



Institute for Adult Jewish Studies

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*Temple Chaverim
Temple Or Elohim
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PROGRAM 2017-2018 • ACADEMIC YEAR 5778

**Fall Session: Jericho Jewish Center, 430 North Broadway, Jericho, NY 11753
516-938-2540**

Opening Lecture: Monday, October 23, 2017 at 9 PM. *No classes scheduled that day.*
Classes run October 30 through December 18, 7:45 PM to 8:45 PM, preceding each lecture.

Refreshments following lectures donated by ShopRite of Plainview

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Title</i>
October 23	Nathan Guttman	Israel and U.S. Relations in the Trump Era
October 30	Rabbi Burton Visotzky, Ph.D.	Aphrodite and the Rabbis—How Jews and Judaism Adapted Roman Culture to Create Judaism as We Know It Today
November 6	Glen Dynner, Ph.D.	Jews, Liquor and Life in Eastern Europe: The Rise and Fall of the Iconic Jewish Tavern Keeper
November 13	Eva Fogelman, Ph.D.	Moral Courage During the Holocaust
November 20	Louis Grumet	The Curious Case of Kiryas Joel
November 27	David Luchins	Election 2016: Was It Good for the Jews?
December 4	Debbie Wells	Jewish Artists and Designers—Focus on Men
December 11	Rabbi Paul Moses Strasko	Contemporary Jewish Life in Germany
December 18	Gathering Time Trio	Freedom and Light

Winter Session

**Twentieth Century American Jewish Life—Tragedy, Espionage, Crime and Comedy
by Howard Ehrlich**

**Temple Beth Torah, 243 Cantiague Rock Road, Westbury, NY 11590, 516-334-7979
Programs at 8 PM Mondays, January 8, 15, 22 and 29**

No additional charge for those registered for the Fall Session.
If not registered for the Fall Session: Each lecture \$5, or \$15 for all four.

January 8	The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire
January 15	The Ethel and Julius Rosenberg Case
January 22	Jewish Gangsters
January 29	The Distinct Style of American Jewish Comedians

Fall Session Lectures

October 23 – Nathan Guttman

Israel and U.S. Relations in the Trump Era

Nathan Guttman is a staff writer for the *Forward*. Based in Washington, D.C., he writes about Jewish politics, U.S.–Israel relations and Jewish policy. Mr. Guttman is also the U.S. correspondent for Israel's Channel 1 Public TV Network.

October 30 – Rabbi Burton Visotzky, Ph.D.

Aphrodite and the Rabbis—How Jews and Judaism Adapted Roman Culture to Create Judaism as We Know It Today

Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky serves as Appleman Professor of Midrash and Interreligious Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he joined the faculty upon his ordination as rabbi in 1977. He serves as the Louis Stein Director of the Finkelstein Institute for Religious and Social Studies at JTS, charged with programs on public policy. Visotzky also directs the Milstein Center for Interreligious Dialogue at JTS. Visotzky is the author of 11 books and over 120 articles and reviews. His most recent book, *Aphrodite and the Rabbis: How the Jews Adapted Roman Culture to Create Judaism as We Know It*, was published in 2016. Rabbi Visotzky is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He has been named to the "Forward 50" and repeatedly to the *Newsweek/Daily Beast* list of "The 50 Most Influential Jews in America."

November 6 – Glen Dynner, Ph.D.

Jews, Liquor and Life in Eastern Europe: The Rise and Fall of the Iconic Jewish Tavern Keeper

Dr. Glen Dynner is professor of Religion at Sarah Lawrence College. He is a member of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton University, and has been both a Fulbright Scholar and a National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Scholar at the Center for Jewish History. He is author of *Men of Silk: The Hasidic Conquest of Polish Jewish Society*, and *Yankel's Tavern: Jews, Liquor & Life in the Kingdom of Poland*. He is also editor of *Holy Dissent: Jewish and Christian Mystics in Eastern Europe*; co-editor of *Polin Studies in Polish Jewry Volume 27*; and co-editor of *Warsaw. The Jewish Metropolis: Essays in Honor of the 75th Birthday of Professor Antony Polonsky*.

November 13 – Eva Fogelman, Ph.D.

