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Beth Emet

THE FREE SYNAGOGUE

ADULT
education

Fall/Winter 5780 | 2019-20



This year at Beth Emet we are dedicating our adult learning programs to the memory of Rabbi Peter S Knobel, z”l. This past spring, Rabbi Knobel celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination from HUC-JIR. He was our Senior Rabbi at Beth Emet The Free Synagogue for thirty years and Rabbi Emeritus for the last nine.

Under his leadership, Beth Emet grew in size, vibrancy, and love of Torah. He was committed to Torah study and enriched our lives through his scholarship and teaching. May our learning bring honor to Rabbi Knobel’s memory.

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A grant from the David D. Polk and Marian Polk Fried Fund allows us to offer Beth Emet members all of the Friday morning 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. classes during the Fall/Winter 5780 term as a package for the reduced fee of \$150.

Learning and Growing Together

Lifelong learning is at the core of Beth Emet values. Beth Emet is a diverse community of individuals with different viewpoints, backgrounds, and a broad range of Jewish learning experiences. The Beth Emet Adult Education Program offers exciting possibilities for meeting new people, exchanging ideas, and embracing Jewish history, ritual, and culture. Our classes are taught by experienced teachers and lay leaders from Beth Emet and the larger community. Offerings range from one-time events to yearlong classes. The Fall/Winter 5780 term features a wide range of classes and special programs.

The variety of topics, opinions, and presenters is indicative of our year-long theme, **70 FACES OF TORAH**, in celebration of Beth Emet's seventieth anniversary. The rabbinic concept that there are seventy faces of Torah teaches that there are multiple facets of Torah. *Yayin*, the word wine in Hebrew, has the numeric value of seventy. Like a fine wine, Torah has a complexity of flavors and nuances. We can understand the many ways of looking at and understanding Torah as an invitation to draw our own interpretations, while simultaneously holding the interpretations of others. Engaging in study with questions, sources, friends, and teachers helps us to find our own share of Torah while nurturing and challenging the Torah of others.

Classes are listed and described alphabetically. There are also AT A GLANCE (quick reference) pages by starting date, topic, and day of the week. Everyone is welcome to listen, learn, contribute, and share new insights with other members of the Beth Emet community.

Helene Rosenberg, Adult Education Committee Chair

Barbara Bergard, Reva Denlow, Paul Fields, Nancy Fink, Douglas Hoffman, Barbara Linn, Jesse Rosenberg, and Barbara Schoenfield, Committee Members

Registration is required for each offering, including classes without fees.

You may register in print or online.

In Print:

Fill out the form on the registration page at the back of this brochure and mail or bring it with your payment to the office.

Online:

1. Check your email and use the Adult Education Registration link sent to members.
2. OR, go to the website (<http://bethemet.org/learning/adult-education/brochure-of-classes.html>) and open the registration link. Enter your zip code and your birth date, using the format mm/dd/yyyy, including the slashes. A pre-filled registration form unique to you will open. If we do not have your birth date and zip code on file, a blank form will open that will allow you to register.

AT A GLANCE: CLASSES AND EVENTS BY STARTING DATE

SEPTEMBER

- 18 Beth Emet Book Club (*meets the third Wednesday of each month*)

OCTOBER

- 6 Hebrew 1 (*continues weekly through May 10*)
6 Hebrew 2 (*continues weekly through May 10*)
20 Hebrew 3 (*continues weekly through May 10*)
24 Adult B'nei Mitzvah (*continues monthly through April 23*)
25 The Goals of Talmudic Storytelling (*continues November 1*)
30 Drumming for Self-Renewal

NOVEMBER

- 5 *When Judaism Meets Science—An Interview and Discussion with Author Roger Price*
6 *Avoiding the Unconscious Bias Trap (repeated November 8)*
10 The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian
12 Current Politics
13 The Planet in Peril—Study and Action
15 Your Space, My Space, Our Space: The Sabbath Prohibitions Through Halachic Eyes (*continues November 22*)
17 Soul Space Interfaith Women's Group Twentieth Anniversary Retreat
20 Examining the World of Jewish Jokes

DECEMBER

- 4 Exploring Whiteness (*repeated December 6*)
8 It's All About the Story, the Jewish Story
9 Imagining Immigration: The Stranger in Jewish Law and Lore—Study and Action
11 Drumming for Self-Renewal
13 Christians and Jews (*continues December 20*)
15 What is Your Favorite *Bubbe Meisse* or Old Wives' Tale?

