



SHABBAT-BASED LEARNING

TORAH STUDY

9:00 am to 10:00 am

Shabbat mornings

Led by Rabbi Georgette Kennebrae

Every week, Rabbi Kennebrae leads text study of the weekly Torah portion. As a learning community, we seek to draw on our texts, honor them for what they represented in their time of creation and explore how they can be applied in our time.

SHABBAT STUDY MINYAN

10:00 am to 11:15 am

Shabbat mornings

Led by Michael Graff

Close study of essential Jewish texts. Reading in advance of each session required.

HEALTH EFFECTS OF 9/11: THE COSTS OF RECOVERY AND WORK

Saturday, Sept. 22 after Kiddush

Presentation by Mayris Webber

ART AND THE BIBLE

Saturdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Led by Connie Goldfarb

Interactive seminars in which different artists' interpretation of selected Torah stories will be examined.

HAMATMID/JEWISH ETHICS

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Shabbat afternoons

Led by Susan Schorr

Drop in any Shabbat and join the discussion. First and third Saturdays we study texts—either the haftarah of the day or selected passages from the prayerbook. On the second and fourth Saturdays, we discuss ethics drawing from our tradition and our life experiences.

CHUG IVRI

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Last Shabbat of each month

Held in members' homes

Led by David Goldfarb

A chance to gain fluency in Hebrew by reading and discussing stories, poetry and articles on current affairs.



LECTURES

APHRODITE AND THE RABBIS

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 17

Rabbi Burton Visotzky

THE TRIAL OF SPINOZA:

A STAGED READING

(Based on a play by David Ives)

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday, April 11



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JEWISH INTELLECTUALS AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY FROM WEIMAR TO WASHINGTON

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Professor Daniel Bessner

JUSTICE, THE LAW AND THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

7:00 TO 8:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

Matt Katz and Jeffrey Heller

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SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Every other Monday beg. Sept. 17

Led by Judith Friedman

Participants will write and share short pieces on childhood memories, spiritual awakenings, personal understandings of the Torah stories and more. WES members only.

TORAH ON TUESDAYS

7 pm to 9 pm

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month

Led by Susan Schorr

All are welcome to join this ongoing study of the Torah in English. Drop in and join the conversation, currently reading the Isaac chapters in Genesis.

WISE AGING: LIVING WITH JOY, RESILIENCE AND SPIRIT

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

8 Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 10

Led by Sandy Warshaw

Six-week course to explore the power to prepare, to become stronger, more resilient and navigate the challenges of aging. Limited to 10-12 participants aged 60+. WES members only.

SIX SHORT STORIES BY ISRAELI WRITERS (IN TRANSLATION)

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Mondays, Oct. 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19

Led by Carole Kessner

Inspired by the present tense relationship between many American Jews and Israel, we will choose six stories to read in translation by Israeli writers, beginning with Nobel Laureate S.Y. Agnon (1888-1970) who was the veritable founding novelist of Israeli fiction. Then we might consider the German-born Aharon Appelfeld (1932-2018), as well as *sabra* writers such as Amos Oz, A.B. Yehoshua and David Grossman. We will also read some contemporary writers.

FAMOUS JEWISH TRIALS IN MODERN HISTORY

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 13; Wednesdays, Dec. 19, 26;

Wednesday, Jan. 2

Led by Irwin Wall

We will focus on the most famous and historically significant trials in modern Jewish history for their insight on the dilemmas of Jewish modernization and acculturation: The Dreyfus Affair, The Mendel Beilis ritual murder case, The Leo Frank trial and lynching, The Rosenberg case, The Holocaust on trial: David Irving versus Deborah Lipstadt on Holocaust Denial.

LEONARD COHEN: SPORTSMAN, SHEPHERD AND LAZY BASTARD (IN HIS OWN WORDS)

7:00 pm to 9:00pm

5 Wednesdays, Jan. 16, 30; Feb. 6, 20;
Mar. 6

Led by Susan Schorr

Study the values and messages in Leonard Cohen's poetry and songs that often used everyday experiences to transmit universal and intensely personal sacred truths.

FACING ETERNITY: GREAT AMERICAN POETS SEEK THE DIVINE

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

2 Wednesdays, March 27, April 3

Led by Art Spar

Do we believe in God, or is God dead? Can finite humans experience the eternal? This mini-class will look at what great American poets have said on the subject. Emily Dickinson peers at the chasm between mortal life and eternity. Walt Whitman perceives the beauty of living within an endless cycle. Wallace Stevens reconstructs ancient beliefs into a worship of the divine world. Edna St. Vincent Millay defiantly stares death in the eye. Believers and doubters are welcome.



MIDDAH (MORAL TRAITS)

TIKKUN MIDDOT PROJECT

WES members continue to study *middot* using the Tikkun Middot Project materials from the Institute for Jewish Spirituality as well as other resources, designed to promote the development of a contemporary Jewish spirituality practice.

MIDDAH ON MONDAYS STUDY GROUP

7 pm to 9 pm

Third Monday of each month

All WES members are welcome to join this ongoing group which explores West End's Middah of the Month using both traditional materials and a wealth of texts from modern authors, pop culture and more.