



Summertime Jewish Learning Across the Twin Cities Talmud at the Lake

Dip into the Talmud, that vast and varied repository of Jewish wisdom. Join us this summer to study texts connected to "The Lake". No previous experience in Talmud necessary.

With the gracious support of community rabbis, we are excited to once again offer Summertime Jewish Learning Across the Twin Cities!

Come to some, come to all! All classes are free and open to everyone.

Will There be Carob Trees?

Rabbi Esther Adler

Wed., June 21, 7:00 PM at Mount Zion, 1300 Summit, St. Paul

When Honi asked an old man why he was planting a tree that would not bear fruit until well after he was dead, the man answered that just as he had entered a world with trees, he was planting for the future. (Ta'anit 23b) Planting a tree is just the beginning. We will study what Judaism has to teach about sustaining the resources our world provides for us.

Learning to Swim: Survival Skills we are Obligated to Pass On

Rabbi Sharon Stiefel

Tues., June 27, 7:00 PM at Mayim Rabim, 4401 York Av. S, Minneapolis

The Talmud (Kiddushin 29a) commands us to teach our children how to swim, literally. When examined metaphorically, this teaching invites interpretation. Come explore the Talmud's ideas of what one needs to navigate this world and share your own as well. Swimmers and non-swimmers welcome.

Immersion in Mikvah: What It Was, What It Is, and What It Can Be

Rabbi Avi Strausberg

Thur., July 6, 12:00 PM at Minnehaha Falls Park, 4801 S Minnehaha Drive

Minneapolis, covered picnic area north of the main pavilion.*

From impurity to conversion, from birth to death, immersion is rich in layers and ripe with potential, but the history, halachot (laws), and meanings associated with it are a complicated, messy business. We'll track the development of *mikvah* (ritual bath) in hopes of figuring out what it can mean for our lives in a modern context.

Torah as Water

Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman

Tues., July 11, 4:00 PM at Temple Israel, 2324 Emerson Avenue South, Minneapolis

Water is a life source that washes, nourishes, and transports all at the same time. The same can be true of Torah – we must, however, dive deeply into the waters of our ancient Jewish texts to discover how.

(Bava Kamma 82a and 17a)

Nature, Beauty and Creation

Rabbi Aaron Weininger

Tues., July 18, 12:00 PM at Adath Jeshurun, 10500 Hillside Ln W, Minnetonka

Description: Forthcoming

How might water have saved them?

Rabbi Debra Rappaport

Thursday, July 27, 12:00 PM at Beard's Plaisance 4525 Upton Ave. S Minneapolis (west side of Lake Harriet)*

Four men went to heaven (Pardes), only one came back. The others did not heed the warning about water! Study this well-known mystical text from Talmud Hagigah 14b.

Messianic Menu: Fish Fry?

Rabbi Alexander Davis

Sunday, July 30, 10:00 AM Location: TBD

The messianic era is described as a feast. But what should we serve and why? (Baba Batra 74a)

Water and Repentance: Washing away our sins

Rabbi David Locketz

Wed., Aug. 9, 7:00 PM on the shore of Bet Shalom's wetland, 13613 Orchard Rd. Minnetonka

We will dive into the rabbinic texts on the role of water and repentance.

All Wet: Rabbinic Argument Gone Wrong

Rabbi Tamar Grimm

Date: Wed., Aug. 16, 12:00 PM at Rogers Lake Park Shelter, 994 Wagon Wheel Trail, Mendota Heights*

One very powerful (and attractive) rabbi loiters near sources of water attempting to influence the lives of those he encounters. Ultimately, he himself is transformed, but not necessarily for the better.

Rain, Torah and Humility

Rabbi Avram Etedgui

Thurs., August 24, 12:00 PM at Sharei Chesed, 1712 Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka*

We may take rain for granted here in Minnesota, but our sages considered it to be a gift and a miracle that exceeds Resurrection of the Dead and other great "events" in our history. (Ta'anit 7)

* There is limited seating. Feel free to bring a chair or blanket. Picnic lunches are welcome.

** All outside locations are covered or close to an indoor option.

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