JANUARY

- 7 Current Politics
10 On the Yellow Brick Road—What Happened After Our People Experienced the Exodus? (*continues January 17*)
23 What's on the Shabbat Table?
24 The Book of Lamentations—from Destruction to Hope (*continues January 31*)
30 Challah Bake

FEBRUARY

- 1 Israeli Film Night—*Apples from the Desert*
7 Freud and Herzl: Neighbors from Different Universes (*continues February 14*)
9 Jewish Vaudeville
14 A Close Look at Torah (*continues weekly through June 12*)
21 Religion and Literature (*continues February 28*)

AT A GLANCE: CLASSES AND EVENTS BY TOPIC

TORAH AND SACRED TEXT

- The Book of Lamentations—from Destruction to Hope
- A Close Look at Torah
- The Goals of Talmudic Storytelling
- On the Yellow Brick Road—What Happened After Our People Experienced the Exodus?
- Your Space, My Space, Our Space: The Sabbath Prohibitions Through Halachic Eyes

HEBREW AND ADULT *B'NEI MITZVAH*

- Adult *B'nei Mitzvah*
- Hebrew 1, 2, and 3

HISTORY AND CURRENT ISSUES

- Avoiding the Unconscious Bias Trap
- Christians and Jews
- Current Politics
- Exploring Whiteness
- Freud and Herzl: Neighbors from Different Universes
- Imagining Immigration: The Stranger in Jewish Law and Lore—
Study and Action
- The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian
- The Planet in Peril—Study and Action
- Soul Space Interfaith Women's Group Twentieth Anniversary Retreat
- When Judaism Meets Science*—An Interview and Discussion
with Author Roger Price

JEWISH ARTS, CULTURE, AND LIVING

- Beth Emet Book Club
- Challah Bake
- Drumming for Self-Renewal
- Examining the World of Jewish Jokes
- Israeli Film Night—*Apples from the Desert*
- It's All About the Story, the Jewish Story
- Jewish Vaudeville
- Religion and Literature
- Tikkun Middot Vaadot* (groups)
- What is Your Favorite *Bubbe Meisse* or Old Wives' Tale?
- What's on the Shabbat Table?

AT A GLANCE: CLASSES AND EVENTS BY DAY OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY

Hebrew 1, 2, and 3
It's All About the Story, the Jewish Story
Jewish Vaudeville
The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian
Soul Space Interfaith Women's Group Twentieth Anniversary Retreat
What is Your Favorite *Bubbe Meisse* or Old Wives' Tale?

MONDAY

Imagining Immigration: The Stranger in Jewish Law and Lore—
Study and Action

TUESDAY

Current Politics
When Judaism Meets Science—An Interview and Discussion
with Author Roger Price

WEDNESDAY

Avoiding the Unconscious Bias Trap
Beth Emet Book Club
Drumming for Self-Renewal
Examining the World of Jewish Jokes
Exploring Whiteness
The Planet in Peril—Study and Action

THURSDAY

Adult *B'nei Mitzvah*
Challah Bake
What's on the Shabbat Table?

FRIDAY

A Close Look at Torah
Avoiding the Unconscious Bias Trap
The Book of Lamentations—from Destruction to Hope
Christians and Jews
Exploring Whiteness
Freud and Herzl: Neighbors from Different Universes
The Goals of Talmudic Storytelling
On the Yellow Brick Road—What Happened After Our People
Experienced the Exodus?
Religion and Literature
Your Space, My Space, Our Space: The Sabbath Prohibitions
Through Halachic Eyes

SATURDAY EVENING

Israeli Film Night—*Apples from the Desert*

CLASSES AND EVENTS

Adult *B'nei Mitzvah*

with Marci Dickman

Thursdays, October 24, November 21, December 19, January 16,
February 27, March 19, April 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Participants study as a small group to become *b'nei mitzvah* together at Beth Emet. Requirements include Beth Emet membership, Hebrew 1 and Hebrew 2 or an equivalent, Torah and haftarah cantillation, and participation in this class. Our next *b'nei mitzvah* service will be scheduled for the fall of 2021. If interested in joining this ongoing class, please contact Marci Dickman (mdickman@bethemet.org).

