



Temple Beth El



Adult Education Committee Announces the 1998/99 Schedule Something for Everybody throughout the Year at Temple Beth El

The Adult Education Committee has put its collective heads together and come up with an ambitious schedule for the coming year. Whatever your level of interest in Jewish education, there is something for you here!

I. Shabbat Morning Torah Study
A. Dates: Every Saturday morning beginning September 19
B. Times: 9:30 - 10:45 AM
C. Topic: The whole Torah from start to finish
D. Teachers: The Rabbis

II. Beth El University - Fall Semester, 1998

- A. Dates: November 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8 (Tuesdays)
B. Times:
1. Classes 7:00 - 8:30 PM
2. Social time: 8:30 - 9:00 PM
C. Topics and teachers
1. Introduction to Reform Judaism - Rabbi Bennett
2. Jewish Women from Biblical

times to the Present - Rabbi Schindler

3. **Spirituality in Judaism - Insights from Midrashic Texts** - Rabbi Morris
4. **Jewish Mysticism from the Hasidic Perspective: An Introduction to Kabbalah** - Rabbi Yossi Groner

III. Anshei Mitzvah Class.

- A. Times: Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
B. Topic: Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah training

C. Teacher: Cantor Shepherd

IV. Sunday School for Adults

- A. Dates: Sept 13, October 4, November 1, December 6, 1998 (Sundays)
B. Times: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM or 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM
C. Topics:
1. What Does It Mean To Be a Reform Jew?
2. A Jewish Understanding of

Jesus
3. **Hands - on Judaism**
4. **Jewish Ethics**
5. **Others**

D. Teachers: Rabbis and Cantor
V. Pathways to Jewish Learning
A. Dates: November 11, 18, 25; December 2, 9, 16, 1998 (Wednesdays)

B. Times, topics and teachers:

1. 10:00 AM, **The Book of Job** - Rabbi Morris
2. 10:00 AM, **To be determined** - Cantor Shepherd
3. 11:00 AM, **Jewish Life Cycles** - Rabbi Schindler
4. 11:00 AM, **Talmud** - Rabbi Bennett

VI. Lunch and Learn - Jewish Study Uptown (place to be determined)

- A. Dates: Third Monday of each month beginning October 19
B. Times: 12:00 noon - 1:30 PM
C. Topic: Weekly Torah portion and accompanying midrashim and commentaries

D. Teachers: Rabbis and Cantor
VII. Senior Seminar
A. Dates: Last Monday of each month

B. Times: Lunch
C. Topics and teachers: Jewish current events - the rabbis
VIII. Contemporary Jewish Theater (Co-sponsored with the JCC)

A. Dates: October 7, 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 1998 (Wednesday nights)

B. Times: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
C. Topic: **Study the Anthology Fruitful and Multiplying: Nine Contemporary Plays from the American Jewish Repertoire**

D. Teacher: Perry Tannenbaum (Theater Editor for Creative Loafing and instructor in local community colleges)
E. Cost: \$75

IX. Scholar-in-Residence Programs

- A. Dates and visiting scholars,
1. November 20-22, 1998; Rabbi

- Alexander Schindler, President Emeritus of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, sponsored by the Sadie Levin Education Fund.**
2. January 22, 1999; Rabbi Michael Lerner, editor of **Tikkun Magazine**
3. April 16-18, 1999; Rabbi David Sapperstein, Director of the **Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, D.C.** Sponsored by the Sadie Levin Education Fund.

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"ClickonJudaism" website attracts Jews from Generation X

Reform Movement's Latest Outreach Project Seeks to Engage Unaffiliated Young People

In time for the start of the Jewish New Year, the Reform movement has launched clickonJudaism, an Internet website specifically for people in their 20s and 30s. The site presents a liberal point of view but is non-institutional in tone and is designed to provide the information that is relevant to young adults.

"Our challenge in trying to engage young Jews is to meet them where they are," said Dru Greenwood, director of the Commission on Synagogue Affiliation. "Even if they're not in synagogues, we know they're certainly on the Internet."

A project of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations-Central Conference of American Rabbis Commission on Synagogue Affiliation, the new website's address is easy to remember: <http://clickonJudaism.org>.

"ClickonJudaism is designed for Jews who are well-educated and media-savvy, but not necessarily engaged with organized Jewish life," said Rabbi Hara Person, the site's editor who was ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in May. "It's a doorway into liberal Judaism for young people who are seeking meaning in their lives but who haven't found where to connect yet. And we believe it also speaks to young people who are exploring Judaism for the first time and may consider becoming Jewish."

Many of the contributors to the site are members of Generation X, or Generation Aleph, as the Reform movement calls it. For its debut, the site features articles focusing on the new year, including "Preparing for the High Holidays: The Grand Slam Within" by Rabbi Sarah Reines, "Tzedakah: Renewal of the Spirit," by Rabbi Josh Zweiback, "The Prayer of Silence" by Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, "The Ethics of Forgiveness" by Rabbi Peter Schakman, "Vampires and Teshuvah" by Rabbi Burt Schuman, and "Why Are These Services Different From All Other Services?" by Cantor Josee Wolff.

In addition to rabbis and cantors, clickonJudaism's writers include

Jewish artists, educators, scholars and professionals. "The tone is personal and conversational, never sermonic," added Rabbi Person. "That's one of the aspects that makes clickonJudaism so different from other Jewish websites."

The site's information is organized around five themes: facing today's world, which includes articles about media and culture; making a difference, which explores ethics and tikkun olam (repairing the world); searching for God, which includes an exploration of worship, spirituality, prayer, and healing; finding a place, which

offers ways into Jewish community for Jews, intermarried couples, and those seeking conversion; and doing Jewish, which explores the choices Jews make about parenting, lifecycle celebrations and holidays.

Funded by a two-year grant from the Feld Family Foundation, which supports projects of national scope that change the face of the Jewish community, clickonJudaism will be updated frequently so that visitors will want to return often. Upcoming articles include a look at creating women's lifecycle rituals,

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OCTOBER 11 at 10:30 AM - paid up breakfast for members only - delicious catered breakfast and a great program: "How to Get Well for 2000 Using Alternative Methods." Free with your \$25 paid membership in Sisterhood; \$10 for guests.

NOVEMBER 5 at 7:30 PM - dessert reception for Rabbi Schindler; come get to know her and ask her questions!

NOVEMBER 8 at 10:30 AM - Bagels, coffee, and an expert discusses "Dilemmas in Medical Ethics for Women..." Come meet

the women of Temple Emmanuel in Gastonia.

NOVEMBER 15-17 - the Annual Attic Sale; drop off your used items in good condition after Yom Kippur; call to volunteer to help - this is our biggest fundraiser of the year!

DECEMBER 3 at 7:30 PM - Bunko night! Just fun! \$5 per person.

DECEMBER 6 at 10:30 AM - Bagels, coffee, and make your own mezzuzah while you shop for Chanukah in the gift shop. Cost for mezzuzah TBA.

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