of the sacred narrative as it is presented in the Tanakh's books of Genesis through 2 Kings. Then we will examine the findings of textual scholars and archeologists that challenge the historicity of that narrative. Along the way we will meet new and familiar characters and events as we piece together a more reliable historical picture. By the end, we will have a good sense of who wrote the Bible.

12 noon - 1:15 p.m.

8 weeks: Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9

Tuition: \$115

Who Wrote the Bible? Part 2:

Sacred Chronicle and Historical Reality

Instructor: Rabbi Jeffrey Falick

Contemporary scholarship has long challenged the traditional narrative of ancient Israelite history. They have called into question the historicity of Abraham, Moses and Joshua and along with them almost all of the defining events of Jewish memory.

Beginning with a review of Part 1, we will take a brief look at the history of ancient Judah and Israel, contrasting sacred narrative with what we have learned from external evidence. Then we will move to the heart of the matter: an analysis of some key stories of the Tanakh, particularly the stories in the Torah. Why were they circulated? What issues of the time were they created to address? How did they all come together as a single document and by whose hand?

(This class does not require Part 1 as a prerequisite as it will review the key ideas presented there and build upon them.)

12 noon - 1:15 p.m.

8 weeks: Jan. 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3

Tuition: \$115



(Tuesday Continued)



Have you always wanted to read and understand Heschel? Has it been on your bucket list to study the beautiful poetry of Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs)? Would you love to gather with family and friends to discuss issues and dilemmas in modern Israel? Do you wonder about the Jewish view of the afterlife? Could you use a

crash course in Judaism 101? Topics are limitless when you participate in "Classes by Design!"

You pick the topic, location, time and number of sessions. We will design the course, match your interests with the right instructor, and take care of all the details. All you need to do is find 12 or more family members, friends, neighbors, or co-workers to take the class with you! Tuition will be based on the number of students enrolled. We will do our best to meet all requests, but we cannot guarantee that they will all be satisfied. Some restrictions may apply. Four session minimum.

For information, contact

Judy Loebel, loebel@jfmd.org, 248-642-4618

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Monthly FedEd Book Group

(Bring your own lunch and learn)

Instructor: Rabbi Ilana Baden

Read and discuss books from a variety of genres, fiction and non-fiction, American and Israeli authors. Books are chosen based on popular reviews and recommendations. This year's books are:

September 16	<i>The Street Sweeper</i> , Elliot Perlman
October 21	<i>Exile</i> , Richard North Patterson
November 11	<i>The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit</i> , Lucette Lagnado
December 9	<i>Fabulous Small Jews</i> , Joseph Epstein
January 20	Book Group Choice
February 10	<i>He, She and It</i> , Marge Piercy
March 17	<i>The Jew Store</i> , Stella Suberman
April 14	<i>My Promised Land</i> , Ari Shavit
May 12	<i>The Aleppo Codex</i> , Matti Friedman

12 noon - 1:15 p.m.

Tuition: \$125

Melton - Year 1 and Melton - Year 2

(Year 1 Prerequisite for Year 2)

Instructors: Ruth Bergman & Rabbi Michele Faudem

6:45 - 9 p.m.

30 weeks beginning Sept. 9



From the Catskills to Comedy Central - Jewish Humor in America

Instructor: Professor Howard Lupovitch

What is Jewish comedy? Is anything sacred? Where is the line between hilarious, irreverent, offensive or just plain anti-Semitic? Through live performance, lecture and audio/video clip, we will explore Jewish comedy in America from its beginnings in the Catskills, through the movies of Mel Brooks and Woody Allen, the satire of Mad magazine, the shtick of Jackie Mason and Adam Sandler, and the intellectual comedy of Lenny Bruce, Jerry Seinfeld, Sarah Silverman, Lorne Michaels, and Jon Stewart.



The last session (Tuesday, December 2 at 7 p.m.) will meet at the JET Theater at the Jewish Community Center for a private performance of "Old Jews Telling Jokes" followed by a "Talk Back" concluding session with Professor Howard Lupovitch.

Anyone unable to attend the December 2 performance may exchange their ticket for another performance. No refunds will be given for unused tickets.