\$100 fee in year of *b'nei mitzvah*

Avoiding the Unconscious Bias Trap

facilitated by Mark Schoenfield

Wednesday, November 6 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and repeated Friday, November 8
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Our brains take in and store huge amounts of sensory information. Part of the material stored unconsciously are cultural stereotypes we have seen or heard, which can remain even if we no longer consciously believe them. They can twist our perceptions, distorting our thoughts and actions. Cultural stereotypes, including gender, race, age, physical shape, ethnicity and religion, can cause us to unconsciously culturally stereotype others negatively. We can also be victims of unconscious negative stereotyping by others. We will interactively explore how unconscious bias occurs, and how to avoid the unconscious bias trap.

No fee (please register)

Beth Emet Book Club

facilitated by Judith Pittel

Wednesday, September 18 (continues the third Wednesday of every month)
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

All are welcome at Beth Emet's new book club. The first meeting, September 18, will be an organizational meeting to decide on books for the remainder of the year—Judie will bring a list of suggestions. Join the discussion, and meet new friends. Participate any time during the year. No fee or registration.

The Book of Lamentations—from Destruction to Hope

with Rabbi Allan Kensky

Fridays, January 24 and 31 | 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.

This small book of the Bible, written in the aftermath of the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BCE, expresses the anguish of the people at the calamity that befell them, but at the same time contains seeds of hope that eventually made for the rebirth and continued survival of the Jewish people. We will study the book with an eye towards understanding the process of grieving, self-reflection, and religious questioning that followed the destruction of the Temple, and will draw comparisons to other calamities that have befallen the Jewish people since.

Member fee \$25, or this class is included if you purchase the Fall/Winter term Friday morning package; non-member fee \$35

Challah Bake

with Yvette Alt Miller

Thursday, January 30 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Whether you're an expert baker or a challah newbie, this evening is for you! Learn how to make and braid challah and explore the meaning and mysticism behind this iconic Jewish bread. Each participant will bring home two beautiful braided challah loaves to bake. We'll serve snacks and wine to round out this enjoyable evening.

\$5 fee for ingredients (please register)



A Close Look at Torah

with Rabbi Andrea London

Fridays, February 14 – June 12 | 9:30 – 10:35 a.m. (no class March 6, April 10, and May 15)

There are many ways to interpret Torah and its nuances of meaning that are often overlooked. We will continue our learning from last semester, reading and interpreting the text line by line as we explore Numbers. New learners are always welcome. Texts will be provided.

No fee for members (please register); non-member fee \$40

Christians and Jews

with David Shyovitz

Fridays, December 13 and 20 | 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.

The relationship between Christians and Jews has been marked by violence and mutual antagonism for much of the past 2000 years; but at the same time, Jews and Christians are often assumed to be joint participants in a united “Judeo-Christian tradition.” These sessions will explore the varying, nuanced ways in which Jews and Christians have related to and perceived one another, from the biblical period to the present. These sessions comprise the first half of a two-part series, to be continued in Spring 2020.

Member fee \$25, or this class is included if you purchase the Fall/Winter term Friday morning package; non-member fee \$35

Current Politics

with David Zarefsky

Tuesdays, November 12 and January 7 | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.



This is a continuing lecture-discussion class on contemporary public issues of interest to Jews as citizens. We will focus primarily on United States national and international policy related to economic, diplomatic, and military issues, including relations with Israel and other nations. Special attention will be given to the developing 2020 United States Presidential election campaign. So that we can be responsive to the latest developments, the specific content of each session will be flexible.

No fee for members (please register); non-member fee \$10 each session

Drumming for Self-Renewal

with Linda Schneider

Wednesdays, October 30 and December 11; 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Percussion offers hands-on, non-verbal access to the spiritual and emotional, while connecting with others. Treat your mind, body, and spirit to an uplifting break from your regular routine and join our rhythm circle, where we'll make unique music-in-the-moment. No previous experience is needed, and instruments are provided.

\$10 each session (please register)

Examining the World of Jewish Jokes

with Khane-Faygl Turteltaub

Wednesday, November 20 | 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

You have told Jewish jokes and you have heard Jewish jokes. This class will explore what makes a joke Jewish, and what makes a Jewish joke funny.

