



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.

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.

THE MEANING OF CHANUKAH AND ITS RELATION TO OUR LIVES

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Shabbat afternoons, Dec. 7 and 14

Led by Bob Pollack

JEWIS AND GENES: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IDENTITY AND JEWISH ANCESTRY

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Shabbat afternoons, Mar. 7 and 14

Led by Bob Pollack

What does it take to be a Jew and who decides that? We will review historical and modern answers and consider the differences between Jewish identity—a matter of choice and communal judgment—and our Jewish ancestry, which some may think of as predestined based on our DNA.

FAMOUS JUDGES FROM OUR HAFTAROT: SAMSON

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Shabbat afternoon, June 6

Led by Connie Goldfarb, Jerry Posman and Alan Gotthelf



LECTURES

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MT. SINAI?

Thursday, Oct. 17, 7:00 pm

Sanford Lacks

THE KISHINEV POGROM OF 1903 AND THE ORIGINS OF MODERN ANTI-SEMITISM

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7:00 pm

Steven Zipperstein, Daniel E. Koshland
Professor in Jewish Culture and History at Stanford University

PURSUING URBAN SCHOOL REFORM: A TEACHER'S JOURNEY

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7:00 pm

Henry Saltzman

THE JEWISH PRESS: A CENTURY AGO AND TODAY

Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 pm

Samuel Norich

WES "LITTLE THEATER" PRESENTS "BAD JEWS" BY JOSHUA HARMON

Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 pm

David Prager

WHAT MATTERS

A three-part series

Robert Teicher, "Trusts and Estates." Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7:00 pm
Further events, TBA

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SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Every other Monday beg. Sept. 23

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.

WISE AGING: LIVING WITH JOY, RESILIENCE AND SPIRIT

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

8 Wednesdays, beginning Nov. 6

Led by Sandy Warshaw

An eight-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.

SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION FOR ALL COURSES

Up to 2 sessions	\$10.00
3 sessions or more	\$15.00

AMOS OZ, "A TALE OF LOVE AND DARKNESS"

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Tuesdays, Sept. 24; Oct. 15, 29; Nov. 12, 26; Dec. 10, Jan. 7

Led by Carole Kessner

In memory of the great Israeli writer Amos Oz, we will read, in six meetings, his masterpiece memoir. Profoundly personal and historically insightful, the book details Oz's life from his right-wing childhood to his adolescent move to a kibbutz to change his name and sense of self. Through all, Oz remained a faithful lover of Israel.

LEONARD COHEN: SPORTSMAN, SHEPHERD AND LAZY BASTARD

7:00 pm to 9:00pm

2 Wednesdays, Oct. 30 and Nov. 20

Led by Susan Schorr

On Oct. 30, we will look at the last decade of Leonard Cohen's life and on Nov. 20, we will consider his message as prophet.

THE JEWISHNESS OF KEY INTELLECTUALS AND CULTURAL FIGURES OF OUR TIMES

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Tues., Dec. 3; Weds., Dec. 18; Thurs., Jan. 2; Weds., Jan 15

Led by Irwin Wall

We will look at the "Jewishness" of Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud, Albert Einstein, and Franz Kafka. All four were born ethnically Jewish and culturally

German. To what extent did they identify as Jews, what role did their Jewish origins play in determining the course of their careers, and to what extent did their understanding of Judaism and Jews influence their life work?

THE SONG OF SONGS: THE WORLD'S FIRST GREAT LOVE POEM

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

2 Wednesdays, Feb. 19, Mar. 4

Led by Art Spar

Using the 1995 Chana Bloch/Ariel Bloch translation, we will take a fresh look at *The Song of Songs*. How did this voluptuous poem get incorporated into Holy Scripture? How was this powerful female voice interpreted by male hegemony? How shall we read it today? Join us for a unique experience in poetic love.

THE BOOK OF JOB AND "THE MASQUE OF REASON" BY ROBERT FROST

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

4 Wednesdays, Apr. 15, 22, 29; May 6

Led by Mel Scult

A comedy on a very serious subject, the play claims to be a 43rd chapter of the 42-chapter book of Job. It presents Job, Mrs. Job and God many years after Job's trials, all in quest of answers to the fundamental problem of evil and suffering. Please bring a copy of the Bible, including Job, to the first session.

DISCOVERING THE JEWISH PALETTE: THE ROLE OF COLOR IN OUR JEWISH LIVES

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Mondays, Apr. 6, 13, 27; May 4, 11, 18; June 1, 8

Led by Susan Schorr

We will explore the use of color in the Torah, in our ritual objects and in the language of prayer; and discuss how color-related associations influence our Jewish lives.



WES 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 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.