



ADULT EDUCATION - WORKSHOPS - CHANCES TO LEARN
January, 2012 - March, 2012

One Night Only - Class Discusses "JEWISH PILGRIMAGE"
Thursday, January 19th at 7:30pm-9:00pm

Rabbi Orenstein will lead a one-night-only class and discussion on Jewish pilgrimage. The class considers the fact that the Jewish people have been known as the "wandering Jews" both by force (through exile) and by choice. In ancient times, Jews traveled long distances to reach Jerusalem three times each year. What meaning does pilgrimage have for us today? As the group contemplates various trips, retreats, and travels, it will discuss the history and contemporary relevance of Jewish travel. Participants are invited (though certainly not required) to bring up to five of their favorite travel photos or other memorabilia to share.

There is no charge for this class; however, attendees are asked to bring non-perishable fruit or nut products (dried or canned fruits and nuts or juice in boxes or bottles that do not require refrigeration) to support the temple's Interfaith Food Drive, to be donated to local food pantries.

SWEET TASTES OF TORAH III: A Community Night of Learning
Saturday, February 4th - start time: 6:45pm
[Snow date: Saturday, February 11, 2012]

Rabbi Orenstein will be among the teachers leading various 1-hour classes. After a Havdalah service, attendees will have the opportunity to attend sessions covering a wide range of topics. The program will be held at the Fair Lawn Jewish Center. Cost and class descriptions to be provided.

Questions? Contact Nickie Falk, coordinator, 201-652-1687; sweettastesoftorah@gmail.com

February & March - Adult Education - "ETHICS OF THE ANCESTORS"
DAYTIME CLASSES!

Thursdays: February 9th, February 16th, March 1st, March 8th (special Purim edition), & March 15th
10:45am - 12:00noon

This new, daytime class will read the *Pirkei Avot* section of the Mishnah, sometimes translated as "Ethics of the Fathers" or "Ethics of the Ancestors." The wisdom and favorite sayings of ancient rabbis were originally gathered together as an instructional manual for young rabbis, so that they could become good teachers, fair judges, and better human beings. Many of the sayings are well-known quotations in and beyond Jewish life. Hillel famously asked in Ethics, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am [only] for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" The goal of the class is to read the text thoughtfully enough to apply it to contemporary ethics - in politics and society and for ourselves.

There is no charge for this class; however, attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items for the local food pantries.

"SYNAGOGUE SKILLS WORKSHOP" - Daytime and Evening Sessions Available
Sunday, February 12th at 9:45am and Tuesday, February 28th at 7:30pm
Led by Rabbi Orenstein and Cantor Mandel

Enhance your skills and understanding; learn to follow or lead a service; participate in an introduction to Torah reading. Learn the "pet peeves" and best practices of our clergy in relation to synagogue worship. There will be break-out sessions, so you can benefit from attending either day/time, or both times.

MARK YOUR MARCH CALENDARS: (more information to be provided)

March 13th at 7:00pm: "Aramaic as a Living Language" - (to be held at the Westwood Public Library)

Rabbi Orenstein will discuss the legacy of Aramaic and its significance in the book, *My Father's Paradise*

March 20th at 7:30pm: "SEDER SOLUTIONS" -

Interactive workshop to learn to engage people of all ages for a meaningful & enjoyable Passover Seder.