Member fee \$10; non-member fee \$15

Exploring Whiteness

facilitated by Wendy Yanow and David Futransky

**Wednesday, December 4 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and repeated Friday, December 6
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

What is whiteness and how does it show up in our daily lives? We hear and talk a lot about whiteness, white privilege, and white supremacy. Although certainly related, these concepts are not the same. In this workshop we will work together to define and understand these concepts—both their similarities and critical differences. We will explore how becoming conscious of the ways in which whiteness operates in our lives, whether we are white, black, or of color, can help us as we work to understand the role we each play in perpetuating or challenging the white supremacist system operating in the United States.

No fee (please register)

Freud and Herzl: Neighbors from Different Universes

with David Gottlieb

Fridays, February 7 and 14 | 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Sigmund Freud and Theodor Herzl lived on the same block in Vienna for two years in the early 1900s. Yet these men, so deeply influenced by European culture and literature, had dramatically different views and experiences of Judaism, and they influenced modern Judaism profoundly in very different ways. We will explore key writings of Herzl and Freud in an attempt to understand how they experienced and expressed their own conceptions of Jewish identity in the face of rising nationalism.



Member fee \$25, or this class is included if you purchase the Fall/Winter term Friday morning package; non-member fee \$35

The Goals of Talmudic Storytelling

with Barry Scott Wimpfheimer

Fridays, October 25 and November 1 | 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.

The Talmud and other works of rabbinic literature contain many stories featuring biblical, second temple, and rabbinic characters. In this class we will explore narrative as a form. We will examine why the rabbis choose to tell stories, and what that says about the rabbis, and about human beings and storytelling in general.

Member fee \$25, or this class is included if you purchase the Fall/Winter term Friday morning package; non-member fee \$35

LEARN HEBREW AT BETH EMET



Hebrew is the language of the Torah and the prayer book; it is the universal language of the Jewish people. For many children and adults, reading and understanding Hebrew is a gateway to Jewish community and study. It can empower us spiritually, intellectually and socially, and can give us a feeling of connectedness with people in Israel and around the world. Now is the time to learn to read Hebrew or improve the Hebrew skills you already have. Enroll in a Hebrew class that uses new, interactive teaching techniques and allows you to begin studying at your current Hebrew level. Hebrew classes meet throughout the school year, building community and friendships in a supportive and stimulating environment. (Scholarships are available.)

Hebrew 1

with Bluma Stoller

Sundays, October 6 – May 10 | 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(no class December 1, 22, 29, January 5, February 16, April 12)

For learners with no or limited Hebrew language background. The aim of this class is to focus on the Hebrew alphabet and vowels, to read and understand Hebrew words and phrases in the prayer book and in modern usage, and to connect Hebrew with Jewish life, ritual, tradition, and Israel. The textbook we will use, *Aleph Isn't Tough, An Introduction to Hebrew for Adults, Book 1*, is available for purchase through the Beth Emet school office.

Member fee \$200 non-member fee \$250

(five student minimum for this class)

Hebrew 2

with Nancy Fink

Sundays, October 6 – May 10 | 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(no class December 1, 22, 29, January 5, February 16, April 12)

For learners already able to sound out Hebrew words. Improve your reading fluency. Explore the themes and structure of the Shabbat morning worship service and the content of its individual prayers. Learn key Hebrew vocabulary, and some elements of grammar, all toward the goal of more comfortable and meaningful participation in the worship experience. The textbook we will use, *Hineni, Prayerbook Hebrew for Adults* is available for purchase through the Beth Emet school office.

Member fee \$200; non-member fee \$250

(five student minimum for this class)

Hebrew 3

with Dorit Flatt

Sundays, October 20 – May 10 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (no class December 1, 22, 29, January 5, February 16, April 12)

For learners who have completed Hebrew 2 or an equivalent, including the basic ability to read and write Hebrew words. Explore the grammar and vocabulary of modern Hebrew through a variety of reading, writing, and speaking activities.

Member fee \$180; non-member fee \$230
(five student minimum for this class)

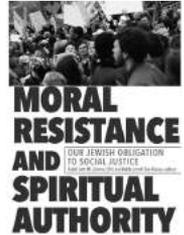
Imagining Immigration: The Stranger in Jewish Law and Lore— Study and Action

with Rabbi Amy L. Memis-Foler

Monday, December 9 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Jewish values teach us that we are obligated to treat the sojourner with dignity. In the chapter, *Imagining Immigration: The Stranger in Jewish Law and Lore*, from Reform Judaism’s latest book on social justice, *Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority*, we learn about the Jewish imperatives regarding how we treat the sojourner. In this class we will discuss the content of this chapter and discover Jewish sources addressing issues as they pertain to the immigrant. Additionally, we will learn about Beth Emet’s multiple programs addressing immigrant needs, and how you can take action.