7 - 8:30 p.m.

9 weeks: Sep. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 (at Federation Building) Dec. 2 (at JET Theater - 7-9 p.m.)
\$170 (includes ticket to JET performance and talk back)
\$150 (2014-15 JET season ticket subscribers)

Online Listening Only - \$40 (Includes access to all handouts)
Co-sponsored by Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies, the JCC's SAJE (Seminars for Adult Jewish Enrichment) and The JET Theater.

The Linda Lee Memorial Lecture Series



Women of Valor, Women of Power

Instructor: Professor Howard Lupovitch

Though often overshadowed by their husbands, fathers, brothers, and sons, Jewish women have been a driving force in Jewish History. In this series, we look beyond the idealized Woman of Valor and the caricature of the Jewish mother to explore the central role that women have played in the ebb and flow of Jewish History.

Topics include: The Images of Women in Jewish Imagination, Women as Scholars: (Beruria and Regina Jonas), Women Changing the World (Emma Lazarus, Rebekah Bettelheim-Kohut, and Bella Abzug), Women and Zionism (Henrietta Szold and Hannah Szenes), Women and the Halls of Power (Golda Meir and Ruth Bader Ginsburg)

7 - 8:30 p.m.

8 weeks: Jan. 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3

Tuition: \$140

Online Listening Only - \$40 (Includes access to all handouts)

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(Tuesday Continued)



We Were Like Dreamers...

Instructor: Professor Howard Lupovitch

Using Yossi Klein Halevi's recent book, *Like Dreamers: The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation* as a point of departure, we will explore the world of Israeli society and politics during the years following to the Six-Day War, and how the war and its impact were experienced by Israelis of different origins, social classes, and political outlooks. We will look at the changes in Israeli society and the Israeli psyche before and after this most heroic of wars, and the continuities between the pre- and post-1967 era. You need not have read the book to enjoy the series.

7 - 8:30 a.m.

8 weeks: Mar. 17, 24, Apr. 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19

Tuition: \$140

Online Listening Only - \$40 (Includes access to all handouts)

Co-sponsored by Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies and The JCC's SAJE (Seminars for Adult Jewish Enrichment)

WEDNESDAY

Melton - Year 2

(Year 1 is a prerequisite)

Instructors: Ruth Bergman & Rabbi Michele Faudem

9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield Campus
30 weeks beginning Sep. 10

Melton Foundations of Jewish Living — Grandparents Edition

Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Krakoff

For the first time in Detroit, the popular Melton course *Foundations for Jewish Family Living* (created for parents) is now available for grandparents! With Rabbi Krakoff as your guide, explore our master stories and the profound message they convey and how they are relevant to you, your children and your grandchildren. You need not be a Melton graduate to enroll in this course.

9:30 - 11 a.m.

Series 1: 10 weeks: Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 28

Series 2: 10 weeks: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 11, 18, 25, Apr. 15, 22, 29

Tuition: \$210 per 10-week series (Includes the Foundations textbook)

Discount: Sign up for both series - \$375



This symbol denotes a class developed by the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, a project of Hebrew University of Jerusalem, as part of their Scholars Curriculum. These classes focus on a deeper examination of selected Jewish texts, from Biblical to modern. The Scholars Curriculum invites students to engage in the Jewish texts that have shaped Jews and Judaism for millennia. Each course includes a Student Reader.

Priests, Prophets and Kings: The Second Book of Samuel

Instructor: Rabbi Rod Glogower

A continuation of the Tanakh series, our study focuses on the fascinating figure of David as he consolidates his position as King of Israel. This is an ongoing class, open to anyone interested in exploring the Second Book of Samuel.

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Series 1: 14 weeks: Sep. 3, 10, 17, Oct. 1, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14

Series 2: 14 weeks: Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 11, 18, 25, Apr. 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

Tuition: \$245 per 14-week series

Discount: Sign up for both series - \$450

Hebrew Calligraphy and the Mysteries of the Universe

Instructor: Jeffrey Lasday

Each Hebrew letter has a hidden meaning behind its unique name and shape. Each Hebrew letter also has a numerical value, that through gematria (Hebrew numerology) some say, can unlock the mysteries of the universe and that the 22 letters of the Hebrew aleph bet are the very building blocks of creation.

