



SHABBAT-BASED LEARNING , *CONT.*

HAMATMID/JEWISH ETHICS

1:30 pm to 3 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 pm to 3 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.



SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

THE TALMUD: JUDAISM'S GREATEST CULTURAL MASTERPIECE

Saturday-Sunday, December 9-10



Rabbi Mira Wasserman, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Rabbinic Literature
Reconstructionist Rabbinical College



MIDDAH (MORAL TRAITS) STUDY

TIKKUN MIDDOT PROJECT

WES members continue to study *middot* using the Tikkun Middot Project materials from the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, 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.

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WES COURSES

SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

3 pm to 5:30 pm

Every other Monday beg. Oct. 16

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 Abraham chapters in Genesis.

WISE AGING: LIVING WITH JOY, RESILIENCE AND SPIRIT

4 pm to 5:30 pm

8 Wednesdays, Oct. 18 to Dec. 13

(except Nov. 22)

Led by Sandy Warshaw

This course will 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.

IMMIGRATION, ANTI-SEMITISM AND RACISM REDUX: 135 YEARS OF AMERICAN JEWISH WRITERS ON THESE SUBJECTS

7 pm to 8 pm

Wednesdays, Oct. 18 to Nov. 29 (except Nov. 22) Led by Carole Kessner

Using short stories and novellas, we will discuss the historical development of the problems of immigration, anti-Semitism and racism since Emma Lazarus' words were affixed to the Statue of Liberty in 1883.

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

7 pm to 8:30 pm

3 Thursdays, Nov. 9 to Nov. 30

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.

FRANCE AND ITS JEWS

7 pm to 8 pm

3 Thursdays, Oct. 19 to Nov. 2

Led by Irwin Wall

The French Jewish Community today is the third largest concentration of Jews in the world. This course will provide a brief history of the Jews of France in the modern period.

ART AS MIDRASH

Schedule to be announced

Led by Connie Goldfarb

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



SHABBAT-BASED LEARNING

TORAH STUDY

9 am to 10 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 am to 11:15 am

Shabbat mornings

Led by Michael Graff

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