

## 2009-2010 Adult Study Offerings: Weekly Groups

### 1. Torah for Grownups

Engage in the lifetime practice of Jewish learning. Experience the irresistible draw of Bible, Talmud, midrash, and liturgy. Learn the Jewish art of asking questions, uncovering the layers of meaning in texts, and letting them shed light on the past and the present. This class follows the interests of the students and the teacher, addressing issues that are relevant to our Jewish and human lives. This group is for people with some experience in Jewish life or learning.

Teacher: Rabbi Helen Plotkin, Director, Mekom Torah

When: Mondays, 7:30-9:30pm, from Sept. 14, 2009 to June, 2010.

Where: Sep through Jan: Beth Israel, Media, PA; Feb through Jun: Ohev Shalom, Wallingford. PA

### 2. Opening Hebrew

Intimacy with the Hebrew language helps you find your way to richer Jewish life. Whether for prayer, for Torah, or for Israel, learning to understand the words changes everything. This class is an introduction to the grammar and structure of the Hebrew language, using the vocabulary of the prayer book. The class is designed to make learning Hebrew accessible for people who work, for parents, for adults who are not about to morph into college students. It is designed to connect learning Hebrew with what you already know about being Jewish. Everything you learn in this class is groundwork for Modern Hebrew, and also for Biblical Hebrew. Whatever your goals, this is the place to start.

Teacher: This class will be taught by Danielle Parmenter with the support of Rabbi Helen Plotkin. Danielle, a talented and dynamic rabbinical student who has been working with Mekom Torah teens for the past year, is a marvelous teacher with an infectious love of the Hebrew language.

When: Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm.

Alphabet introduction and review, for those who need it: Sept. 9, 16, and 23, 2009.

Regular class: Sept. 30, 2009 to June, 2010.

Homework: About one hour per week.

Textbook: The primary textbook will be Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way, from EKS Publishing, available at Amazon.com.

Where: Sep through Jan: Ohev Shalom, Wallingford. PA; Feb through Jun: Beth Israel, Media, PA

### Cost and Registration

Tuition for 2009-2010 weekly study groups is \$300 for the year, or \$450 if you sign up for both.

To participate, please contact Rabbi Helen Plotkin by email or by phone, or use the online registration form at <http://mekomtorah.org>. Checks should be made payable to "RRC", with "Mekom Torah" on the memo line, and mailed to the address below.

Scholarships are available. Please contact Rabbi Helen Plotkin, Rabbi Linda Potemken, or Rabbi Jeremy Gerber if finances are a concern.

## 2009-2010 Adult Study Offerings: Monthly Groups

### 1. First Tuesday: Couples Torah

Sign up with a friend or a significant other to engage together in Jewish learning. Topics for text study and discussions will be aimed at inspiring ongoing conversation in your relationship with a friend or partner. Make it a date night, or just connect with a friend.

When: 7:30 to 9:30pm, Oct. 6, 2009 to June 1, 2010.

Where: The Oct, Nov, Dec, and Jan meetings will be at Ohev, with the remainder at BI.

### 2. Second Wednesday: Women's Circle

This group is open to women who want to explore Jewish ritual and tradition to reveal meaning and connectedness that is relevant to their lives as women, as individuals, and as members of the world.

When: 7pm - informal gathering, 7:30-9pm - study, Sept. 9, 2009 to June 9, 2010.

Where: We will meet in the homes of group members.

### 3. Third Tuesday: Exploring Jewish Life and Practice

All are welcome to join. Each month we will consider a Jewish topic or concern, in great depth and from every angle. Among the topics will be:

- \* the central Jewish texts, where they came from, and what is in them
- \* the meaning and customs of Jewish holidays
- \* Shabbat
- \* Jewish ideas about life and death

As we study each topic, we will have a chance to explore the history of Jewish ideas and customs, and to understand the role of Torah in the life of the Jews, and in our own lives.

When: 7:30 to 9:30pm, Get ready for the Holidays: Sept. 15. Regular class: Oct. 20 to June 15.

Where: The Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, and Jan meetings will be at BI, with the remainder at Ohev.

### Cost and Registration

Tuition for 2009-2010 **monthly** study groups is \$100 for the year. If you are taking a weekly class, you can join a monthly group for **free**.

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