

Westchester Adult Jewish Education Cooperative Fall 2016 Course Offerings

Synagogue Name:	Bet Torah in collaboration with JTS
Course Name:	Jews and Judaism in America
Description:	Join us for a seven-session journey into the Jewish experience in America. Starting with the first settlement of Jews in Dutch New Amsterdam and concluding with contemporary American Jews, we will trace American Jewry from its humble beginnings and explore how it developed into the world's second-largest Jewish community.
Instructor (s):	Dr. Benjamin Gampel, Dina and Eli Field Professor of Jewish History, JTS
Class Dates:	10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18
Class Time:	Sundays, 10:00am - 12:30pm
Fee:	\$350
Location:	Bet Torah, 60 Smith Avenue, Mount Kisco, New York
Registration Deadline:	10/10/2016
Online Registration:	http://www.jtsa.edu/bettorah
Registration contact:	Rabbi Lori Koffman, RabbiKoffman@bettorah.org , 917-855-5935

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Synagogue Name:	Beth El Synagogue Center
Course Name:	(re)Introduction to Judaism
Description:	“I didn’t grow up with any Jewish education at all.” “I went to Hebrew school but I didn’t learn anything!” As children, so many of us did not have access to a Jewish education or we don’t remember much at all from Hebrew school. This class is intended to introduce people to Judaism for the first time or re-introduce it to people as adults. This class will start from the beginning and delve into topics about the Jewish calendar, life-cycle, ethics, textual tradition, and ways in which Judaism can address modern questions. Some topics include: Jewish Holidays; the real differences between Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Judaism; Who is a Jew; What is the Torah vs The Bible vs The Talmud; Prayer; What is Happening in the Sanctuary on Shabbat, etc.
Instructor (s):	Rabbi David Schuck
Class Dates:	Three Wednesday evenings a month, starting November
Class Time:	7:30 PM
Fee:	no fee
Location:	The class will take place in participant’s homes, with plenty of wine and no judgement!
Registration Deadline:	Limited space available, registration will be determined on a first come, first serve basis
Online Registration:	http://www.bethelnr.org/judaism
Registration contact:	Rabbi Josh Dorsch, jdorsch@bethelnr.org

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Synagogue Name:	Congregation Anshe Sholom
Course Name:	Heroes & Villains of Modern Jewish History
Description:	This course will examine the lives and careers of Jews who achieved renown or infamy for their contributions to the fate of world Jewry. Rabbis, politicians, generals, spies, traitors, and heretics left behind complicated legacies. In some instances, one man's hero is another man's villain.
Instructor(s):	Rabbi Evan Hoffman
Class Dates:	Mondays, starting September 12th
Class Time:	7:00 PM
Fee:	no fee
Location:	Congregation Anshe Sholom (Library), 50 North Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10805
Registration Deadline:	No deadline. You can join the course at any point.
Online Registration:	No registration required
Registration contact:	Rabbi Evan Hoffman, evanhoffman@gmail.com , 914-632-9220

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Synagogue Name:	Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester
Course Name:	Introduction to Judaism: A Survey of Jewish History and Practice for Beginners and Deepeners
Description	Join with clergy from throughout Northern Westchester to learn about the breadth and wonder of Jewish tradition. This class offers a pathway for the adult learner who wishes to discover or deepen Jewish knowledge or the non-Jew who is considering living a Jewish life or possibly conversion to Judaism. Each session is based upon a chapter in Stephen M. Wylen's <i>Settings of Silver: An Introduction to Judaism</i> . It is recommended but not required that the chapters be read in advance of each session.
Instructor(s):	Various Rabbi's from Westchester
Class Dates:	11/11/16, 11/15/16, 11/22/16, 1/10/17, 1/24/17, 2/7/17, 2/21/17, 3/7/17, 3/21/17, 4/4/17, 4/25/17
Class Time:	7:30pm–9:00 pm
Fee:	no fee
Location:	Various Locations
Registration deadline :	No deadline
Online registration:	https://bethelnw.org/Lifelong_Learning/Intro_Judaism
Registration contact:	Jaclyn Dubray, jdubray@bethelnw.org

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Synagogue Name:	Temple Sholom (Greenwich)
Course Name:	Lunch 'n Learn
Description	Study Jewish ethics through the lens of the rabbinic sages with Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz or a special guest teacher. A kosher lunch is provided.
Instructor(s):	Rabbi Mitchell M. Hurvitz
Class Dates:	Tuesdays, ongoing
Class Time:	12:00 - 1:00PM
Fee	no fee
Location	Temple Sholom, 300 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830
Registration deadline :	Registration is not required for this ongoing course.
Online registration:	http://www.templesholom.com/lunch-n-learn-0
Registration contact:	Lori Baden, Associate Executive Director, lori.baden@templesholom.com , 203-869-7191

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Synagogue Name: The Pelham Jewish Center

Course Name: The Ethical Life

Description: From political and financial scandals to rapid progress in biomedical science and technology, the complex issues of modern society are – at their core – issues of ethical and moral concern. Now, more than ever, we require a solid understanding of how Jewish ethics can inform our discussions and decisions about the critical questions of the day. Each session of The Ethical Life includes a short video lecture featuring JTS faculty members and other expert scholars, a text study and a guided group discussion led by Rabbi Salzberg. Join us for this unique opportunity to study the sources of Jewish ethics in their original, and learn how we can apply them today. The course explores critical topics of contemporary relevance, including:

