

Courses given at JCCH – 130 Union Avenue, Harrison (914) 835-2850 - website: www.jcch.org

Rabbi Glazer's Courses

All classes Thursdays - 10:45-11:45am

J1. The Whirlwind of Life...*Book of Job*

The *Book of Job* addresses eternal questions about humanity's place in God's creation, the presence of evil in the world, God's responsibility for the existence of evil and humans' ability to understand God's ways. Using Raymond P. Scheindlin's new translation we will experience the poetic values specific to biblical Hebrew and once again feel Job's pain to understand why he is suffering.

October 1 – Trip to Morgan Museum to view William Blake's watercolor illuminations of the *Book of Job*, October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5.

J2. Origins of Judaism: Lost Psalms of Qumran

Discover the origins of Judaism through The Dead Sea Scrolls---2000 year-old artifacts that highlight the continued relevance of the Hebrew Bible. Themes include petitions for deliverance from distress, affirmation of trust, praise of God, affirmation of divine deeds in history, creation, and covenant.

November, 12, 19, December 3, 10, 17. Possible field trip to Toronto to view exhibit of scrolls

J3. Future Primitive Judaism: Integral *Halakhah* of tomorrow today!

What will the future of Judaism look like? How do we find meaning by continuing to be Jews? What happens when a new vision of the cosmos is applied to Jewish Law (*Halachah*)? *Integral Halachah* "transcends and includes," maintaining continuity with the past and providing flexibility for the present. A field trip to the Jewish Theological Seminary Library to see the manuscripts of Halakhic codices from Cairo Geniza onwards will be scheduled.

January 7, 14, 21, 28

J4. Sanctuary of Silence: Priestly Torah & Holiness School

Discover the meaning behind the Book of Leviticus and its focus on Sabbath, Festivals, and other moments on the Ancient Israelite calendar. What can we learn about mortality, divinity and the yearning for holiness through the lens of this unique Biblical text guided by the commentary of biblical scholarship.

March 11, 18, 25

See JCCH website for textbooks for all of Rabbi's courses

J5. Lunch and Learn in NYC with Rabbi Glazer Wednesdays - 12-1:00pm

Topical issues will be shared in an interactive environment over lunch at the offices of Golden Tree Asset Management, 300 Park Avenue, 21st floor, N.Y.C. RSVP to Charlotte Siegel at 914-835-2850 x105 or charlottes@jcch.org.

October 21, December 9, January 20, March 10, April 21

Cantor Singer's Courses

J6. Synagogue Sings!

Thursdays - 7-8:00pm

Come sing shul songs, camp songs, Israeli songs, rounds, harmony...you don't have to read music (it helps!) but just want to sing the familiar or maybe learn a few you've been hearing.

The first class is November 5. Class will meet twice monthly. Cantor will notify participants of future dates depending on the availability of the choir master (Peter Malinverni) and holiday schedule.

J7. Themes of Weekly Torah Portion - Plus Laws and Customs of the Events around the Jewish Year

Tuesdays - 7-8:00pm

Join a lively group of congregants as we discuss the highlights of the Torah weekly portion and find their relevance in our present lives. PLUS we will learn laws and customs for major and minor events of the Jewish calendar.

October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, December 8, 15, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2

J8. Advanced Beginner's and Beyond Hebrew

Tuesdays - 7- 8:00pm

This course will pick up where Rabbi Alpert's beginner's Hebrew left off. Please feel free to call Cantor Singer to determine how your Hebrew skills match the curriculum. You can join at any time.

February 9, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, April 13, 20, 27

Atidat Ami Rabbinic Intern Tal Sessler's Courses

J9. Judaism 101 / Judaism by Choice: *Invitation to Judaism and the Jewish condition*

Wednesdays - 7-8:00pm

A fantastic opportunity to get acquainted with Jewish civilization and faith. We explore Jewish history, theology and the annual life cycle (Holy Days) as a collective journey, as well as a journey of the human soul. Everyone is cordially invited to engage in a lively discussion and learning environment about what it truly means to live as a Jew.

