

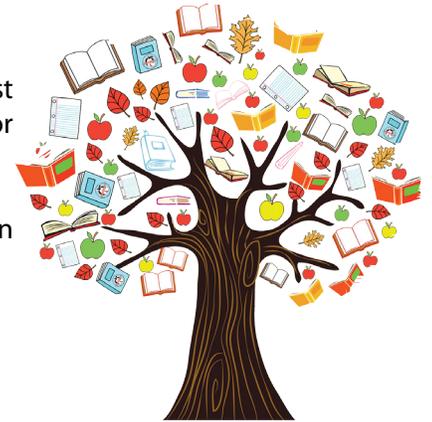


Lifelong Learning 5779 January – May, 2019

At Mishkan Shalom, we believe in learning for life. Below you'll find a varied, robust range of classes, workshops and experiences to help you—no matter your age or prior experience with Judaism—grow and learn.

Register and pay online for any class listed, using the Lifelong Learning page on Mishkan's website, www.mishkan.org, or mail your registration and a check. [Visit our website](#) for detailed information about our classes, location, teachers and more.

If you have a suggestion for a class you'd like to take—or teach—please contact Rabbi Joysa Winter, Education Director, at rabbijoysa@mishkan.org.



WHY GOD WON'T GO AWAY:

The Evolving Experience and Understanding of the Divine in Jewish Tradition and Contemporary Life, with Rabbi Shawn Zevit

Sundays, 10:00 am - Noon: March 3, 24, and 31; April 7. Rabbi Shawn's office

Especially in challenging times, the longing for meaning, purpose, community and connection remains unabated.

In this 4-session course, we will explore the historic Jewish God ideas from biblical to modern times. With a special focus on 21st century schools of thought - ecological, neo-hasidic, humanistic, feminist and new neuro-theological - we will discover how these understandings may guide us today. Each class will include experiential exercises, study and discussion, and will build one on the other. Texts will be provided, in addition to the required purchase of *Finding God: Selected Responses*, by Rifat Sonsino and Daniel Syme (Revised Edition, 2002), ([available at these booksellers](#)).

\$72 members (\$108 non-members)

NAVIGATING THE SIDDUR with Elsie Stern

Sundays, 10:00 - 11:30 am: Jan. 6, Library; Jan. 27, Rabbi Shawn's office; Feb. 3, Library

By popular demand, Dr. Elsie Stern, PhD, professor of Bible at the Reconstructionist seminary, is bringing back her class on discovering the secrets of the Siddur. During these Sunday morning sessions, you will learn the *matbeah*, or order, of a Shabbat morning prayer service. You will learn to recognize the key structural elements or framework, when and who created the classic prayers, and what might have been the authors' larger *kavannot*, or intentions, behind the words.

This class, open to all, is especially helpful for parents whose kids will soon be embarking on their b'nai mitzvah preparatory year.

\$54 members (\$81 non-members)

LEARN TO LEYN/CHANT WITH CANTOR DAVID

Sundays, 12:15 - 1:15 pm: Feb. 24; March 10, 24, 31; April 14, 28

If you have ever wanted to chant (or "leyn") the passages for the Torah portion of a Shabbat service, now is your chance! Cantor David is offering a class, open to both adults and self-selected kids, who would like to learn the secrets of trope. The only pre-requisite is an ability to read Hebrew. If you hope to fully memorize and retain all the trope marks (musical notes) that you study in class, you will need to spend time studying at home between classes.

A special invitation is extended to parents who have a child who might be having a b'nai mitzvah in the coming years. You may want to debut your Torah-leyning skills alongside your child at their ceremony!

\$108 members (\$162 non-members)

END-OF-LIFE PLANNING: WHEN, HOW, WHY with Kate Judge and Patricia Quigley

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm: Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 14, April 11

As Groucho Marx once quipped: "Getting older is no problem. You just have to live long enough!"

Just how one lives at the end of life – whether it's a long life or a short one – is vitally important and personal. It's hard but important to make sure you have thought about and begun the critical conversations you need to have with those you love - parents, children partners, friends and yourself - about what matters to you.

We will explore various approaches and use a variety of new resources – film, essays, games, and reflection tools - to look at the important choices we have at the end of life.

\$72 (\$108 non-members)

SOUL COLLAGE with Susan Richards

Sundays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm: Feb 10, May 12

SoulCollage® is an intuitive, imaginative, creative and fun process. If you can use scissors and a glue stick, you can do it! Teens and adults, previous SoulCollagers® and newcomers are welcome. No art experience necessary! Susan Richards says: "Being a SoulCollage® Facilitator is the perfect integration of my lifelong spiritual pursuits, my 30 years as a psychotherapist in private practice in Solana Beach, California, and my current life as a full-time artist in the Philadelphia area." For more information, see www.soulcollage.com/susan-richards-lcsw

\$40 per session; includes all supplies (members and non-members)

Maximum 12 participants for this workshop.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE PRESENTS: Saturday Afternoon at the Movies

YIDL MITN FIDL, A 1936 Yiddish Language Musical (with subtitles) starring Molly Picon:

A Window Into the World of Yiddish Culture

Saturday, March 2, after services

The Library Committee's *One Book Mishkan* selection this year is Michael Wex's *Born to Kvetch*, which closely examines the Yiddish language to paint a deep portrait of the culture of European Jewry. The movie we've picked to complement our book, *Yidl Mitn Fidl* (1936), features an effervescent young Molly Picon, but the film is also a window into a world of Polish Jewry that would, in a short time, virtually disappear. The first part of the movie was filmed in Kazimierz Dolny, a Polish shtetl that hadn't changed much in several centuries, and locals served as extras; and the players alongside Picon include performers from Poland's Yiddish theater and film communities. The remainder of the movie is set in pre-war Warsaw.

The service that takes place at Mishkan Shalom on the morning of March 2 is the congregation's annual Shoah Torah Shabbat service, which honors the individuals and community in Poland from whom our rescued Torah came. While the movie is a comedy with music, the Library Committee hopes the film will fill in a picture of the civilization many of our ancestors were from, and be another reminder of what was lost and saved in the Shoah.

An oneg/lunch will follow services, and a discussion afterward will be facilitated by Adam Blistein. Details will follow.

All are welcome. \$5 donation requested.

TORAH STUDY

Each Shabbat morning we gather to read, discuss, question and explore that week's Torah portion in sessions led by Mishkan rabbis, members and friends of the community. Together, we become both teachers and students. Torah Study takes place every Shabbat morning from 9:00 - 10:00 am on the third floor, in the Chapel or the Library. Open to adults and teens, members and visitors. There is no fee for Torah Study.