

# **Temple Beth Emeth**



## **2007-2008**

### **Adult Hebrew**

#### **Hebrew in a Day—Sunday, Sept. 30, 9 to 4 pm**

Instructor: Pauli Weizman

Sunday, Sept. 30, 9 to 4 pm, at Beth Israel Congregation

The perfect opportunity to brush up and feel comfortable with the Hebrew alphabet.

This course is designed to teach the basics of Hebrew language reading. Become a confident Hebrew reader in one crash course. Food and materials are included.

\$60 TBE & BIC members/ \$80 non-members.

#### **Adult Hebrew begins in October**

Biblical & Conversational Hebrew, Beginning, Intermediate & Advanced levels.

Beginning & Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Classes are on Wednesday evenings (begins 10/10). Advanced Biblical Class meets on Monday (begins 10/8). Conversational Hebrew classes will be offered on Thursday evenings (begins 10/11). Winter & spring semesters are a continuation of the fall semester.

For a form or for more information, visit [www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/adult\\_education](http://www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/adult_education).

# Adult Learning 2007-2008

Any questions, please contact Devon Fitzig at 665-4744 or [dfitzig@templebethemeth.org](mailto:dfitzig@templebethemeth.org).

## **Preparing Your Heart for the High Holidays**

### **Wednesday, August 22, 6-8 pm**

Dinner & Discussion (by gender) with Rabbi Levy: "A Guy's Yom Kippur" & Cantor Rose: "Finding Time to Nurture Your Spirit." Cost of dinner is \$12.88\* for adults, \$10.30 for children under 10.\* Catered by Simply Scrumptious. RSVP to 665-4744 by 8/17.

\*Includes 3% donation to Mazon. Childcare Available with advanced notice.

### **Saturday morning Torah Study begins on September 1, weekly at 8:50 am**

An exploration of the weekly Torah portion held in the TBE chapel. Saturdays at 8:50 am, followed by a lay-led chapel service at 9:30 am (optional). Casual dress is fine.

### **Movie Tuesdays begin on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1-3 pm.**

For people with flexible schedules. Monthly Film & Discussion series held on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm. Coffee and noshes provided! Childcare available with advanced notice. Movie Tuesdays usually occur on the third Tuesday of the month. The September film is **Watermarks**.



### **Holiday Adult Study Sessions:**

Yom Kippur Meditation—Saturday, September 22, 9 am at Pease Auditorium (2nd floor)

Yom Kippur Adult Study Session—Saturday, September 22, 1:30 pm in the TBE Chapel

Simchat Torah Adult Study Session—Wednesday, October 3, 8:30 pm

Tikkun Leil Shavuot Adult Study Session—Sunday, June 8, 9 pm

### **Continuing Jewish Meditation, Wednesdays 7:30 to 8:45 pm**

Meditation and group discussion will take place in the TBE Chapel most Wednesdays beginning September 5th. We will be studying the Baal Shem Tov and his writings this fall. The book we will use is available from Amazon. It is entitled *Tzava'at Harivash, The Testament of Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov*, translated by Jacob Immanuel Schochet. Please contact Judy Freedman for more information at 769-1709 or [freedmanjudy@comcast.net](mailto:freedmanjudy@comcast.net)

## **Workshops on Interfaith Issues**

Intermarried couples and their relatives are encouraged to attend these upcoming sessions. Both workshops feature a panel and break-out discussion groups. Both sessions take place in the lower level classroom, 9/10. If you are celebrating Judaism in the home or would like to and want to know more, these sessions are for you!

**"Eggs, Plagues, Trees & Dreidels: Navigating the Holidays in the Interfaith Family"**  
Sunday, October 7, 3-5 pm,

**"Bris, Baptism, Bat Mitzvah: Navigating Lifecycle Events in the Interfaith Family"**  
Sunday, December 2, 3-5 pm

TBE's interfaith couples discussion group meets monthly. Non-members & relatives of an intermarried couple (Jewish/Not Jewish) are welcome.

**Rabbis for Human Rights' Director Rabbi Arik Ascherman will be speaking on Thursday evening, November 8, 7:30 pm.**

Details to follow. If you'd like to be involved in the event, please contact Ed Davidson at davidson@umich.edu.

## Classes

**R'fua Sh'leima: Healing and the Jewish Imagination with Cantor Annie Rose  
Mondays, Oct. 8, 15, & 22, 7:30 pm**

In this 3-session class, we will examine Jewish perspectives on healing, exploring personal experiences and developing a collection of prayers and readings to use in our daily lives. The book will be available for purchase at TBE: *Healing and the Jewish Imagination: Spiritual And Practical Perspectives On Judaism And Health (Hardcover)*, edited by Rabbi William Cutter. Contact Devon to sign up and purchase a book.

**Lunch & Learn: Pirke Avot with Rabbi Robert Levy  
on Fridays in the adult lounge from 12-1 pm, beginning on October 12**

In the middle of the mishnah's discussion of civil law is a small collection of rabbinic philosophy. Pirke Avot or Sayings of the Fathers is a compilation of pithy rabbinic wisdom and can serve as a window into the rabbinic mind.