October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18, December 2, 9, 16, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, April 14, 21, 28, May 5

All Classes - Wednesdays - 8-9:00pm

J10.Zionist Thinkers: *The people and ideas behind the establishment of Israel.*

The existence of a Jewish State after 20 centuries of exile is unparalleled in world history. Israel is also the only country in the world to have emerged from a book (the Bible in antiquity, and Herzl's *The Jewish State* in modern times). Come explore with us the lives and ideas of the remarkable individuals who transformed modern-day Israel from a dream into a living reality.

October 14, 21, 28, November 4

J11.Faith after Auschwitz: *Theology in the wake of the Holocaust*

The German-Jewish philosopher Adorno claimed that no poetry is possible after Auschwitz. In these sessions we explore how leading rabbis, philosophers and artists contended with radical evil in the 20th century. Get ready to deal with hard questions and some strikingly original and audacious perspectives on the most abysmal event in the history of civilized humanity.

J12. Invitation to Freedom: *Prayer and Worship of the Heart*

Prayer is the human attempt to articulate the inexpressible – our longings to describe and connect to that which is infinite and eternal. In an age in which the popularity of Eastern modes of spirituality such as Yoga and Buddhism is very popular, you are invited to explore the Jewish path to elevated consciousness, spiritual emancipation and inner peace. We will discuss the transformative power of prayer in the eyes of the ancient, medieval and modern sages alike, including both rationalistic and Kabbalistic approaches.

January 6, 13, 20, 27

J13. Jewish Ethics and Existence: *Making Sense of Who We Are*

Join us for fascinating discussions of great modern Jewish spiritual geniuses, including Rabbi Nachman, Kafka, Buber, and many others, as we struggle to make sense of who we are, and who we would like to become - as Jews, moderns, and human beings.

April 14, 21, 28, May 5

J14. Jewish Values and Identity in The Short Story Thursdays - 9:30 - 10:30am with JCCH Congregant Marsha Wagner

Join our group of enthusiastic congregants as we read and discuss the vast genre of the Jewish Short Story from Shalom Aleichem to Amos Oz. Stories for the class will be available in the office one week prior and online at the JCCH website. Follow the “study” link and then go to “adult education” and then “short stories.”

October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19; December 3, 10, 17; January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 25; March 11, 18, 25; April 8, 15, 22, 29.

J15. Women’s Wisdom – 4 Fridays - 9:30–11:15 am with Elyssa Wortzman

Want to do a bit of reading, have a taste of Jewish meditation and discuss your identity as a Jewish woman? Join us in Part II of our study group as we continue to discover the mysteries of our souls. Each session will focus on one of the (remaining) chapters from Rabbi Tirzah Firestone’s *The Receiving*, a non-fiction book of seven remarkable Jewish woman. We will discuss how these women’s examples relate to our experiences and share practical techniques for incorporating their lessons in our lives. In Part II we will heighten our focus on practical spirituality through meditation, writing our own prayers and other exercises. Participation in Part I is not a pre-requisite.

Minimal Book Fee – Pre-registration through the JCCH office is required.

October 16, 30, November 13, December 11

J16. JCCH Keruv (Outreach) Programming Open to all, but designed with the objective of creating an open and welcoming environment, particularly to interfaith families.

Keruv Under the Stars – Shabbat in the Sukkah

Friday October 2 after Services

Second annual Sukkot Under the Stars dinner to celebrate the first night of Sukkot.

\$25/adult, \$15 per child under 10. Call the JCCH office to RSVP.

Let’s Talk About It: Grandparenting Grandchildren in Interfaith Marriages

Tuesday November 3 - 7:30 pm

A discussion about the challenging role of the Jewish grandparents when grandchildren are being raised in an intermarried environment.

