

NEW on Monday Evenings

"LTC" Leadership Training Course: Fostering New Jewish Leaders

Shir Hadash Professional Staff and Guests; 7 to 9 p.m.; fee: \$36. Mondays, Nov. 6, 27; Dec. 4, 11; Jan. 8, 29, 2018; Feb. 5, 26; March 5, 19.

Leaders are not born; they are made. At Shir Hadash, we encourage our members to take leadership roles in our community, at work, and elsewhere. This course is designed to give emerging leaders the necessary background, resources, and tools to lead not only our Jewish community but in every area of their lives. Some of the things the course will cover are ethical decision making; how to plan, inspire, and motivate; the functioning of our synagogue and Chicago Jewish community, resisting burnout; goal setting; time management; and envisioning the future. Class size is limited; please contact Rabbi Eitan Weiner-Kaplow to register.

COMING IN 2018

Taste of Mussar

Four weeks (TBA); fee \$36; Instructor Lynn Liebling. Mussar is a centuries old Jewish body of teachings, a perspective, and a disciplined practice that provides distinctively Jewish answers to the sorts of questions any thinking person asks about life. There are no prerequisites for this course and all texts will be studied in English. We will work on four themes that introduce the treasure-house of Mussar: Mussar as a guidance system for the soul, Humility, Trust, and Siscovering your unique spiritual curriculum.

Shir Hadash Adult Education

Shir Hadash offers a full slate of learning opportunities for the adult community. Are you:

- Thinking about furthering your Jewish knowledge or preparing for adult bar or bat mitzvah?
- Not Jewish but interested in learning more about Judaism?
- Thinking about converting to Judaism?

We offer a number of classes to meet your interests. Classes meet at a variety of times and days of the week to meet the needs of your schedule.



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Sundays During Religious School

Torah Study/Modern Jewish Philosophy

Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Instructor Fred Andes. Are you interested what the Torah has to tell us as modern Jews? Spend some time with us looking at the upcoming week's Torah portion (in English, don't worry about your Hebrew) and, as we Jews do, taking it apart, digging deep inside, and trying to figure out what it meant to Jews back then and what it should mean to us now. Then, we'll take a look at modern Jewish philosophy.

Living Judaism: Introduction to Jewish Spirituality & Civilization

Sundays, 11:15 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.; Nov. 12, 19; Dec. 10; Jan. 14, 21, 28, 2018; Feb. 11; Mar. 11, 18; Apr. 15, 22, 29; Instructor Rabbi Eitan Weiner-Kaplow. A survey of essential and fundamental concepts of Judaism—its roots, history, sacred texts, holidays, and life cycle celebration. This class is for everyone—from those with no Jewish background to those with a strong Jewish background.

Reconstructionism: American Judaism for the 21st Century

Sundays, 11:15 a.m. to 12:25 p.m., Oct. 15 and 22; Instructor Rabbi Eitan Weiner-Kaplow. A two-week introduction to the finer points of our creative and innovative Reconstructionist Movement. Highly recommended to new members of Shir Hadash and parents of new students in our religious school as well as anyone wanting a refresher on Reconstructionist Judaism. Find out what makes Shir Hadash so special and unique in the Jewish community.

Adult Hebrew Reading

Sundays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. beginning Oct. 15; Instructor Steve Lewin. This class will begin building your Hebrew vocabulary. After re-enforcing the alef-bet and building a basic vocabulary, we will learn prayers, beginning with Shabbat. Students will learn to read and understand the key prayers of the service including the Barechu, Shema/V'ahavta, Amidah, and Aleynu. We will also learn to chant the Torah blessings. Class will serve as the foundation for anyone exploring their own bar or bat mitzvah.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

We encourage our Jewish members who did not become Bar/Bat Mitzvah as a child to celebrate Bar or Bat Mitzvah as an adult. Most candidates will need to study in a one-to-two-year course to prepare for leading a Shabbat service and reading from the Torah. Students can celebrate adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah as individuals or in small/large groups. Year 1 consists of three classes: (1) Torah Study/Modern Jewish Philosophy, (2) Living Judaism, and (3) Adult Hebrew Reading. Year 2 classes focus on Hebrew Reading Proficiency, Service Leading Skills, Torah Study and D'var Torah Skills.

Bagel Breakfast and Speaker Series

Sundays, 11 am. to 12:30 p.m.; Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, 2018, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 8, May 5; \$5 fee. From 11-11:30 we'll enjoy breakfast and brief announcements about events at the synagogue. Each class features a speaker who will present on some fascinating and little known aspects of Jewish life, history, spirituality, current events, culture, etc.

Jewish Festivals for the Perplexed

Sundays during holiday focused Family Education days. Why do we eat latkes on Hanukkah? Why is Tu B'Shevat, a holiday for trees, in the middle of winter? Get the answers to these questions and so many more as we explore the roots, development and contemporary rituals for our Jewish holidays. But wait, there's more! We will also explore stories, games, foods and activities that make the holidays fun for the whole family!

Brunch/Lunch & Learn with the Rabbi

Join Rabbi Eitan Weiner-Kaplow, Shir Hadash members, and friends for a contemporary exploration of the weekly Torah portion, a selected book of the Bible, or a contemporary work of Jewish wisdom.

- **First and Third Thursdays, 12 to 1 p.m. Lunch & Learn at the Synagogue. Dates: Oct. 19; Nov. 2, 16; Dec. 7, 21; Jan. 4, 18, 2018; Feb. 1, 15; Mar. 1, 15; Apr. 5, 19; May 3, 17.**
- **Second Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. Brunch & Learn at a local restaurant. Dates: Nov. 9; Dec. 14; Jan. 11, 2018; Feb. 8; Mar. 8; Apr. 12; May 10.**
- **Fourth Thursdays, 12 to 1 p.m. Lunch & Learn in the Loop. Dates: Oct. 26; Nov. 30; Jan. 25, 2018; Mar. 22, Apr. 26; May 24.**