

2024

Hebrew Class Offerings

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI YOSI GORDON

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30–7:50PM

College–Level Beginning Hebrew 1/2

For beginners whose goal is proficiency in modern Israeli Hebrew. Leads to speaking, listening comprehension, and reading/writing Hebrew. Emphasizes communication proficiency. Cultural materials are incorporated. *No prior Hebrew experience is required.*

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Sundays, 5:30–7PM and Wednesdays, 8–9:20PM

College–Level Hebrew 3

Strengthens and extends proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, and comprehension of modern Hebrew. Read and discuss prose, poetry, news, and film. Israeli cultural experiences. Hone composition, listening, reading, and speaking skills to prepare for proficiency exams. Taught primarily in Hebrew. *Students enrolling in Hebrew 3 must be able to converse in basic Hebrew on topics including daily life, know at least 3 binyanim of verbs, and write short paragraphs on common topics.*

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Dates and times TBA

College–Level Hebrew 5

Strengthens and extends proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, and comprehension of modern Hebrew. Read and discuss prose, poetry, news, and film. Israeli cultural experiences. Hone composition, listening, reading, and speaking skills to prepare for proficiency exams. Taught in Hebrew. *Students enrolling in Hebrew 5 must be able to converse in Hebrew on topics including daily life, the news, popular culture, and ideas; know at least 4 binyanim of verbs; understand audio and video recordings; and write essays on a range of topics.*



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Midrasha

Jewish Learning for Teens



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Midrasha Class Offerings

INSTRUCTOR: LESLIE COPES FINKE

Mondays, 6:30–7:45PM

Challenges and Choices: A Jewish Teen’s Guide to a Balanced Life

A one-of-a-kind pilot program presented in collaboration with The National Mussar Institute: Challenges and Choices: A Jewish Teen’s Guide to a Balanced Life. This program is an interactive, experiential, and engaging 12-unit curriculum that will be facilitated by the Director of the national Mussar Teen Program, Leslie Copes Finke. With the goal of creating a deeper connection to Judaism, Challenges and Choices helps teens find meaning and purpose by navigating life choices in healthy ways that reflect Jewish values. Using practical Jewish wisdom, facilitated discussions, and a focus on social, emotional, and spiritual learning, the program also addresses the mental health stressors brought on by life’s challenges facing today’s teens. The program was developed, piloted, and evaluated through a generous grant from The Templeton Foundation.

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI YOSI GORDON

Tuesdays, 7–8PM

Unveiling Esther: Courage and Intrigue in the Shadow of Power

Rabbi Gordon’s text study on The Book of Esther: Not what you learned about in Sunday school!

Challenges and Choices is for students in grades 10th–12th. All other courses are open to all high-school students. All semester courses are \$360. Financial aid is available. All courses are held via Zoom.

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Midrasha Class Offerings

INSTRUCTOR: DR. OREN EUBANKS SEGAL

Wednesdays, 6:30–7:20PM

From Ancient Scrolls to Modern Souls: A Teen’s Guide to Torah

Join Dr. Oren Eubanks Segal for an electrifying literary adventure that will uncover the Torah’s timeless wisdom and channel it to the issues that matter in our lives—think of it as deciphering an ancient code that unlocks the modern world. Dive headfirst into riveting topics like gender, class, and cross-cultural influences, and become a master of reading Torah between the lines.

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Wednesdays, 7:30–8:20PM

TeenFlix: Israel’s Cultural Kaleidoscope

Dive into the vibrant world of Israeli cinema with Dr. Oren Eubanks-Segal (U of Michigan)! Explore the heart and soul of modern Israel through recent films. It is not just watching, it is engaging in spirited conversations, lively debates, and uncovering the fascinating intersection of history and modernity. Discover the intensity, trends, dreams, and realities that shape this nation. We will unravel the intricate tapestry of cultural identities in Israeli cinema and emerge with a profound understanding of the forces shaping Israel today.

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Midrasha Mini-Class Offerings

INSTRUCTORS: EARL SAMUELS AND NINA

SCHWARTZ

Mini-class, 3 sessions. Dates TBA

Big Money and Loose Talk

The power of money and of words—to disrupt, mislead, protest, influence, aid—is enormous. Both can be used to bring people together or to separate them, to harm or to heal. Jewish history is filled with examples. In this course we grapple with current dilemmas arising from the social power of wealth and of words, as we reflect on our own experience as members of communities where money talks, and so do we.

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Mini-class, 3 sessions. Dates TBA

Insiders, Outsiders: What Does it Take to Belong in Jewish Life?

Throughout our history some Jews have been seen as “outside the pale”—not fully part of the Jewish people, though—no surprise—the reasons have changed. Let’s explore together what makes a community a Jewish community: Where do its boundaries lie, and where should they? At the center of our reflections are two case histories: the dissolution of the Jewish community of North Minneapolis, and the troubling clash of two Jews from Minnesota over a seat in the Senate. They both foreshadow disturbing challenges in our own community today.

Mini-courses are \$250 per semester. Financial aid is available. All courses are held via Zoom. Please visit [TTS.org](https://www.tts.org) for more information on courses, tuition, and enrollment. Exact dates and times will be determined based on student enrollment.