Learning Session with Rabbi Glazer: Integration of Non-Jewish Spouses into Jewish Family and Synagogue Life

Thursday November 19 - 8:15 pm

An opportunity to learn and discuss experiences related to the participation of the non-Jewish spouses in their families’

Let's Talk About It: Parenting Teens and College Children in the Age of Inter-marriage Tuesday February 9 - 7:30 pm

How do you approach this sensitive issue while respecting the life choices of your children? This is a discussion for every family. An open and honest discussion for parents and families of all backgrounds.

J17. Keruv Film Series: Seeing Ourselves

A film series about growing up Jewish, being Jewish, and transmitting Jewish values

Stranger Among Us – date to be announced

Price Above Rubies – Tuesday January 12th 7:30 pm

Liberty Heights – date to be announced

For further information about the Keruv program contact Joshua Kohn at joshuakohn@yahoo.com or 314-967-1771

J18. Becoming Israel by Storahelling Tuesday December 1 - 7 - 8:00 pm

Becoming Israel is a 3 person play by professional actors. It tells the story of three parallel lives that intertwine to discover their shared story and their common name – Israel – “The One Who Struggles with God”. Leah, a biblical wife, meets Rachel, a Holocaust survivor, and Jake (Jacob), a young American on his first trip to Israel with Birthright. *Becoming Israel* examines the intersection between individual identity and collective memory, inviting audiences for a closer look at the legacy of Israel in a global reality. There will be a Q and A with the actors following the play.

This presentation is part of the JCCH Religious School curriculum. Cost - \$10 Adults, \$5 Students (JCCH member students are free)

J19. Tallit Workshop - For Women and Teen Girls Sunday - 9:15-11:30am

Back by popular demand! Create your own tallit to wear proudly at services and family simchas. Beautiful materials and guidance by a textile professional will be available, as well as background teaching on the significance of the prayer shawl. Learn the tallit bracha. Materials fee. Registration required susann@jcch.org
November 8, 15 (both sessions required)

Nuggets of Wisdom: ✨ Sunday/Monday/Thursday mornings immediately after Minyan with Rabbi Glazer & Cantor Singer

Join us for an ongoing study of classic Jewish texts. An inspiring way to start your day by a brief reflecting on the wisdom of tradition. This year's theme is Shabbat practice.

Following *Morning Minyan*: **Mondays/Thursdays at 7:00am and Sundays at 9:00am.**

Jewish Journeys

Saturday mornings before Shabbat Services 8:45-9:15 am (through June)

Join us as we explore Jewish journeys of the soul through voyages of seekers through the ages to Israel, and beyond, all the way through the afterlife. What can we learn about these remarkable Jewish journeys that will inspire our own journeys? Come and find out in the JCCH library.

Courses given at KTI - 575 King Street, Port Chester/Rye Brook - (914) 939-1004 Website: www.ktionline.org

Rabbi Alpert's Courses

K1. Munch And Learn Wednesdays - 12:15-1:15pm

An informal text-based discussion on various topics of interest that meets on the **first** Wednesday of the month. We provide dessert and coffee, and you are welcome to bring a dairy lunch. Course begins November 4th

K2. Beginner's Hebrew Thursdays- 7:30-8:45pm

Can't tell an Aleph from a Bet? This class is for you! In just a few short weeks, you will be reading Hebrew. For beginners and for those who need a reading refresher. January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4. Advance beginner Hebrew will continue at the JCCH.

K3. Exploring Judaism Thursdays - 7:30-8:45pm

This three-session course will focus on three main areas of Jewish life through the use of traditional and contemporary texts. We will discuss spirituality, ethics, and community. December 3, 10 and 17.

K4. Coffee Break

Thursday mornings, please join me at Starbucks in Rye Ridge Plaza for a cup of coffee and casual conversation. Swing by for a sip or for an entire Venti Latte. This is a chance to ask questions and to talk about the things that are on your mind. This is not a 'traditional' class – you're welcome to stop by every now and again or each week. Rabbi Jaymee Alpert will be at Starbucks on the following Thursday mornings from 9:30-11AM: October 15, 22 and 29; November 5 and 12; December 3 and 10; January 7 (at 10:30), 14 and 28; February 4; March 4 (at 10:30), 11, 18 and 25; April 8 (at 10:30), 15, 22, 29; and May 6 and 13.