Join us as we take pen, ink and paper in hand to learn the art of Hebrew calligraphy and uncover the mysteries behind Hebrew letters. No prior calligraphy skills or art background required. Students will be provided with a list of calligraphy materials to be purchased at the first class.

12 noon - 1:15 p.m.

6 weeks: Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3

Tuition: \$90

Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers)

Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem

Pirkei Avot is the "Bartlett's" of Judaism transmitting the favorite moral advice and insights of the leading rabbinic scholars of different generations. The quotes found in Pirkei Avot generally are spiritual and edifying, but they can also be practical. Rabbi Faudem will present her favorite quotes each week in a lively study/discussion format.

12 noon - 1:30 p.m.

Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield Campus

Series 1: 8 weeks: Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17

Series 2: 8 weeks: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

Series 3: 8 weeks: Mar. 11, 18, 25, Apr. 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13

Tuition: \$140 per 8-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series - \$390

(Wednesday Continued)

Fantasies of Wine, Women and Mayhem...

Instructor: Rabbi Eliezer Finkelman

Read and discuss fantastic, wonderful and weird stories from ancient, medieval and modern Jewish writers.

Discover outrageous stories from the Talmud including delightful and profane stories about pious rabbis and inspiring stories from skeptics. Asimov's hero haunted by his great grandfather to Mary Daria Russel's pregnant Jewish woman in space. We will look at Jewish stories beyond your wildest imagination.

7 - 8:30 p.m.

8 weeks: Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17

Jewish Community Center – Oak Park Campus

Tuition: \$140

The Book of Genesis: Reading It Again For the First Time

Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Klein

The Book of Genesis is all too often read and taught as 'Bible Stories for Children,' when in fact the narratives present very sophisticated themes, and are carefully crafted literature. This eight-week class will be a close reading and discussion of the major Genesis narratives. Presentations will include readings from both Jewish and Christian scholars. Students should bring a Bible translation of their choice.

7 - 8:30 p.m.

8 weeks: Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17

Tuition: \$140

The Book of Exodus: Text and Texture

Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Klein

This class will take a close and careful reading of the better known Exodus narratives, looking for messages and meaning beneath the surface, with presented commentaries from both Rabbinic and Christian sources. The class will incorporate a discussion of the Documentary Hypothesis as a means of better understanding the purpose and intention of this foundation text of Torah. Students should bring a Bible translation of their choice.

7 - 8:30 p.m.

8 weeks: Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 11

Tuition: \$140

The Five Scrolls

Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Klein

Rabbinic tradition assigned five books (scrolls) from the Writings section of Hebrew Scripture as festival readings: Song of Songs (Pesach), Ruth (Shavuot), Ecclesiastes (Sukkot), Esther (Purim) and Lamentations (Tisha B'Av). Three of these books were controversial additions to the canon of Hebrew Scriptures, and all deserve careful study of their content and meaning. A variety of scholarship perspectives will be discussed in class, from medieval to modern rabbinic and recent Christian commentaries.

7 - 8:30 p.m.

8 weeks: Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

Tuition: \$140

Teachings of the Talmud

Instructor: Rabbi Rod Glogower

(For course description see Tuesday 10:30 a.m.)

7-8:30 p.m.

Series 1: 14 weeks: Sep. 3, 10, 17, Oct. 1, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14

Series 2: 14 weeks: Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 11, 18, 25, Apr. 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

Tuition: \$245 per 14-week series

Discount: Sign up for both series - \$450

THURSDAY

Melton – Year 1

Instructors: Rabbi Michele Faudem and Aviva Panush
9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield Campus
30 weeks beginning September 11



Melton Presents: Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah: Secret Knowledge in Judaism

Instructor: Ruth Bergman

For many people, Jewish mysticism (Kabbalah) is intimidating and unfamiliar. But if you have ever used a seder plate or participated in a Friday night Shabbat service, you've already experienced mystical traditions! This course opens up the world of Kabbalah to you. Participants will learn about the development of mysticism over the centuries, from Biblical times to the present. Students will also study some central mystical texts that explain how Kabbalah uncovers deep and esoteric meanings of Judaism. This course is sure to expand your understanding of what mysticism is and how it continues to play an important role in our Jewish lives.

