

**Beth Jacob  
Congregation**



***Limud La'ad* –  
Jewish Adult Learning**

**Winter/Spring 2010  
5770**

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# Monday Night Limud

7:00 PM Pre-learning Schmooze and Munch

7:15 PM – 8:15 PM

## Monday Night Talmud

With Rabbi Morris Allen

Study the words and thoughts of Rabbinic tradition as a living text in our modern world by working in Chapter 3 of the Talmudic Tractate Sanhedrin. This chapter addresses the following questions: Who can serve as a judge? How do you determine the acceptability of witnesses? What constitutes an untrustworthy witness, what would disqualify a witness for other reasons? and What is appropriate judicial procedure? In truth, this section of the Talmud determines how Biblical ideas become actualized in real life experiences.

*New students are always welcome.*

## Conversations with our Four-Mothers”

With Rabbi Lynn Liberman

A study of the Matriarchs through the Biblical text, Midrashic texts and Women’s writings including use of the new volume, The Torah: A Women’s Commentary.

Sarah

Feb. 1, 8, 15, March 1

Rebecca

March 8, 15, 22

Rachel

April 12, 19, 26, May 3

Leah

May 10, 17, June 7

Culmination Event

June 14

Come to learn about one, two, three or all four dynamic women. Suggested donation - \$10.00 for materials.

Note Starting Date: February 1, 2010

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## For the Jew in the Pew, a Shabbat Morning Torah Conversation

9:15 AM–9:55 AM

**Shabbat Mornings** with Rabbi Lynn Liberman

A study of the weekly Torah portion comparing the Torah commentaries that are commonly found in the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Synagogues and Temples with an eye to finding a personal connection to these texts for our lives today.

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## Parasha HaShavua How Does The Weekly Torah Portion Impact On Life Today?

4:00 PM–5:00 PM

**Tuesday afternoons** with Rabbi Morris Allen

By using traditional and modern commentaries on the weekly Torah portion, its ideas and meanings are illuminated. Joins us as we walk through the Torah week by week reflecting on the enduring lessons it teaches. Cookies, bars and coffee served.

## B'racha and Bagel: A Morning *Shiur* with Breakfast

8:00 AM, following Minyan

**Wednesday Morning after Minyan**

with Rabbi Lynn Liberman

Our texts are short passages from our rabbinic tradition including the Mishna and the Talmud. Join together for a brief 10 minute *Shiur* and light breakfast with Rabbi Liberman. Suggested donation: \$1.00 for breakfast.

## Journeying Through January - Shabbat of Shira and Tu B'shvat

*Friday night, January 29*

*Tu B'shvat Shabbat Indoor "Winter Picnic"*

5:30 PM services followed by the seder and dinner

Our Tu B'shvat Seder and Friday night "picnic-style" dinner will include BBQ chicken, corn-on-the-cob, and potato salad, plus a vegetarian option. Cost: Adults: \$15/\$18; Children age 4-10: \$10/\$12; Children under 4 Free. Early bird special deadline is January 20. After January 20 and by January 26, the price for dinner will increase. Full details are on the registration sheet and the Beth Jacob WEBSITE [www.beth-jacob.org](http://www.beth-jacob.org).

*Saturday morning, January 30 - Storahtelling*

*Storahtelling is ...*

*A RADICAL fusion of storytelling, Torah,  
contemporary performance ART and  
traditional RITUAL.*

Artist-in-Residence, Storahtelling maven Marge Eiseman will bring Torah alive to our congregation during the Torah reading in the Sanctuary through the art of Storahtelling. After services we will have a 'talk with the artist' following Kiddush.

For more information about Storahtelling,  
visit <http://www.storahtelling.org/index.jsp>

*Saturday night, January 30 - Melaveh Malkah - 7:00 PM*

Led by Marge Eiseman with our own Wendy Goldberg and our Beth Jacob musicians

7:00 PM Cookies and Sweets Bar

7:30 PM Havdallah and 'Let the Music Begin!'

## World Wide Wrap

**Sunday, February 6, 2010**

**22 Shevat 5770, 9 AM Minyan**

Followed by a brunch with a special program

**“Including the excluded - a traditional Mitzvah open to All”**

This program is an extension and furthering of our conversation on issues of inclusion during this Jewish Disability Awareness Month.