Cantor Batchelor's Course

K5. Jews of Poland from the Medieval to the Modern Wednesdays - 8-9:15pm

For most of us the history of Poland's Jews is dominated by the dark shadow of the Holocaust. In this class we will explore the long and rich history of the Jewish experience in Poland preceding the Shoah, as well as the surprising developments in Poland's Jewish community since the downfall of the communist government. Course begins February 3. It is anticipated that there will be 4-6 sessions.

K6. Everyday Law in Biblical Israel

Mondays - 8:9:30pm

Biblical commands can be very difficult to understand if they are removed from their original setting. We will explore the Near Eastern background of Biblical laws, including Family, Property, Contract and Criminal Law. Where did the Israelites agree with their neighbors? Where did they differ? This course will be taught by KTI congregant Mark Jacobowsky. Mark has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Hebrew Literature from Yeshiva University, a Masters Degree in Biblical Studies from Hebrew University (Jerusalem), a Masters Degree in Near Eastern Studies from New York University (NYU) and has taught Hebrew at NYU. November 9,16, 23 and 30.

K7. Israeli Film Series

Subject to the availability of the movies, we are hoping to show films with an Israeli theme on November 1 (Sunday afternoon), January 10 (Sunday afternoon), March 6 (Saturday night) and May 16 (Sunday afternoon).

Courses given at Community Synagogue of Rye

200 Forest Avenue, Rye (914) 967-6262 Website:
www.comsynrye.org

C1. Hineini: Here I Am-My Judaism, My Life, My Passion **Thursdays - 7:30-9:00pm**

A series of presentations and classes featuring our professional staff, each of whom will teach two sessions of an aspect of Judaism that is most compelling to him or her.

Marilyn Zelman, Early Childhood Center Director, How to Be a Jewish Parent/Grandparent: A Hands-on Approach. October 8, 22.

Lisa Goldberg, Executive Director, Being Jewish in a non-Jewish World, November 5, 19.

Cathy Deutchman, Jewish Family Educator and SAJE Director, Practicing the Fifth Commandment: What Does It Mean To Honor Parents, December 3, 17.

Laurie Landes, Director of Religious Education. Jewish Wisdom To Help Us Make Thoughtful Decisions About Aging and the Care of Older Parents or Grandparents, January 21, 28.

Emma Gottlieb, Rabbinic Intern, What Happens After I Die-Judaism and the Notion of Resurrection, February 11, 18.

Daniel Mutlu, Cantor, Jewish Music and You, with a focus on Psalms, March 25, April 8

Daniel Gropper, Rabbi, Mysticism, Kabbalah and Striking Balance in our Lives, April 22, May 6.

Rabbi Gropper's Courses

C2. Anshe Binah-The Judaic Only Option **Wednesdays - 7:30-9:00pm**

Join the Anshe Binah class already in session. Come once a month to learn about sacred texts of Judaism, Kabbalah and Mysticism, Reform Judaism, the Jewish Life Cycle and Our Relationship to Israel.

No prior knowledge is necessary, just a desire to read, to learn and to discuss.

Introduction to Talmud on October 14

Introduction to Midrash on November 11

Kabbalah and Mysticism on December 9

Reform Judaism on January 6

The Jewish Life Cycle on February 3

Early Zionist History on March 3

To register contact Sarit in Rabbi Gropper's office at skatzew@comsynrye.org. For more information or a full syllabus contact Rabbi Gropper at dgropper@comsynrye.org or 914-967-6262

C3. Daytime Bible Class - The Book of Jeremiah: Finding Hope in Dark Times **Thursdays - 10-11:30am**

As Judah faced destruction at the hands of Babylonia (586 bce), Jeremiah spoke to the people, imploring them to change their ways. And as the walls were crashing, Jeremiah took actions that those around him saw as insane but were designed to give hope. The themes of Jeremiah: not heeding warnings laid in plain sight, finding hope amidst the dark resonate with our current economic situation and how we got here. You don't need any background to join the class just an interest in learning about the Bible and a desire to deepen your personal religious connection to it. All are welcome!