9:30 - 11 a.m.

12 weeks: Sep. 4, 11, 18, Oct. 2, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18

Tuition: \$245 (Includes Scholars textbook)



(Thursday Continued)



Melton Presents: Jews in America

Instructor: Ruth Bergman

Denominations, affiliations, egalitarianism, synagogue membership, Jewish community centers, these concepts are a product of life in America. They did not exist in the Jewish worlds of Europe or the Middle East. In America we struggle to find the balance between being American and Jewish, patriotic and Zionist, integrated without being assimilated. America has transformed Judaism, and Jews have transformed America.

This course will explore how in the 350 years since the first Jews came to New Amsterdam, Judaism has been evolving from generation to generation. We will look at the factors that have impacted Jewish life: waves of immigration, world events, the Civil Rights Movement, and the principles of freedom of religion upon which America is built. Finally, we will examine the challenges that face us as a community living in the 21st Century.

9:30 - 11 a.m.

12 weeks: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26

Tuition: \$245 (Includes Scholars textbook)

Salon Series: A Talmudic Investigation of Gemilut Chasadim (Acts of Loving-Kindness)

(Exclusively for Melton graduates)

Instructor: Rabbi Tzvi Muller

In this series we contrast and analyze many teachings of the Talmud, commentaries and codifiers extrapolating Judaism's guidelines for the practice of loving-kindness. We will enlighten ourselves through the process of translating relevant Jewish teachings into everyday life while exploring the art of practical Talmudic investigation.

The Salon Series is designed for Melton graduates to explore a topic at a deeper level. This class is limited to 10 students.

9:30 - 11 a.m.

24 weeks: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 12, 19, 26, Apr. 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21

Tuition: \$465

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Torah Line by Line

Instructor: Rabbi Michael Cohen

Study the Book of Numbers, the fourth of the Five Books of Moses. This text elaborates the early history of the Jewish people. We examine the developing relationship between God and his recently liberated people. Forty years in the desert, the challenge to Moses leadership, the temptation of the women of Midyan and the confrontation with the people of Moab are just some of the issues that we will explore. Please join us for a thought-provoking and inspiring journey. This is an ongoing class, open to anyone interested in exploring the Torah line by line.

9:30 - 11 a.m.

Series 1: 10 weeks: Sep. 4, 11, 18, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11

Series 2: 10 weeks: Jan. 8, 15, 22, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 12, 19, 26

Series 3: 10 weeks: Apr. 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, Jun. 4, 11, 18

Tuition: \$175 per 10-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series - \$495

Becoming a Better Me: Six Jewish Values to Maximize Personal Growth

Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Krakoff

It isn't only on the High Holydays that we speak of "Chesbon Hanefesh," taking account of our souls. Part of the fabric of Jewish life is to constantly look within. Each day we wake up we have the opportunity to grow into better, stronger people while maximizing our personal growth. In these sessions we will look at and discuss Jewish texts that span the ages focused on those values that have the ability to make us the best people we can be.

11:15 - 12:30 p.m.

6 weeks: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11

Tuition: \$90

Personal Challenges or Spiritual Charge: The Six Biggest Challenges to Jewish Living

Instructors: Rabbis Joseph Krakoff & Aaron Starr

Jewish living in the modern era is not without its serious challenges. What exactly are those challenges and how can they be overcome? We will explore such topics as knowledge, faith, obligation and even the financial weight that is involved with being Jewish.

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

6 weeks: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12

Tuition: \$90

FedEd is a department of Federation's Alliance for Jewish Education specializing in adult education. For information or to register for a class call (248) 205-2557 or jewishdetroit.org/feded

(Thursday Continued)

Two Jews, Three Opinions: Disagreements and Debates in Jewish History

Instructor: Rabbi Aaron Starr

There have always been disagreements and debates among the various communities that make up the Jewish people: Pharisees and Sadducees, Karaites and Rabbis, Ashkenazim and Sephardim, Mitnagdim and Chassidim, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. What are the issues and why does everyone care so much? Together we will explore and wrestle with some of the greatest issues confronting the Jewish people in the last 2,000 years.