No fee (please register)



Israeli Film Night—*Apples from the Desert*

Movie and discussion, led by Bekki Kaplan and Shlomit Hoch
Saturday, February 1 | 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Rebecca Abarnabel, a single daughter born into an Orthodox Jewish family, is tired of the lifestyle that her father, Reuven, has forced upon her. She and her mother, Victoria, go on a life-changing journey between worlds. Popcorn and snacks will be served.

No fee (please register)



It's All About the Story, the Jewish Story

with Jerry Kaye, Marilyn Price, and Zach Selch

Sunday, December 8 | 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



An evening of telling and listening and laughing and learning that delves into the different paths a story can take and where it can go. See how three diverse personalities teach and reach through the story, using the values of their own lives and, more important, the precepts of Judaism. Learn how stories can be wise, funny, poignant, and proud; how stories can reach all listeners; how stories can change your lives and ours; and what makes a story Jewish!



No fee (please register)

Jewish Vaudeville

with Alan Teller

Sunday, February 9 | 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Distinct from Yiddish theater, Jewish vaudeville had its own flavor. Alan Teller grew up with a larger-than-life grandfather in the business—a guy who pulled quarters out of Alan's ears and made things disappear before his eyes. He inherited scrapbooks that include photos and clippings, telegrams and contracts, playbills, and more, including an early review of his grandfather's act in *Harper's*. This class will explore the role of iconic stars such as Eddie Cantor, Al Jolson, Sophie Tucker, Fanny Brice, and the Marx Brothers in the development of comedy, and will feature period recordings and reenactments of routines by Weber and Fields, and Gallagher and Shean.

No fee (please register)

The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

with Dan Yamshon

Sunday, November 10 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

A tour of the Mitchell Museum with a unique focus. As Dr. Yamshon introduces Native American life and culture from five areas in North America, he will share his insights about the parallels and connections between the indigenous peoples represented there, and Jewish life and culture. Meet at the museum, 3001 Central Street, Evanston. Please come with questions and information you want to share.

\$5 fee (please register)

On the Yellow Brick Road—What Happened After Our People Experienced the Exodus?

with Joseph Ozarowski

Fridays, January 10 and 17 | 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.

We will explore selected texts in the biblical book of Exodus describing those first desert experiences and what they can teach us. Narratives include *The Incident at Marah* (how a lonely tree sweetened bitter waters), and *This Blood's for You* (how our people beheld God after the Decalogue and how a covenant is really a two-way affair). Our study will include a look at the psychologically based commentary of the Kli Yakar.

Member fee \$25, or this class is included if you purchase the Fall/Winter term Friday morning package; non-member fee \$35



The Planet in Peril—Study and Action

with Rabbi Amy L. Memis-Foler

Wednesday, November 13 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Jewish values teach us that we are obligated to take steps to correct the damages of climate change. In the chapter, *The Planet in Peril*, from Reform Judaism's latest book on social justice, *Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority*, we learn about the Jewish imperatives toward protecting our planet. In this

class we will discuss the content of this chapter and discover Jewish sources addressing environmental issues. Additionally, we will learn about Beth Emet's new initiatives addressing climate change, how we are taking action, and what more we can do.

No fee (please register)

Religion and Literature

with Claire Suffrin

Fridays, February 21 and 28 | 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

This course will explore different aspects of the relationship between religion and literature in contemporary novels and poetry. We'll consider examples including rewritings of biblical stories, portrayals of religious life, and characters wrestling with religious ideas and values. Most examples will be focused on Judaism and Jews, though some may be drawn from other faith traditions.

Member fee \$25, or this class is included if you purchase the Fall/Winter term Friday morning package; non-member fee \$35

**Soul Space Interfaith Women’s Group
Twentieth Anniversary Retreat**

Sunday, November 17, 2:00 | 5:00 p.m.

Turkish American Society

501 Midway Drive, Mount Prospect, IL

Continuing the Dialogue of Head and Heart: Celebrating Twenty Years of Making Soul Space will address how interfaith dialogue has changed in the past twenty years from lay and spiritual leaders representing several Chicago-based women’s interfaith groups. Founder of Soul Space, Marilyn Gehant, will be the keynote speaker. This women’s only event is open to the public with a suggested donation of \$20.

