

Outreach Presents:
Darchei Noam - Pathways Program
Welcoming and Learning for Interfaith Families and Jews by Choice

Instructors: Rabbi Sarah Hronsky, Rabbi Joshua Samuels, & Susan Levin

Sundays: 3:30 - 5:30pm

The Pathways Program enables individuals to learn about Judaism, explore issues of Jewish identity, and address challenges unique to interfaith families. Participants attend thirteen Sunday afternoon sessions, spread over two years, facilitated by Rabbi Hronsky, Rabbi Samuels, and Religious School Director, Susan Levin. Children participate in some sessions, and child care is provided for the other sessions. Pathways' sessions focus on raising children in interfaith households, practical and emotional issues, extended family concerns, and values and practices you may wish to adopt in your home within the framework of Reform Judaism.

- October 23** Sukkot Wine and Cheese Experience: Follow up to the High Holy Days.
- November 20** December Dilemma: Practical, spiritual, and emotional issues linked to Winter holiday observances.
- February 5** Tu B'shvat - New Years for the Trees: Family friendly outing.
- March 4** Case Study - Extended Family Issues: Discussions of sample family situations and their challenges.
- April 1** Passover: Explore and learn about Passover seders, taking home new ideas for your home observance.
- May 6** Shabbat Workshop: The Shabbat home ritual and celebration.

Pathways enrollment is ongoing. For a full brochure and to register, please call (818) 763-9148 x106.

Course Fee: \$85 per family (includes all materials & childcare)



In the Belly of a Great Fish:
Jonah in Depth

Instructor: Barbara Singer

Sundays: 12:30 - 1:30 pm
October 16 & 30; November 20

The Book of Jonah has all the ingredients of an action-packed story - a fugitive on the high seas during a raging storm, a man thrown overboard, and a land filled with people you would never dare bring home to your mother! Jonah is certainly one of the most unique characters in our sacred literature and his story is one not to be missed. Come join Barbara Singer as she guides you through this incredible adventure and into the mind of our prophet as we attempt to understand Jonah's thoughts and actions. All texts will be in translation.

Fee: \$18



Adult B'nai Mitzvah
A Two Year Program

Instructors: Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Rabbi Joshua Samuels

Sundays: 9:00 - 10:15 am
20 Sessions: October 30 - May 20

We are looking forward to starting the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class who will be called to Torah in the Spring of 2013. This is a two year spiritual journey that meets on Sundays during the academic year. During the first year, students learn to read Hebrew and begin a journey of exploring the prayers in our *siddur* (prayer book).

Questions? Join Rabbi Hronsky and Rabbi Samuels for an orientation meeting on October 23, at 10:00 am.

Fee: \$300 for 1st year classes, books and materials.
A similar fee will be charged for the second year coursework.
Temple membership is required.



Trails and Torah

Guide: Rabbi Joshua Samuels

Saturdays: 9:00 - 11-ish am



Who says getting together and learning has to happen inside? Come join Rabbi Samuels (an outdoor enthusiast) for a monthly hike, enjoying and exploring the many wonderful trails surrounding Los Angeles. This is a great way to spend a Shabbat morning with friends and new faces.

Requirements: water bottle, sun-screen, and good shoes.

- November 19:** Fryman Canyon - Studio City (dogs allowed)
- December 10:** Franklin Canyon - Beverly Hills (dogs allowed)
- January 21:** Runyan Canyon - Hollywood (dogs allowed)
- February 25:** Mount Lee - Hollywood Sign (dogs allowed)
- March 10:** Oakmont Loop - Glendale (dogs allowed)
- April 21:** Temescal Canyon - Pacific Palisades
- June 30:** Solstice Canyon - Malibu (dogs allowed)

Fees: Only parking fees apply



TBH Jewish Book Club
Sponsored by the Temple Sisterhood

Thursdays: 7:00pm
October 27; February 2; April 12; & June 14

The TBH Jewish Book Club will meet every other month, discussing books with a Jewish theme and/or author. Some of the previous books discussed are: *Behind Enemy Lines*, *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*, and *The Chosen Peoples*. We will also discuss a current, Jewish themed movie. On October 27, we will be discussing *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay.

Fee: Free



Yoga with a Taste of Judaism:
Nurturing Your Body and Soul

Instructor: Yulia Gurevich

Sundays: 9:00 - 10:15 am

Experience yoga through Torah-centered mind and feel the wisdom of Judaism through yoga-centered body. This Kundalini-based yoga class focuses on creating a deep connection between our spiritual Jewish identity and our physical yoga practice. Please bring a yoga mat and water. A light blanket and/or pillow are optional. All levels of yoga/Torah practitioners are welcome.