## Pre-Purim Learning Event

### **Unrolling the whole Megillah: Purim Beyond the Carnival**

An evening of art and text study in preparation for Purim

**February 22, 2010**

6:30 Registration opens - 7:00 Sessions begin

At Temple of Aaron, St. Paul, MN

Brought to you by

*The Conservative Consortium for Adult Education:  
a collaboration of the Twin City Conservative synagogues*

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## Special Opportunity



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, March 14, 2010**

Join us for an exciting opportunity to learn with **Nigel Savage**, founder of Hazon. For more information about Hazon, go to [www.hazon.org](http://www.hazon.org).

## Dead Sea Scrolls - A Community Learning Experience

Beginning March 12 the Science Museum will be hosting an exhibit on the Dead Sea Scrolls. This is a rare opportunity to be able to see this unique treasure of significance not only to Judaism, but also to other faith traditions including Christianity.



To enrich our learning and experience of this important archaeological treasure, the Rabbis of St. Paul through our synagogues, schools and agencies, have created a unique series of classes and learning events.



### Community Lecture Series with Dr. Alex Jassen of the University of Minnesota

During this course, participants will learn how to read the texts of the Dead Sea Scrolls (in translation) and engage with the scholarly discussions regarding their significance. Participants will gain first-hand knowledge of these important historical documents and understand what exactly they are, where they come from, when they were composed, why they have become scandalous, and what they really contribute to our understanding of the Bible, Judaism, and Christianity.

Dr. Jassen is Assistant Professor of Early Judaism, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies, University of Minnesota.

The four part series will begin on Tuesday night Feb. 16 thru March 9. Cost of this course is \$36.00 for the full series or \$10.00 per session. To register, contact the JCC at (651)698-0751.

- Feb 16 JCC
- Feb. 23 Mt. Zion
- March 2 Beth Jacob
- March 9 Temple of Aaron



## Dead Sea Scrolls - A Community Learning Experience

~ At Beth Jacob ~

Archaeologist, Dr. Andrea Berlin

“Jewish life beyond the Revolt -  
The Archaeological Evidence.”

Following services on Shabbat,  
March 13, 2010



Dr. Andrea Berlin, the Morse-Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor of Archaeology, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies, University of Minnesota. Dr Berlin is an archaeologist specializing in the Near East in the millennium between the Achaemenid Persian empire and the Moslem conquests (c. 500 BCE – 640 CE). She currently co-directs the excavations at Tel Kedesh, in Israel's upper Galilee as well as consults on projects in Cyprus and Turkey. Dr. Berlin is especially interested in the nitty-gritty of daily life by focusing on the pottery found in these sights.

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Community Science Museum Visit  
to see the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit

Finally, join with the St. Paul Jewish community to view the exhibit at the museum the evening of March 18, 7:00 PM after which we will gather and have the opportunity to reflect and review on what we saw in the exhibit. For this date only, specially reduced ticket prices will be available by purchasing them through the St. Paul JCC. For full details including costs, watch for more information or contact Rabbi Liberman at [learn@beth-jacob.org](mailto:learn@beth-jacob.org)

## The Smith Family Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

May 7-9, 2010 - Rabbi Shai Held

**Rabbi Shai Held** is Co-Founder, Rosh HaYeshivah, and Chair in Jewish Thought at Mechon Hadar in New York City. Before that, he served as Scholar-in-Residence at Kehilat Hadar and taught both Jewish theology and Halakha at the Jewish Theological Seminary. An alumus of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship, Shai was Director of Education and Conservative Rabbinic Advisor at Harvard Hillel. A graduate of Harvard College, he has taught for institutions such as the Wexner Heritage Fellowship, the Drisha Institute, Hebrew College, Meah, UJA-CJP, and the Rabbinic Training Institute. He is currently completing a book-length study of the theology of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel.



### For More Information

For more information about these Jewish Adult Learning Opportunities, winter and spring classes, or other special learning programs, please visit our Website

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contact Rabbi Lynn Liberman,  
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