October 15, 29, November 12, 19, December 3, 17, January 7, 21, February 4, 25, March 11, 25, April 8, 22, May 13, 20.

C4. First Friday Torah Study **Fridays - 7-8:00am**

The monthly Torah study sessions are designed to allow working temple members to squeeze in some Torah study before the start of the workday. They are held on the **First** Friday morning of the month. Bagels, coffee and tea are provided. Torah's are available for use. No RSVP needed.

Cantor Mutlu's Course

C5. Beginner's Hebrew Course **Thursdays - 10-11:15am**

These bi-weekly classes with our Cantor will focus on learning Hebrew with an emphasis on our liturgy. No Hebrew experience is needed. October 8 and 22; November 5 and 26; December 10 and 17; January 14 and 28; February 11 and 25; March 4 and 18; April 8 and 29; and May 6 and 20.

Florence Melton Adult Mini-School

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School is designed to be the equivalent of two college courses each academic year. The program runs for two years, but the first year is not a pre-requisite for the second year. This year, the second year will begin October 7. Classes will be held at Community Synagogue on Wednesday nights, from 7:30 to 9:45 pm until January, and then they will move to Larchmont Temple, at the same time. The classes will feature two subjects: Dramas of Jewish Living through the Ages and Ethics of Jewish Living. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Laura Leach at 967-8885.

C6. Goodkind Scholar In Residence

This year's featured Scholar will be Dr. Peter Gardella, Ph. D, Religion Professor at Manhattanville College. His topic will be *American Civil Religion: Monuments, Texts, and Images*. The event will begin with a talk on Friday night, November 20 at our weekly service. He will make another presentation on Saturday morning, November 21, either at or following our Torah study service, which begins at 8:45 am. His final presentation will be on Sunday morning, November 22, at a breakfast sponsored by Men's Club, at 10 am. For further details, contact Laura Leach at 914-967-8885.

C7. Joy of Living Program

This year's featured speaker will be Rabbi Jeff Salkin, author of *Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim The Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah*. He will speak to our congregation on Friday evening, March 19 and Saturday, March 20.

C8. Special Speakers

Shera Aranoff Tuchman, an author and physician, will be speaking about women of the Torah. This program, sponsored by WRJ of Community Synagogue, will take place on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

Gilad Kariv, the director of Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism and a Israeli columnist on liberal Jewish issues, will be our Friday night guest on October 30. The service that evening will begin at 7:45 pm.

Peri Smilow, a singer, songwriter, educator and community organizer, will perform at our annual Chanukahpalooza. This performance will take place at our Shabbat Shira service on Friday, December 18 at 7:45pm.

Hazon works to create a healthier and more sustainable Jewish community. Nigel Savage, from Hazon, will be our speaker at Friday night services on January 15 at 7:45 pm. This program will be in recognition of Martin Luther King's birthday.

Shabbat Learning

Shabbat Morning Worship and Torah Study: Weekly from 8:45 to 10:15 am. Every Shabbat morning of the year, our congregation meets to discuss the weekly Torah portion, to learn interpretations offered by our sages and share our own, and reflect on ways that the text touches upon our lives. This service is led by Rabbi Gropper, Cantor Mutlu, Rabbinic Intern Emma Gottlieb or volunteer lay leaders.

Talmud with Training Wheels: Weekly from 10:15 to 11:15 am, following Torah Study service. This lay-led group discusses selections from the Talmud, focusing primarily on tractate Bava Metzia. Meets in the Oneg Shabbat room.