Learn more about Soul Space and register at soulspaceinterfaith.org

Tikkun Middot Vaadot (groups)

facilitated by Marci Dickman

Schedule to be determined

Beth Emet will expand its program on *Tikkun Middot* this year and establish new *Va’adot* (small groups). *Middot* are character traits expressed in our behavior that can enrich or tangle relationships. We use a national curriculum developed by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, which supports ongoing character development through mindfulness and *Tikkun Middot* practices. Participants in Beth Emet’s *Tikkun Middot* project cultivate moral traits such as patience, compassion, trust, and mindful speech. By infusing *middot* practice in individuals and throughout our synagogue’s programming and work, we can transform our community as well. Each month the group will focus on a particular character trait, and each session will include meditation, mindfulness practice, study of Jewish texts, and self-reflection. Between the sessions, participants will work with a partner (*chevruta*) on specific exercises to explore the obstacles and opportunities present in each moment to help us wisely access more wholesome, godly options in our thoughts and behaviors. The dates and times of the new groups are not yet set. If you are interested, please contact mdickman@bethemet.org for additional information.

What is Your Favorite *Bubbe Meisse* or Old Wives’ Tale?

with Carolyn Dinofsky

Sunday, December 15 | 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

In ancient times, people regarded death and sickness as caused by supernatural hostile forces. The proliferation of superstition escalated as epidemics, earthquakes, war, pillage, and thievery cast a pall across the world—life was subjected to *kinhora*, the Evil Eye. The nesting ground was ripe for mythology; its starting point for what we now refer to as *Bubbe Meisses* appeared as early as in the story of the Garden of Eden, starring Adam and Eve. As have all cultures, Jews developed superstitions applicable to a variety of occasions practiced even today!

No fee (please register)

What’s on the Shabbat Table?

with Yvette Alt Miller

Thursday, January 23 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Shabbat dinner includes some beautiful but puzzling rituals. Why do we make a blessing over wine? Why hide the challah under a cloth? This multi-sensory workshop explores Jewish history and thought using the Shabbat table as our guide. Participants will eat, drink, sing and learn at this fun, social event featuring a model Shabbat dinner table and special Shabbat treats.

No fee (please register)

When Judaism Meets Science—An Interview and Discussion with Author Roger Price

with interviewer, David Graham

Tuesday, November 5 | 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Few books address the challenge of modern science to the traditional pillars of Judaism, and those that do are limited in scope. Roger Price’s new book, *When Judaism Meets Science*, seeks to fill the void by confronting that challenge comprehensively. It explores what science says about the stories in the Hebrew Bible, analyzes how Judaism and science can inform each other about contemporary issues from abortion to violence with firearms, and peeks ahead to consider issues of the future such as Jewish androids and a theology for aliens on exo-planets. Hebrew Union College’s renowned Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman calls the book “totally engrossing, and a model of moral and intellectual honesty.” Beth Emet past-president (and trial lawyer) David Graham will interview Roger, after which the audience can join in the discussion. Books will be available in advance for purchase and signing.

No fee (please register)



**Your Space, My Space, Our Space:
The Sabbath Prohibitions Through Halachic Eyes**

with Rabbi Michael Balinsky

Fridays, November 15 and 22 | 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Although the Reform movement is steeped in ritual/mitzvah expressions, it does not define itself as a halachic movement. However, *halachah* can help us gain insight into Shabbat and enrich our religious/spiritual lives wherever we see ourselves as participants and engagers with Jewish life. Out of the nitty gritty and fine details, large parameters of meaning can emerge. We will explore the least likely traditional prohibition of Shabbat in this context.

Member fee \$25, or this class is included if you purchase the Fall/Winter term Friday morning package; non-member fee \$35

What if you haven't found a class that meets your interests?

Please let us know. The Adult Education Committee wants to be responsive to your requests, but if we don't hear from you, we won't know what you're looking for. We think that everyone at Beth Emet, no matter what age, can be a lifelong learner. Help us include you in that group. Email suggestions to h-rosenberg@comcast.net.