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

6 weeks: April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21

Tuition: \$90

Shakespeare, Chaucer, and the Jews

Instructors: Rabbi Aaron Bergman and Dr. Melissa Ser

Shakespeare may have been the first writer in English to portray a Jew as a human being, not just as a sinister caricature. Shakespeare's Shylock is a difficult character, but so is just about everyone else in Shakespeare's plays. Rabbi Bergman will guide us through the world Shakespeare lived in, a world without Jews. Dr. Ser will bring us the complexities of Chaucer's presentation of the Jews and the Blood Libel in his Canterbury Tales. We will try to understand whether or not Chaucer, the "Father of English Literature," was anti-Semitic, or not.

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

6 weeks: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4

Tuition: \$90

Our Stories – Leviticus Edition

Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem

The groundwork for our peoplehood has been laid. Now what? The key to the Book of Leviticus is the attainment of ethical and spiritual holiness. The book of Exodus explains the construction of the Tabernacle, the priestly clothing and the utensils, it is in the Book of Leviticus that these items are put into practice. Explore the texts and commentaries of the book that contains nearly half of the 613 commandments.

6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Temple Israel

Series 1: 10 weeks: Sep. 11, 18, Oct. 2, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11

Series 2: 10 weeks: Dec. 18, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 12

Series 3: 10 weeks: Mar. 19, 26, Apr. 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, Jun. 4

Tuition: \$115 per 10-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series - \$315

Co-Sponsored by Temple Israel

Melton – Year 1

Instructors: Rabbis Michele Faudem & Arianna Gordon

6:45 - 9 p.m.

Temple Israel

30 weeks beginning Sep. 11

Torah Line by Line

Instructor: Rabbi Michael Cohen

Study the Book of Deuteronomy, the last of the Five Books of Moses. These are the words that Moses imparted to the Jewish People before he died. In this book, Moses recounts the events of the past 40 years and the vision for the Jewish People in the future. From their entrance to the land to their exile in the time of the First and Second Temples, along with the ultimate return to their homeland, Moses foretells the events that have unfolded and are currently unfolding. This is an ongoing class, open to anyone interested in exploring the Torah line by line.

7 - 8:30 p.m.

Series 1: 10 weeks: Sep. 4, 11, 18, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11

Series 2: 10 weeks: Jan. 8, 15, 22, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 12, 19, 26

Series 3: 10 weeks: Apr. 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, Jun. 4, 11, 18

Tuition: \$175 per 10-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series - \$495

FRIDAY

Parsha Plus (Weekly Torah Portion Plus Haftorah)

Instructor: Rabbis and Educators

Each week a different rabbi or educator will present the weekly Torah portion from his or her own perspective. If time permits, we will also discuss the weekly Haftorah reading and how it connects to the Torah portion.

10 - 11 a.m.

Series 1: 10 weeks: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 9, 16

Series 2: 10 weeks: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

Series 3: 10 weeks: Apr. 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Jun. 5, 12, 19

Tuition: \$100 per 10-week series

Discount: Sign up for the entire year - \$275

Co-Sponsored by the Michigan Board of Rabbis

Ripped from the Headlines: What Would Hillel Do?

Instructor: Rabbi Eliezer Finkelman

What would our sages say about the news today? Should a security guard risk his job to save a person's life? How should we deal with illegal immigration? Would the ancient rabbis object to the game of football? Each week we will look at the top stories of the day, and using ancient wisdom, we will decide right, wrong and all the gray areas in between.

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Series 1: 8 weeks: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, Dec. 5, 12, 19

Series 2: 8 weeks: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

Series 3: 8 weeks: Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 17, 24, May 1, 8

Tuition: \$90 per 8-week series

Discount: Sign up for entire year - \$240

HEBREW LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE CLASSES

Learn to Read Hebrew in Six Weeks

Instructor: Hadassa Kidron

Whether you don't know an "aleph" from a "bet," or you have some familiarity with the Hebrew letters, this class will move quickly to get you up to speed reading Hebrew. This may be a stand-alone class or you can advance into the "Total Beginner Hebrew" class to start learning conversational Hebrew.