Moral Courage During the Holocaust

Eva Fogelman is a social psychologist, psychotherapist, filmmaker and author. She is co-director of Child Development Research; co-founder of psychotherapy with Generations of the Holocaust and Related Traumas; co-founder of the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers (now the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous); writer and co-producer of the documentary *Breaking the Silence: The Generation After the Holocaust*; author of the Pulitzer Prize nominated book *Conscience and Courage: Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust*; and advisor to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

November 20 – Louis Grumet

The Curious Case of Kiryas Joel

Louis Grumet is an attorney who filed the lawsuit known as *Board of Education of the Village of Kiryas Joel vs. Grumet*—the case that challenged the establishment of a special school district for a religious sect. This led to a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision. At that time, Mr. Grumet was the executive director of the New York State School Boards Association. He is a former assistant commissioner for the Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions for the New York State Education Department. Mr. Grumet has written extensively on issues of education and governmental ethics and had an article about the Kiryas Joel case published in the May 2011 issue of the *New York State Bar Journal*.

November 27 – David Luchins

Election 2016: Was It Good for the Jews?

David Luchins is chairman of the Political Science Department at Touro College. He was formerly a longtime senior advisor to the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York. Currently, he is a national officer of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs and, since 1976, national vice president of the Orthodox Union. A devoted disciple of the late Rav Ahron Soloveichik zt"l, he is a popular speaker at college campuses, yeshivot, and synagogues throughout North America and Israel; a guest faculty member for the last 33 summers at Aish HaTorah Jerusalem and OU Israel Center; and a frequent lecturer for the Chicago Community Kollel's outreach programs, Hillel, the State Department Distinguished Visitors Program, Chabad, the Orthodox Union and NCSY. Luchins is also the first Orthodox recipient of the JCPA's Chernin Social Justice Advocate Award, 2015.

December 4 – Debbie Wells

Jewish Artists and Designers—Focus on Men

Debbie Wells is co-founder and partner of "Artful Circle" with Franklin Hill Perrell, the former chief curator at the Nassau County Museum of Art. Ms. Wells is an award-winning graphic designer and marketing specialist. She is a graduate of Parsons School of Design and has had a professional art background for over 30 years. Ms. Wells also currently serves as chair of the Board of Directors of the Art League of Long Island in Dix Hills, N.Y.

December 11 – Rabbi Paul Moses Strasko

Contemporary Jewish Life in Germany

Rabbi Paul Moses Strasko pursued rabbinical studies at Abraham Geiger Kolleg in Germany, including an academic year at the Steinsaltz Institute and a year at Hebrew Union College (HUC) in Jerusalem, where he received the Michael Klein prize for academic excellence. Since his ordination, he has served in the Communauté Juive Liberale de Geneve and in Duisburg in Germany. Rabbi Strasko is currently Rabbi at Congregation Kol Shalom on Bainbridge Island, WA, and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Potsdam.

December 18 – Gathering Time Trio

Freedom and Light

Start with the 1960s folk tradition of Peter, Paul & Mary; add the vocal complexity and electric energy of Crosby, Stills & Nash; a dash of the Byrds and a jolt of Joni Mitchell; and you have Gathering Time, a folk-rock/Americana harmony trio that has been turning heads for nearly a decade on the north-eastern folk circuit and beyond.

Winter Session

Twentieth Century American Jewish Life—Tragedy, Espionage, Crime and Comedy

January 8, 15, 22, 29 – Howard Ehrlich

Howard Ehrlich is professor of History and Education at St. John's University. The former executive director of the Theodore Roosevelt Association in Oyster Bay, he is currently special assistant to Mr. Tweed Roosevelt, great-grandson of the president and the association's current executive director. Professor Ehrlich's work with the Roosevelt family and the association involves such activities as the publication of a quarterly scholarly journal, the presentation of scholarships and awards, and giving talks to various organizations on matters of historical significance.

Fall Session Classes:

Each course listed below (with the exception of #4) meets for 8 weeks from 7:45 PM to 8:45 PM on consecutive Monday evenings from October 30 through December 18 at Jericho Jewish Center. Register for one course only. You may use the form on the attached flap to register by mail or you can register in person on October 23 or October 30 (between 7:30 PM and 8:45 PM).