Please choose your registration option for the course:

- October 23 & 30; December 4
- December 11 & 18; January 8
- January 22 & 29; February 5

Any 3 sessions Fee: \$36
Any 6 Sessions Fee: \$70
All 9 Sessions Fee: \$90

Questions? Email Yulia: yogawithyulia@live.com



Beginning Trope

Instructor: Cantor Shana Leon

Sundays: 12:30 - 1:30 pm
9 Sessions: December 4 - February 26

Have you ever wondered how the B'nai Mitzvah students know how to chant the melody of the Torah? Would you like to experience the magic of bringing the Torah's words to life? Then this class is for you. If you know the aleph-bet, you can learn the notes called "trope" that lift the ancient words off the page and into our hearts. Cantor Shana has been teaching trope for 14 years and would be delighted to share this exciting skill with you. You'll learn how to break down a text into friendly, bite-sized pieces, and everyone will have the opportunity to chant a little piece of Torah in the Shabbat morning minyan. This is a unique and meaningful way to connect to Judaism.
A good singing voice is NOT required!

Fee: \$75



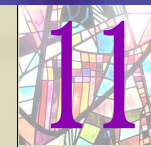
Torah Tuesday
A Weekly Mid-Day Torah Study and Discussion

Instructors: Rabbi Hronsky, Rabbi Samuels, Susan Levin, Dr. Erica Rothblum

Tuesdays: 12:30 - 1:30 pm
November 1 - August 14

Judaism offers many paths to modern spirituality, but the weekly study of Torah is the foundation. Come study the Torah in translation in a relaxed and friendly environment. No prior Torah or Hebrew knowledge required; just a desire to learn Torah for the sake of learning.

Fee: Free



Jewish Home Cooking

Instructors: listed below

Saturdays: 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Spend an evening learning how to cook Jewish foods in the comfort of the chef's home. Each chef will share some of their favorite recipes while you have the opportunity to mingle with friends over wine and cheese. Sign up with your friends for a memorable night out.

Head Chefs (Dates and Menus):

November 12: Jewish Foods with a Twist (Sauerbraten: not your mother's brisket!, brussel sprouts, gluten-free side dish/dessert).
Heidi Miller

December 3: Chanukah themed meal.
Evelyn Drapkin

February 25: Shabbat (Puree of vegetable soup, whole roasted chicken, with a special marinade, roasted baby potatoes, mushrooms, onions and baby carrots; salad with pears, candied pecans; and apple galette for dessert)
Steve and Leslie Rouff

April 28: A Taste of Israel (Modern twists on the "traditional" Middle-Eastern salads)
Alon and Sigal Barr

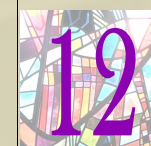
March 24: Passover (Haroset, matzah-ball soup, matzah kugel)
Marcia and Audrey Friedman

Friday, May 25th : Shavuot (A dairy Shabbat Dinner. Good food, good wine, and a little learning too)
Rabbi Jim and Sue Kaufman

Location: At the chef's homes. Directions will be given after your RSVP is received.

*Each evening is limited to 8 people. You may sign up for one or multiple evenings. This is a first-come, first-serve registration, so talk to your friends and sign up now.

Fee: \$18 per evening



Beit Midrash

Facilitator: Rabbi Samuels

Wednesdays: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
December 14; January 11; February 15; March 14; April 11; May 9; June 13

Have you ever wanted to learn some Mishnah, Talmud and Midrash? Now you can. Get ready to argue over their teachings and make sense of this complicated tradition of ours while studying in a *chevruta* (small study group). Come to the Kaufman Beit Midrash (which will be open one evening a month) for some guided text study. No Prior Hebrew or text skills required, just a desire to enter in the age-old activity of dissecting our sacred Jewish texts in a friendly and supportive community. Please RSVP to rabbisamuels@tbhla.org prior to the classes so he knows how many materials to distribute.

Fee: Free

Adult Education

2011-2012/5772

In Pirke Avot (Wisdom of the Jewish Sages) 1:6, Joshua ben Perachiah says, "Find yourself a teacher. Get yourself a friend." This year you will learn with enthusiastic teachers and find new friends who are eager to explore the Jewish tradition with you. We are excited to offer you a variety of courses that will surely pique your interest. Along with delving into a couple text courses, you can also (re)familiarize yourself with Hebrew, dabble in Jewish cooking, explore the outdoors, and learn how to chant Torah!