- * Does Ethics Need God?
- * The Ethical Dimensions of Food Production
- * Is Teshuvah Possible? Rethinking Mass Incarceration
- * Advance Directives and the Ethics of End-of-Life Care
- * Disabilities and the Ethics of Inclusion"

Instructor(s): Rabbi Alex Salzberg

Class Date: 12 sessions-Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 13, 20, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 14, 28, Mar. 14

Class Time: 4:00-5:30PM OR 7:30-9PM

Fee: \$150

Location: 451 Esplanade, Pelham Manor, NY 10803

Registration Deadline: 11/10/2016

Online registration: Office@thepjc.org OR 914 738 6008

Registration contact: Julia Coss, Office Manager

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Synagogue Name: Westchester Jewish Center

Course Name: "Passages in Time - The Life of a Jew"

Description In these sessions, Rabbi Segelman will study the life cycle events of Jewish tradition - but from the perspective of an elder. The course will explore birth, bris and namings from the view of the grandparents. Similarly, the role of grandparents at b'nei mitzvah and weddings will be discussed and the important role that Judaism calls upon elders to play in the lives of the younger generation.

Rabbi Segelman will also discuss how Judaism informs and defines our lives moving forward. New rituals are being created to embrace retirement and to celebrate new spiritual opportunities. Rabbi Segelman also will look deeply at the teachings of Jewish law and tradition on aging parents, the choices that must be made in regard to death and bereavement, ethical wills and how we speak to our children about the meaning of our lives.

Instructor(s): Rabbi Jeffrey Segelman

Class Date: Thursdays, December 8 & 15

Class Time: 8:00-9:30PM

Fee: no fee

Location: Westchester Jewish Center, Palmer & Rockland Avenues, Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Registration Deadline: Registration is not required for this course.

Online Registration: No registration necessary. All welcome.

Registration Contact: Rabbi Jeffrey Segelman, 914-698-3610

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Synagogue Name:	Westchester Reform Temple
Course Name:	King David
Description	<p>"David, melech Yisrael, chai, chai, v'kayam."</p> <p>"David, king of Israel, lives and endures."</p> <p>The words of the popular Hebrew children's song ring true: King David's legacy endures to the present day, as the quintessential poet and musician, the chosen one of God, even as a Messianic figure. David has inspired countless generations of artists, musicians, and authors, who seek to give new expression to this beloved Biblical figure. But there have been many great Jewish leaders; what makes David unique?</p> <p>Join us in a year-long study of one of our tradition's most intriguing and complex personalities. This course, taught by our clergy, will explore the many facets of King David, from triumphant military hero, to inspired musician, to monarch, to flawed father and husband. We will study portrayals of David from the Biblical era to the modern day, using diverse media, ranging from sacred texts to art, music, and contemporary literature.</p>
Instructor(s):	Rabbi Jonathan Blake and Rabbi Daniel Reiser
Class Date:	Tuesdays, November 8, 15, 29, December 6, February 28, March 7, 14, 28, April 4 and May 9
Class Time:	7:15pm
Fee:	no fee
Location:	255 Mamaroneck Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583
Registration Deadline:	Registration is not required for this course.
Online Registration:	No registration necessary. All welcome.
Registration Contact:	Hillary Fontana, Hillary.fontana@wrtemple.org , 914-468-0523

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Synagogue Name: Woodlands Community Temple

Course Name: WCT University: How, What and Why "We" Remember

Description How is the collective memory of a community formed? Recent developments in the neuro and social sciences have led to a whole new discipline of Memory Studies. In an afternoon of speakers and break-out sessions, we will review some of the new findings in these fields with a focus on trying to better understand the group-psychological factors, social practices, political pressures, and possibly even biologic dynamics that lead to a community constructing a particular conception of its past. To gain perspective on the distinct and universal ways this plays out for different groups, the presenters will focus on the experience of the American-Jewish and African-American. We will question some of our basic assumptions about the reliability of memory and the effects its constructed nature has on identity and our ability to relate (or not) to the remembered experiences of others.

Instructor(s): Distinguished Community Members for Panel and Workshops

Class Date: Sunday, December 4

Class Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Fee: Free - Optional Donation

Location: 50 Worthington Road, White Plains, NY 10607

Registration Deadline: Friday, December 2, 2016

Online Registration: www.wct.org/wctuniversity

Registration Contact: WCT Temple Office, www.wct@wct.org , 914- 592-7070

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Synagogue Name:	Yorktown Jewish Center
Course Name:	Mishneh Torah: Jewish Law from Maimonides Through Today
Description	An English text-based study of Mishneh Torah; Maimonides' compendium of Jewish law, written for everyone who wishes to understand Judaism's application to every sphere of life
Instructor(s):	Rabbi Seth Sternstein
Class Date:	Tuesday evenings
Class Time:	7:30-9:00pm
Fee:	No fee
Location:	Yorktown Jewish Center 2966 Crompond Road, Yorktown Heights, NY
Registration Deadline:	Ongoing
Online Registration:	Please call to register
Registration Contact:	914-245-2324 Roseanne Devine