PRESENTERS

Rabbi Andrea London, Rabbi Amy L. Memis-Foler, Director of Lifelong Learning Marci Dickman, Executive Director Bekki Harris Kaplan, and the following:

**Beth Emet members*

RABBI MICHAEL BALINSKY was the Executive Vice-President of the Chicago Board of Rabbis and was Director of the Louis and Saerree Fiedler Hillel Center at Northwestern University for nineteen years. He greatly enjoys teaching adults and helping them engage classical Jewish sacred texts in an open pluralistic setting. He is a graduate of Yeshiva University and the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

CAROLYN DINOFSKY was a special educator for thirty-four years and a Jewish educator for over twenty-five years. She was a docent at the New York Holocaust Museum for fourteen years and is currently a docent at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Carolyn has been a Yiddish educator for more than a quarter of a century. She currently has three or four Yiddish classes in the greater Chicago area. Her mantra is sharing her Yiddish background, extensive exploration, and in-depth research of the spirit of the Yiddish language and its treasures.

***NANCY FINK** has worked in Beth Emet's school community since 1983 as a teacher, mentor, and administrator. She is currently the Assistant Principal of Beit Sefer, the K-6 school. She is a member of Beth Emet's Adult Education committee, and is editor of the Adult Education brochure of class and program offerings.

DORIT FLATT is the daughter of Holocaust survivors and grew up in Tel-Aviv, Israel. After completing her IDF service in the paratrooper unit, she studied elementary education at Seminar Levinsky in Tel-Aviv. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Michigan. She taught Hebrew language, literature, and religious studies in Michigan for twenty-five years. She especially enjoys music and theater, and spending time with her five granddaughters in Chicago.

***DAVID FUTRANSKY** is Senior Manager of Institutional Advancement at Evanston Township High School and has been a history teacher at ETHS. A leader in the school district's equity work, he has participated in and led many workshops on racial equity and social justice.

PRESENTERS – *Continued*

DAVID GOTTLIEB received his Ph.D. in the History of Judaism from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 2018. His research focuses on the influence of the Binding of Isaac story on the shaping of Jewish memory. David also teaches Jewish mindfulness practice for Orot in Evanston. Prior to returning to school in his forties, he was a co-founder and founding executive director of Full Circle Communities, Inc., a nonprofit affordable housing development company.

***SHLOMIT HOCH** received an M.A. in Jewish Professional Studies from Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership. After teaching for many years at Chicago area Jewish Day schools, she is now Beth Emet's Executive Assistant and continues to teach at our own Beit Sefer. Shlomit maintains close ties to her native Israel, including her interest in all aspects of current Israeli culture.

***JERRY KAYE** is the Director Emeritus of the URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. He was one of just thirty people from around the world invited to join the International Task Force on Jewish Peoplehood. He is a Life Fellow of the American Orthopsychiatric Association. Jerry takes special pride in having been selected as the first recipient of the Guardian of Hope Award from Keshet, an organization of families with special needs children, and received the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters *honoris causa* from the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. Jerry is best known as a storyteller. He served as the Emmy nominated host of *Sanctuary*, a Chicago television series focused on Jewish communal issues.

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YVETTE ALT MILLER, Ph.D. has taught classes on Jewish thought in the United States, Canada, and Britain, and is a regular contributor to local and international Jewish magazines and websites. Her book, *Angels at the Table: A Practical Guide to Celebrating Shabbat* is used in Jewish classes and book groups around the world.

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RABBI DR. JOSEPH S. OZAROWSKI is a Rabbinic Counselor and Chaplain at Jewish Child and Family Services, and serves as Jewish Chaplain at Skokie Hospital. A nationally known speaker, author, and teacher, he served congregations in Pennsylvania, California, New York, and Minnesota. Ordained at Hebrew Theological College, he received his doctorate from Lancaster (PA) Theological Seminary, and is a Board-Certified Chaplain. A prolific author, his first book *To Walk in God's Ways* is considered a standard in pastoral care training.

***JUDITH PITTEL** has been the facilitator of the Temple Judea Mizpah Book Club for over ten years and looks forward to starting this venture at Beth Emet. Judie loves reading actual books (not on a screen) and can often be found at the Skokie Library. She looks forward to also checking out the Evanston Library.