Course # 1 • Great Jewish Short Stories

Instructor: Rabbi Steven Conn, Plainview Jewish Center

Everyone loves a good story. But stories are more than just entertainment. As Jews, we have always used stories to explore moral and spiritual issues and grapple with what it means to be a Jew in whatever society we live in. Since the late nineteenth century, Jewish authors have used the short story as a primary vehicle for expressing their thoughts and ideas. We will read at least one short story together in class each week. These stories will be drawn from the works of great 20th and 21st century authors like Isaac Bashevis Singer, Bernard Malamud, Grace Paley, Philip Roth, Cynthia Ozick, Nathan Englander, Molly Antopol and Etgar Keret. As we read, we will discuss the Jewish dimension of each story. Themes will include Jewish identity and assimilation in America and Israel, the quest for God and spirituality, the experience of anti-semitism and persecution, and much more.

Course #2 • The People and the Books

Instructor: Cantor Kyle Cotler, North Shore Synagogue

Jews are often referred to as “the people of the book.” We often associate “the book” with the Torah. However, in this course, we will delve deeply into the rich tradition of literature and how it shaped our people over the centuries. We will explore many classic texts, including *Deuteronomy*, *Pirkei Avot* and works by Spinoza and Herzl. The goal of this course will be to examine how central questions and themes of our history and culture are reflected in the Jewish literary canon spanning hundreds of years.

Course #3 • The Guide for the Perplexed

Instructor: Rabbi Jonathan Hecht, Ph.D., Temple Chaverim

Maimonides wrote his *Guide* for the person who was grounded in a faith tradition, and, having studied philosophy, was having difficulty reconciling these two equally compelling sources of truth. In modern times we often find ourselves similarly “perplexed” as we try to reconcile Judaism and the biblical tradition with modern Western thought. Using Micah Goodman’s brilliant and readable analysis, *Maimonides and the Book That Changed Judaism*, we will be revealing some of the “secrets” in Maimonides’ great work of Jewish philosophy.

Course #4 • Great Schisms in Jewish History (This 6-week course begins on November 13)

Instructor: Rabbi Benjamin Herman, Jericho Jewish Center

Ever feel that the Jewish community is divided? Well, it has been that way for thousands of years. Come learn about the tension between the Pharisees, Sadducees and Essenes; the Rabbis and the Karaites; the Hasidim versus the Mitnagdim; and Jewish responses to modernity. Our studies will primarily draw from the book *Great Schisms in Jewish History* by Raphael Jospe and Stanley Wagner.

Course #5 • Popular Israeli Songs and the Bible

Instructor: Rabbi Michael Katz, Temple Beth Torah of Westbury

We’ll listen to and examine several songs from Israel (in the original Hebrew and in translation) that are based on stories from the Bible. We’ll then study the biblical texts, and see what the songs add to the stories—and how they change them.

Course #6 • Essays in Contemporary Jewish Life

Instructor: Rabbi Rafi Rank, Midway Jewish Center

Rabbi Rank has written a series of essays on the meaning and challenges of maintaining one’s Jewish identity in America and the Western world. Rabbi Rank will read the essays with the hope of generating some heartfelt, if not controversial, reflections on the subject. Various topics such as loss of faith, difficulties in following Jewish law, interfaith marriage, the search for God, and the effectiveness of prayer, will be addressed in accessible and deeply honest ways.

Course #7 • The Talmud’s Greatest Hits!

Instructor: Rabbi Neil Schuman, Manetto Hill Jewish Center

The Talmud, Judaism’s vast repository of law and legend, covers many thousands of pages. At the rate of learning just one page a day, it would take over seven years to complete it. Many of its teachings have influenced and cemented Jewish thought and belief for two thousand years. In this class, we’ll delve into many of these discussions. We’ll see the formation of traditional Jewish thought and practice, what’s essential and what’s amendable. Texts will be provided in English.

