



As you plan for the fall we hope that adult educational opportunities will be a part of those plans.

Sundays

Chag in the Home 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Social Hall A: Chag in the Home is a NEW monthly series at Congregation Agudas Achim for parents to learn about the origins and meaning of Jewish holidays so you can share in the celebrations at home with your family. Through lessons from clergy, arts, crafts, PJ Library books, and food, learn child-friendly ways to excite and teach your kids about each holiday.

It will meet in the CAA Social Hall (during CAARS). It is free and open to everyone in the community. The program is geared for those with children between 2 and 10 years old. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be served. Dates: November 6; December 18; January 22; February 26; March 26; April 23; May 21

Review of Hebrew Grammar. If you have studied and read Biblical Hebrew in the past but now wish to become better acquainted with its structure and meaning, this should be the course for you. Our text will be UT Professor Jo Ann Hackett's "A Basic Introduction to Biblical Hebrew" (2010, Hendrickson Publishers), to which we will devote at least twelve sessions. A knowledge of Hebrew spelling and pronunciation is assumed, and at least some previous acquaintance with grammar and vocabulary would be an advantage. Taught by Mark Long 9:30 a.m. in the History Room.

The Lore of Moses: History in the Torah. The historical reality of Moses and of the events involving him remains a matter of controversy. In the ten sessions of this class, we will deal with various aspects of this issue, including Moses's background and origins, his mission to deliver Israel, his role in the Exodus, and his relationship to such later institutions as the Biblical code of law and the priesthood. Our main resource, apart from the Torah itself, will be Jonathan Kirsch's provocative study "Moses: A Life" (1998, Ballantine Books). No knowledge of Hebrew is required. Taught by Mark Long in CAA Conference Room at 11:00 a.m.

Living Mitzvah (Chai Mitzvah): Begins at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel. Taught by Rabbi Swedroe and Dr. Raben
Chai Mitzvah spans the spectrum of Jewish practice and is for people from any background of Jewish knowledge and Jewish living.

Chai Mitzvah builds community by bringing people together across generations and/or similar ages and stages of life, such as empty nesters, B'nai Mitzvah parents, early childhood parents.

Chai Mitzvah is a unique adult engagement program that encourages an integrated, experiential approach to Jewish life through five simple components. Each participant:

1. Attends a monthly group learning with a set curriculum provided by Chai Mitzvah.
2. Chooses an independent study topic for the year.
3. Chooses a ritual/spiritual practice to take on for the year.
4. Chooses a social action activity to commit to for the year.
5. Celebrates the journey!

Dates: November 20; December 11; January 15; February 12; March 5; April 9; May 7; May 30 (Tikkun Leil Shavuot)

Tuesdays

Lunch Time Conversations with Rabbi Blumofe-Dates: November 15,22,29 & December 6 at 11:30 a.m. in the History Room

Haftarah Chanting with Ben Saffer 5:15-6:15 p.m. Room 147 begins November 8. Chanting the prophetic section on Shabbat has a long history and the selections can be poetic and reassuring and challenging. Our goal is to provide you with the tools for building an ability to chant a Haftarah portion on Shabbat. We will work on blessings and the trope (musical notes). And we read the Haftarah with vowels.

Wednesdays

Downtown Study Group The first group meeting will be **November 16 at 12 NOON**. The title for this year is: "The People and the Books" an exploration of classics of Jewish literature.

Living Judaism: A Guide to Jewish Awareness and Practice with Rabbi Neil Blumofe

Join Rabbi Blumofe for this dynamic class which will introduce or refresh many areas of Judaism and Jewish life including history, holidays, lifecycle events, philosophy, theology and Israel. This class is for Jews and non-Jews. Class is held 3-4 times per month beginning Wed, November 2 and will continue through May. Class begins with minyan at 6 pm in the Chapel. Tuition is \$150 (\$200 per couple) plus books.

For information on any of these classes or to register, please contact Jane Weiss at 512-735-8404 or jane.weiss@caa-austin.org.

Judaism's Top 10– Taught by Cathy Schechter A three session discussion of key concepts of the 10 Commandments. We will explore Shabbat and family connections; what it means to covet and different forms of stealing. We will consult Talmud and Midrash to fill out our understandings. Come join in the fun! Located in the Chapel from 7-8:30 p.m. Dates: November 30, December 7 and 14.

Thursdays

Thursday night at the Movies- 4 weeks of Israel themed movies and discussion 7:00 p.m.- 8:45 p.m.; November 10; December 8; January 12; February 9. Movies to be viewed: **Beneath the Helmut**, a study of basic training in the IDF; **Strangers No More**, an inside and poignant look at life in a school of "new immigrants" and how Israel helps them adjust; **Night Shift** Rafi is the only cop in an Ethiopian ghetto in Israel. An Ethiopian-Israeli himself, he is considered a traitor by some and the only trusted soul by others. The film follows him on a night shift, telling through him the story of this difficult neighborhood and its unique people; and **Fire Lines** In 2013, Common Ground Productions and the Ma'an Network co-produced a documentary called *Fire Lines*. It tells the surprising story of cooperation between firefighters of the Palestinian Civil Defense and the Israeli Fire and Rescue Services during the tragic Carmel fire in December 2010. Through the voices of firefighters who took part, the film takes viewers behind the scenes and explores the intersection of humanitarian values and national identities in a landscape of ongoing conflict.

Parent Text Study with Rabbi Gail Swedroe; November 10 - 10:30-11:30 a.m. with Rabbi Swedroe in Room CAA 147 (near CAA kindergarten room). Can't make CAA's evening classes because of the kids' bedtime? Looking to connect with other parents? Join us as we explore the spirituality of parenting through Jewish texts, conversation and journaling. \$5 babysitting available through the J. No Hebrew knowledge necessary!

Fridays

Friday Morning Learning: Join Rabbi Neil Blumofe - Kitzur Shulchan Aruch
7:40 - 8:30 a.m. (A donation is requested).

Saturdays/Shabbat

Shabbat Limud: Torah with Rashi commentary - Shabbat mornings at
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in the CAA Chapel.

Learners Minyan - 9:40 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.; CAA Chapel; no cost An open exploration of the Saturday morning service, building familiarity with and deeper understanding of our prayers. One Saturday per month (November 19; December 10; January 14; February 11; March 11; April 8; May 20)

HEBREW THROUGH TORAH-Are you able to sound out Hebrew words but wish you knew what you were saying? Join us for an informal, seat-of-the-pants, garden-path introduction to the Hebrew language using Torah verses and snippets of the siddur as study texts. We'll approach Hebrew as if it were a puzzle, exploring how the different components of words and sentences fit together and how words that sound very different from each other are actually related. We'll build upon the knowledge of Hebrew you already have, whether you know it or not! Expect the study leader to go off on tangents to share fun facts about language in general and about Hebrew's interconnections with Arabic, Yiddish, English, Spanish, and more. Gail Tosto is a multilingual translator with a lifelong passion for languages. This free class will meet in the History Room on Saturdays from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., starting with Parshat Breishit. The only requirements are (1) to be familiar with the Hebrew alphabet and most of the vowel points and (2) to not have a good grasp of Hebrew already. For more information, contact Gail at gailtosto@gmail.com.



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