**Friday afternoon Meditation and Learning with Rabbi Levy,  
1-2 pm in the chapel following the Rabbi's Pirke Avot course.**

(The two learning opportunities are separate. You can take one or both.)

Begins on Friday, October 12. Focuses on the weekly parasha (Torah portion) with a teaching from Rabbi Levy followed by meditation.

All levels are welcome.



### **Basic Judaism**

Instructors: Devon Fitzig & Rabbi Robert Levy

Sundays, Oct. 14, 21 & 28; Nov. 4, 11 & 18; Dec. 9; Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27; Feb. 10.

Cost: \$25 for non-members, free for members. This course will cover Jewish theology; holidays, customs and rituals; life cycle events; pre-modern history; history of the state of Israel and the Holocaust. If you would like to drop in for a session or two, let Devon know and she'll send you a syllabus.

### **Mourning & Mitzvah Class Mondays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28**

Instructor: Cantor Annie Rose

This course provides an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the mourning process in the company of others also searching for answers. The book will be available for purchase at TBE: *Consolation: The Spiritual Journey Beyond Grief* by Maurice Lamm. Contact Devon to sign up and purchase a book.

### **The Nature of Human Consciousness within Judaism with Rabbi Robert Levy Four Mondays at 7:30 pm: February 4, & 11; March 3 & 10.**

Rabbi Rami Shapiro sometimes says that he wants to grow up to be the person his dog thinks he is. What does your dog think of you and what does it mean to be human; to be good; to be loving? These issues and others will be explored through Jewish eyes using a variety of sources including film, television and books including *He, She, It* by Marge Piercy and some great Star Trek.

**TBE Library Hours:** Sundays 6 pm to 7:30 pm; Mondays & Wednesdays 4:15 to 6:00 pm; Thursdays 7-9 pm; Saturdays 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

## **New Beginnings Class**

For recent converts or those interested in conversion at TBE. Sundays, 6 to 7:30 pm. Six sessions, facilitated by Janice Gutfreund. Meetings explore issues of conversion and share information and support. If interested in class (begins in January '08), please contact Janice Gutfreund, New Beginnings Coordinator at [mjg@tir.com](mailto:mjg@tir.com) or 734-769-7388.



## **Family Programs-for all ages!**

### **Tu B'shevat Family Program**

Sunday, Jan. 27, 2-4 pm

### **Shavuot Family Program**

Sunday, June 8, 5-7 pm

**For tot program information, visit**

[http://www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/families\\_with\\_young\\_children](http://www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/families_with_young_children)

## **Parenting Workshops**

### **Awakening the Spirit Jewish Parenting Discussion Group**

This parent-run group meets monthly, for more information, please contact Terri Ginsburg at 665-5817 or [tginsburg@templebethemeth.org](mailto:tginsburg@templebethemeth.org).

### **Sacred Choices: Teens & Sex**

Instructors: Robert Cohen & Ruth Moscow Cohen.

Sundays, October 21 & 28, 6 to 7:30 pm, Details to follow.

### **"Raising a Mensch in the Age of Consumerism"**

Instructor: Terri Ginsburg

Saturdays, February 2 & 16, during both religious school sessions



## **Ongoing Groups**

### **Women's Rosh Chodesh Begins Sunday, Oct. 14, 6:30 to 7:30 pm**

Celebrate the new moon/month in a meaningful gathering of women. Co-sponsored by Caring Community and the TBE Sisterhood, each short service is followed by a discussion, study session, or special presentation. You'll find a complete service schedule at [www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/rosh\\_chodesh](http://www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/rosh_chodesh). To subscribe to the Rosh Chodesh email list, or if you'd like to lead a service or discussion, contact Devon Fitzig at 665-4744 or [dfitzig@templebethemeth.org](mailto:dfitzig@templebethemeth.org).

### **Men's Torah Study begins Wednesday, Oct. 24**

A lay-led study of the weekly Torah portion. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month of the school year from 7:30-8:30 p.m. For information, contact Roger Stutesman at [rgstutesman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rgstutesman@sbcglobal.net) or 327-9215.

### **Brotherhood Limudim Events**

Learning sessions are scheduled throughout the year. For more information, please contact Bill Parkus at [parkus@comcast.net](mailto:parkus@comcast.net) or George Brieloff at [gbrieloff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gbrieloff@sbcglobal.net).

### **Sisterhood Learning Opportunities**

For information, please contact Helaine Reid at [hmr1335@comcast.net](mailto:hmr1335@comcast.net) or 734/663-0198.

### **Social Action Committee (SAC) Learning Opportunities**

For information, please contact Ed Davidson at [davidson@umich.edu](mailto:davidson@umich.edu) or Arlene Dietz at [adietz1@comcast.net](mailto:adietz1@comcast.net).