

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

Crash Course in Judaism — Take the Plunge

Come find out what you don't know about Judaism. Ask your questions. Raise your doubts. Discover new questions.

Between school, work, and family responsibilities, it can be hard to find the time to learn about and celebrate our Jewish heritage. Join us for this new and exciting course that accommodates all schedules and backgrounds.

Strengthening your Jewish education for yourself and/or your family will be worth your time.

The series includes twelve classes on the following topics:

What is Man?; What is God?; Purpose of Creation; Thirteen Attributes of Faith; Shabbat; Kosher Laws; Prayer; Men and Women; The Six Remembrances.

Join Rabbi Pinkus on Tuesday



mornings at 9:30 AM or evenings at 7:30 PM at the Charlotte Torah Center and take the plunge into Judaism. Cost: \$120. ☆

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Shabbat Shalom

A Practical Guide to Shabbat

Do you crave a moment to rest from the activities and responsibilities in your life? Do you enjoy gathering with friends and family for meaningful conversation and delicious meals? Do you like finding the time to sit by yourself, take a leisurely walk, or reading a story to your child?

Do you celebrate Shabbat? If so, you get all of this and more once a week. If not, come join those who do. Jews are commanded to step out of the hectic routine of their lives on Shabbat, a time to rest, reinvigorate, and re-experience the joy of life.

If you are interested in celebrating Shabbat or deepening your Shabbat, join Rabbi Pincus on

Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM or evening at 7:30 PM, for a new series called "Shabbat Shalom — A Guide to Celebrating the Holiday." The classes will offer spiritual insight into the meaning of Shabbat. Come learn and you will find out that a day of rest will energize you throughout the other days of your week.

This twelve-class series will include the following topics:

Introduction; Preparation; Laws and Customs; Prayer; Songs; Kiddush; Challah; Learning; Family Time; Oneg; Festivity Havdalah.

This class will be held at the Charlotte Torah Center, 5900 Providence Road. Cost \$120. ☆

Jewish History: In The Beginning ...

The Chumash, the Torah itself, is not a history book per se, though there is a great deal of history we can learn from it. The Jewish people began over 3,700 years ago with one married couple, Abraham and Sarah. In fact, the prophet Isaiah states that if you want to understand where you come from, you should "look at the life of your father Abraham, your mother Sarah who gave birth to you." If you examine their lives, you will understand the patterns of all Jewish history.

This idea is expressed in a saying that is a tenet in Jewish history: "Maaseh avos siman l'banim: The actions of the Patriarchs are indicators for the children." In other words, if you want to understand what is happening in the Jewish world now at the beginning of the 21st century, you can do that by filtering today's events through the lives of our ancestors and through the events that have occurred to us over the centuries.

In the first semester we will journey through the formative years of the Jewish people and learn about the people, places and events that were and still are so central to our experience as Jews. What motivated them, their challenges, strengths and failures. So join Rabbi Roizman at the Torah Center on Wednesday at 9:30 AM

or 7:30 PM for this popular series. Cost \$120. ☆

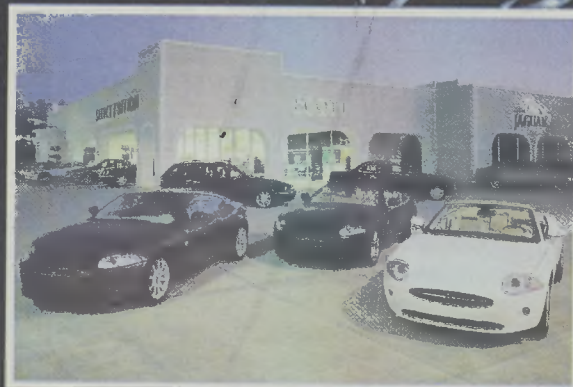


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