***MARILYN PRICE** is a nationally acclaimed storyteller/puppeteer, author, and educator. Her not-for-profit foundation, TriBraining, Inc. helps educators reach different types of learners. She is the primary puppeteer for the Chicago Public Libraries and uses all those skills to help others tell their stories. Honored with the Mayors Award for the Arts in Evanston, her latest book, *From Gratitude to Blessings and Back* was featured at the Carl Sandburg Literary Awards in Chicago. www.marilynprice.com

***ROGER PRICE** has focused since his retirement as a litigator, on writing for and coordinating the *Judaism and Science* website, a forum on fact, fiction, and faith. His first book, *When Judaism Meets Science*, was published in 2019. At Beth Emet, Roger has taught adult ed classes, presented *divrei Torah* at Kahal, and served as a member of the Board of Trustees. Beyond Beth Emet, he has taught at Hevreh: An Adult Learning Community, the URJ Summer Learning Institute, BJEChicago's Kickstart, Limmud, and various congregations around the country.

***LINDA SCHNEIDER** is the founder of Heartland Rhythms, which provides dynamic, hands-on rhythm events that help people connect with their personal "heartlands," express their unique rhythms, and grow as individuals. She trained with Christine Stevens, an expert in the fields of music therapy and drum circles, and Arthur Hull, the internationally acclaimed father of the facilitated drum circle movement. Linda also completed training in Health Rhythms, a research-based life enhancement and wellness protocol developed by Remo Drums.

***MARK SCHOENFIELD** is a former Northwestern University faculty member, consultant, and continuing education teacher. He addressed issues of bias as a lawyer and member of the American Jewish Committee Chicago Board.

PRESENTERS – *Continued*

***ZACH SELCH's** father thought that getting expelled from college was a reasonable price for a story. Zach's search for stories has led him to war, dragged him across 140 countries, placed him in Germany when the wall came down, Jordan when the peace treaty was signed, at breakfast with the Dalai Lama, and at the right place at a surprising number of right times. Zach has told stories as part of selling and sales training for decades, but recently has appeared on stage in the Moth and Chicago Story Lab as well as giving key note talks in Dubai, Sao Paolo, and Chicago.

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***BLUMA STOLLER** is a graduate of Columbia University. She was the North American Director of Academic Affairs for Tel Aviv University and held leadership positions in the Jewish Relations Council of Greater Boston, Project Otzma, and the Rashi School. She was the recipient of Hillel International's 2003 Exemplar of Excellence Award for her commitment to social justice and *tikkun olam* (acts of kindness to repair the world).

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***ALAN TELLER** is a photographer and curator who has produced over one hundred exhibits for museums nationwide. With his wife Jerri Zbiral, he received a Fulbright award for *Following the Box: Exploring an Archive of Anonymous Photographs from India*, a film and exhibit that has been shown in India and the U.S. Alan inherited his grandfather's love of the stage and performs with two Gilbert & Sullivan groups in the Chicago area.

KHANE-FAYGL TURTLETAUB recently retired from teaching Yiddish at Northwestern University. She now spends her time writing for the *Forverts*, translating numerous books and manuscripts, and entertaining a wide variety of groups with her informative programs relating to Judaism, Yiddish, and Yiddish culture.

PRESENTERS – *Continued*

BARRY SCOTT WIMPFHEIMER is Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Law at Northwestern University. Wimpfheimer specializes in the study of Jewish Law and the Rabbinic Tradition, particularly in the Babylonian Talmud. His book *The Talmud: A Biography* was published as part of Princeton University Press' Lives of Great Religious Books series in Spring 2018 and won a National Jewish Book Award.

***DAN YAMSHON** is a retired allergist-pediatrician who cared for immigrants, people of color, and the working poor. His special interest in studying indigenous cultures led him to see a connection between his Jewish heritage and the indigenous people. He has been a docent at the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian for four years.

***WENDY YANOW** is an adult educator. She facilitates workshops on race, whiteness, and privilege through a network of community groups in the Chicagoland area. She is adjunct faculty at DePaul University, was a member of the Popular Education teaching team at a bilingual adult high school in Chicago, and was recently elected as a Trustee at Oakton Community College.

***DAVID ZAREFSKY** is the Owen L. Coon Professor Emeritus of Communication Studies at Northwestern University, specializing in argumentation and the analysis and criticism of American political discourse. David is a former president of the National Communication Association, the Rhetoric Society of America, and the Central States Communication Association. In 2012 he received the Lifetime Teaching Excellence Award from the National Communication Association. David is a past president of Beth Emet.



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