The theme for TBH this year is "The Prophets: Leadership and Justice." Back to the Sources will be a survey course of the Prophets in our Hebrew Bible. Each session will explore a different prophet and his or her unique style of leadership and bringing about social change.

Some of our courses require a minimum enrollment, so we encourage you to register ahead of time in order that we may provide appropriate materials and to ensure that a class will not be canceled.

Whether you are a veteran Adult Education student or a newcomer, we look forward to engaging with you in Torah and the Jewish tradition and making new friends in the process.

—Rabbi Joshua Samuels

REGISTRATION

To register for Adult Education, one course or many courses, you must complete the registration form. This is available on our website: www.tbhla.org or in our Main Office. Please contact Rabbi Joshua Samuels or his assistant, Misty Morgan, with any questions at (818) 763-9148 x106.

If a scholarship is needed for course fees, please contact Rabbi Samuels directly.



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Valley Village, CA 91607



Back to the Sources: *The Hebrew Prophets*

Instructors: Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Rabbi Joshua Samuels

Sundays: 10:30 - 11:45 am

14 Sessions: October 30 - March 25

Join our Rabbis as we learn about those men and women in our tradition, who spoke out against injustices, modeled compassion, reason, leadership, and were the mouthpiece for God! This course will be a survey of the Hebrew Prophets where we will explore all of these themes while looking at sections from the second book of the TaNaCH (Hebrew Bible) called *Nevi'im*, or Prophets. The text for the course, along with the Bible, will be Victor Matthews' *Social World of the Hebrew Prophets*. This book provides an excellent background into the social and historical milieu from which these ambassadors to God came from. The Hebrew texts will be in translation.

Course Fee: Temple Members: \$36 Non Members: \$60



Basic Judaism *What You Always Wanted to Know*

Instructors: Rabbi Sarah Hronsky and Rabbi Joshua Samuels

Sundays: 10:30 - 11:45 am

15 Sessions: October 30 - April 1

What's the deal with black hats, long sideburns, braided bread and *eco-kashrut*? This class is an excellent introduction to Judaism or the perfect refresher. The course will answer the questions above as well as cover the following topics: Who is a Jew? What is Torah, Midrash, and Talmud? The many Jewish views of God; The Jewish approach to life and death; The Jewish calendar and festivals; Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism; Israeli history; Jewish life-cycle events; and more. The fee covers the cost of the primary text, *Settings of Silver*, and other texts.

Fee: TBH Members: \$75 Non-Members: \$175

Coming This Spring!



Hebrew of the *Siddur* (Prayer book)

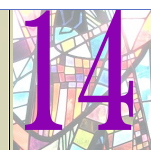
Instructor: Rabbi Faith Tessler

Sundays: 9:30 - 10:30 am

9 Sessions: March 4 - May 20

Do you ever feel lost during Shabbat services? Is the transliteration oftentimes difficult to pronounce? Then this is the class for you. By the end of the course, Rabbi Tessler will have given you the skills and confidence to follow along in Hebrew during Friday night services. This course will most benefit people with very basic Hebrew knowledge. If you know the aleph-bet, you'll be in the right place.

Fee: \$75



Medical Ethics

Instructor: Stuart Finder, Ph.D

Tuesdays: 7:00 - 8:15 pm

March 13, 20, & 27

Scientific technology and medical successes continue to advance and increase and yet, modern medicine risks losing sight of its primary mission - the care of the whole patient as a unique person. Medical ethicists address this by respecting the dignity of patients, their personal values and goals, and their place within family, community, religion, and culture. In this mini-course, Dr. Stuart Finder (a TBH member) will discuss some hot button issues in the field of medical ethics, such as: end of life decision-making (withholding and withdrawing life support, the use of artificially-provided food and hydration, assisted suicide, and euthanasia), genetic testing, and stem cell research. Accompanying him each session will be one of our Rabbis as they take us through the Jewish perspective on these issues by looking at various texts within our tradition.

About the instructor:

Stuart G. Finder, Ph.D., is Director of the Center for Healthcare Ethics at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he also serves as a Clinical Ethics Consultant and co-chair of the Bioethics Committee. He is also an Associate Professor at Cedars-Sinai and the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and he teaches a course in Clinical Ethics for students from American Jewish University.

Fee: Free