Course #8 • Israeli Folk and International Dancing

Instructor: Devorah Cohen-Keynan

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SPONSORING CONGREGATIONS

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421 Split Rock Road
Syosset, NY 11791
516-921-4224
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Jericho Jewish Center (JJC)

430 North Broadway
Jericho, NY 11753
516-938-2540
Rabbi Benjamin Herman
President: Richard Cepler

Manetto Hill Jewish Center (MHJC)

244 Manetto Hill Road
Plainview, NY 11803
516-935-5454
Rabbi Neil Schuman
President: Michael Dashow

Midway Jewish Center (MJC)

330 South Oyster Bay Road
Syosset, NY 11791
516-938-8390
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North Shore Synagogue (NSS)

83 Muttontown Road
Syosset, NY 11791
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Rabbi Jaimee Shalhevet
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Plainview Jewish Center (PJC)

95 Floral Drive
Plainview, NY 11803
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Rabbi Steven Conn
Cantor Morris Wolk
President: Charles Wasserman

Temple Beth Torah (TBT)

243 Cantiague Rock Road
Westbury, NY 11590
516-334-7979
Rabbi Michael Katz
Cantor Carol Chesler
President: Andrew Marshall

Temple Chaverim (TC)

1050 Washington Avenue
Plainview, NY 11803
516-367-6100
Rabbi Jonathan Hecht
Assistant Rabbi Debra Bennet
Cantor Bradley Hyman
President: Gary E. Schreiber

Temple Or Elohim (TOE)

18 Tobie Lane
Jericho, NY 11753
516-433-9888
Rabbi Cassi Kail
Cantor David Katz
President: Michael Wilner

Woodbury Jewish Center (WJC)

200 South Woods Road
Woodbury, NY 11797
516-496-9100
Cantor Aaron Cohen
President: Laury Weber

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND TUITION

Everyone is encouraged to register in advance.

To register, complete the form below or print it from our website, www.IAJS.org, and mail it along with your check payable to IAJS at:

**Institute for Adult Jewish Studies
48 Helen Avenue, Plainview, NY 11803**



Mail registration should be sent no later than October 6, 2017.

In-person registration will be held at Jericho Jewish Center on the first two Monday evenings, October 23 and October 30, between 7:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

The tuition shown below is per person and covers the entire 2017–2018 program—the course of your choice and all lectures—for both the Fall and Winter sessions.

For additional information, members of sponsoring congregations should contact their congregational representatives to the IAJS. Non-affiliated participants can contact Elaine Schirmer at (516) 933-2528 or Carole Wolfner at (516) 349-7616.



TUITION:

Member of Sponsoring Congregation.....	\$30 per person
Non-member	\$40 per person
Students under age 25	No charge
Individual Lectures	\$5 per person
Winter Session Only	\$15 per person

Spouses may register on same form.

Last Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Member of Sponsoring Congregation _____

Non-member *Name of Your Sponsoring Congregation*

Your First Name

Course #

Instructor

Classes begin on October 30

If mailing registration, enclose check with above form and mail to:

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48 Helen Avenue, Plainview, NY 11803

***DIRECTIONS TO JERICHO JEWISH CENTER
FALL SEASON***

430 North Broadway, Jericho, NY 11753 ♦ 516-938-2540

Long Island Expressway, Exit 41N (Route 106/107 – Broadway)

Continue north on Route 106-107 and make a left turn onto Columbia Drive (fire station on your left). Turn right into parking lot behind the fire station. The entrance to the sanctuary and ballroom faces North Broadway. The entrance to the lower level classroom wing faces Manhattan Drive. Please note that there is no elevator in the building.

Northern State Parkway, Exit 35N (Route 106/107 – Broadway)

Continue north on Route 106-107 crossing over the Long Island Expressway. Follow the directions above.

***DIRECTIONS TO TEMPLE BETH TORAH
WINTER SESSION***

243 Cantiague Rock Road, Westbury, NY 11590 ♦ 516-334-7979

From Northern State Parkway (Westbound)

Exit 34 (Brush Hollow Road). Turn right at end of exit ramp (traffic light) onto Brush Hollow Road. Turn right (at Rallye BMW) onto Cantiague Rock Road. Continue 3/4 mile to temple on right.

From LIE (Westbound)

Exit 40W. Make sharp left turn at 2nd traffic light onto Cantiague Rock Road. Continue 3/4 mile to temple on right.