Monday, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.

6 weeks: Sep. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 20, 27

Tuition: \$90

Beginning Hebrew I (New Class)

Instructor: Hadassa Kidron

For anyone who has ever wanted to learn conversational Hebrew. Hebrew letter recognition and basic Hebrew reading skills required. (Non-Hebrew readers should take pre-requisite "Learn to Read Hebrew in Six Weeks" prior to signing up for this class)

Monday, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Series 1: 12 weeks: Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, Jan. 5, 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9

Series 2: 12 weeks: Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18

Tuition: \$170 per 12-week series

Understanding Biblical Hebrew and Jewish Prayers: The Roots, Their Meanings and the Message

Instructor: Dr. Melissa Ser

The Hebrew language is based on roots, and these roots help us develop a deeper understanding of the Bible and our prayers. For example, the word "bless" is related to the word "knee" and the word "peace" is related to both the words "complete" and "pay." Learn the building blocks of biblical and prayer book Hebrew, and gain a better understanding of key verses from the weekly Torah portion in this engaging look at Hebrew vocabulary. Basic Hebrew reading skills are helpful.

Monday, 12 noon - 1:15 p.m.

Series 1: 8 weeks: Feb. 2, 9, 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Series 2: 8 weeks: Apr. 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, Jun. 1, 8

Tuition: \$115 per 8 week series.

Advanced Beginner Hebrew

Instructor: Hadassa Kidron

Geared for students who know basic Hebrew vocabulary and have grammar skills.

Monday, 6 - 7:15 p.m.

Series 1: 12 weeks: Sep. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8

Series 2: 12 weeks: Jan. 5, 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 13

Tuition: \$170 per 12-week series

Intermediate Hebrew I

Instructor: Nira Lev

Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 12 noon

Series 1: 13 weeks: Sep. 2, 9, 16, 30, Oct. 7, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16

Series 2: 13 weeks: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr. 14

Tuition: \$140 per 13-week series

Intermediate Hebrew II

Instructor: Nira Lev

Wednesday, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Series 1: 13 weeks: Sep. 3, 10, 17, Oct. 1, 8, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17

Series 2: 13 weeks: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr. 15, 22

Tuition: \$140 per 13-week series

Advanced Intermediate Hebrew I

Instructor: Nira Lev

Monday, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Series 1: 13 weeks: Sep. 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1

Series 2: 13 weeks: Jan. 5, 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 13, 20

Tuition: \$265 per 13-week series

Advanced Intermediate Hebrew II

Instructor: Nira Lev

Monday, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Series 1: 13 weeks: Sep. 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1

Series 2: 13 weeks: Jan. 5, 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 13, 20

Tuition: \$140 per 13-week series

Advanced Intermediate Hebrew III

Instructors: Nira Lev & Amalia Poris

Monday, 7 - 9 p.m.

Series 1: 13 weeks: Sep. 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1

Series 2: 13 weeks: Jan. 5, 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 13, 20

Tuition: \$265 per 13-week series

Advanced Hebrew II

Instructor: Nira Lev

Thursday, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Series 1: 13 weeks: Sep. 4, 11, 18, Oct. 2, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8

Series 2: 13 weeks: Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 16, 23, 30

Tuition: \$265 per 13-week series

(Hebrew Language and Literature - continued)

Hebrew Language and Literature I

Instructor: Nira Lev

Sunday, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Location: Hechtman Apartments

Series 1: 13 weeks: Sep. 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 19, 26,
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, Dec. 7, 14

Series 2: 13 weeks: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15,
Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, Apr. 12, 19

Tuition: \$265 per 13-week series

Hebrew Language and Literature II

Instructor: Nira Lev

Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Series 1: 13 weeks: Sep. 3, 10, 17, Oct. 1, 8, 22, 29,
Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17

Series 2: 13 weeks: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18,
Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr. 15, 22

Tuition: \$265 per 13-week series

For more information about Hebrew classes, or to discuss placement for new students, contact Nira Lev, Director of Hebrew Programs, 248-205-2541 or amnira@ameritech.net.

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