

## ONGOING CLASSES FOR 2018-2019



### JEWIS AND THE NEWS

Rabbi Howard Stecker leads the discussion as the issues of the day take center stage.

Meets on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM - 12:00 (Noon) on the following dates:  
2018 — 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11  
2019 — 1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30, 5/14, 5/28

### THURSDAY EVENINGS WITH RABBI SCHWEBER

Join us for a night of Jewish learning with Rabbi Daniel Schweber. We will engage with and study a potpourri of Jewish questions and subjects. Participant input into the topics welcomed and encouraged.

Meets on Thursdays from 7:00 PM—8:00 PM on the following dates:  
10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 1/3, 1/31, 2/7, 2/28, 3/14, 3/28, 4/4, 5/2, 5/16



### CLASSES TAUGHT BY RABBI MARIM D. CHARRY

**TORAH & TRADITION** - The period of the return from the Babylonian exile was one of reconstruction - both the wall of Jerusalem and the Temple were rebuilt. In re-establishing the Jewish community in the Land of Israel, the chief leaders were Ezra, the Scribe, and Nehemiah, the Governor. Study the books of Ezra and Nehemiah in depth with Rabbi Charry. Knowledge of Hebrew is not required.

Meets on Wednesdays from 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**JEWISH HISTORY SEMINAR** - Participate in an ongoing interactive study of Jewish history from its beginnings to modern times with Rabbi Charry. This year, the class is examining the development of Rabbinic Judaism from the Hellenistic Period through the destruction of the Second Temple to the creation of the Mishnah.

Meets on Thursdays from 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM



### SIDDUR STUDY

Warm up for your Shabbat morning prayer by studying passages from the prayer book in an intimate setting with Rabbi Charry. Follow your learning experience with the Havurah service or join the Main Sanctuary service.

This class meets twice monthly before Havurah services at 9:30 AM

### PRAYERBOOK HEBREW - RABBI AMY ROTH

This class will help you (re)learn basic Hebrew reading skills to make you feel more comfortable using the Hebrew prayer book.

Classes will meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM beginning February 6



## Lifelong Learning Opportunities for 5779



### LEARNING THROUGH STORIES

Our theme this year is “our stories ourselves.” We will weave the theme throughout our programs this year. Stories play an important role connecting us to our culture and people. We understand intuitively that the stories we hold in common are an important part of the ties that bind. Join us at many of our TILL offerings as we grow our minds, hear the stories of others and compose our own stories.

Please refer to the monthly Voice, our emails and our website ([www.tign.org](http://www.tign.org)) for up-to-date information. You are invited to contact Rabbi Schweber with any questions and suggestions at [rabbischweber@tign.org](mailto:rabbischweber@tign.org).

### Adult Benei Mitzvah Cohort

Temple Israel's Adult Benei Mitzvah program is an opportunity for women and men to engage in extensive Jewish study. Group bonding is a positive fringe benefit. The weekly sessions will begin with a focus on Hebrew skills taught by Rahel Musleah. Rahel will help individuals focus on reading and reciting the words of the prayer book. There will be an opportunity for regular study with the rabbis exploring many aspects of Judaism including holidays, rituals and Jewish texts. Cantor Frieder will teach synagogue skills including chanting haftara and Torah. The culmination of this unique learning experience will be a Shabbat morning service in January 2020. People of all levels in Hebrew skills are welcome. We will help everyone learn at their level. If you have any questions please contact Rabbi Schweber ([rabbischweber@tign.org](mailto:rabbischweber@tign.org)).



Temple Israel's latest adult Benei Mitzvah class preparing for their “graduation” with the clergy and their tutors.

Classes will meet every Tuesday from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM beginning October 9 and following the academic calendar. 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28.



## SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

**Save the Dates:  
Friday, April 5 &  
Saturday, April 6, 2019**

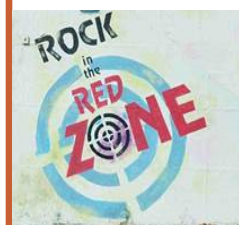


## JUDAISM AND ASTRONOMY

**ALAN GERSCH, PH.D.** is a scholar to the stars; not to Hollywood stars but to the real stars in space! Dr. Gersch combines his love of the cosmos and Torah by teaching how they relate. He holds a PhD in Astronomy from the University of Maryland and has many years of yeshiva study and teaching experience. Over Shabbat, Dr. Gersch will have several opportunities to share his knowledge with us.

## TEMPLE ISRAEL FILM SERIES

Temple Israel's popular film series screens compelling films of Jewish interest. Some of the films shown have received wide acclaim. Other films are lesser known gems that we have discovered. Each screening is followed by a lively discussion among audience members. This event is free to Temple Israel members and their guests. Movie theatre refreshments are served.



**Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 PM - "Rock in the Red Zone"** - Laura Bialis comes to Sderot, Israel to learn about the Sderot sound that has transformed Israeli music by injecting Middle Eastern influences into traditional Western beats. Bialis begins her research just as Sderot is being hit by rocks. Bialis enters into this intense cauldron of art, sand and bloodshed and is captivated by the community. Rock in the Red Zone demonstrates the power of artistic creation to transcend even the most challenging circumstances. It also reminds us that sometimes in the least expected places, we can find magic.

**Sunday, January 13 at 7:00 PM - "Ida"** - In 1962 Poland, Ida is a young postulate training to be a nun. She grew up in the convent orphanage and knows little of the outside world. Mother Superior informs her that she has an aunt that she should visit before taking her final vows. Her aunt, Wanda, informs her that she is Jewish. Together they set off to learn what happened to Ida's parents during the war and where they might be buried - a trip that has a profound effect on both of them. "Ida" was the first Polish film to win the Oscar for Best Foreign Film in 2014.



**Saturday, February 2 at 7:00 PM - "Eyes Wide Open"** - Aaron, a respected butcher and a family man in Ultra-Orthodox Jerusalem, undergoes a series of emotional changes following the arrival of a young apprentice to his shop. Consumed with lust, the handsome student irreversibly transforms the intricate beliefs in the once-devoted butcher's life leading Aaron to question his relationships with his wife Rivka, his children, community, and God.

*Another film will be shown on Sunday March 3 at 7:00 PM. Selection to be Announced.*

## SHABBAT TALKS

The ever-popular Shabbat Talks return for another season. Hear from local leaders, and community members about issues of interest to the Temple Israel community as you enjoy delicious kiddush refreshments. Enjoy Shabbat a little longer...and linger to socialize with your Temple Israel family.

**More Shabbat Talks for the Spring will be announced at a later date.**

**Selected Shabbatot after kiddush, approximately 12:45 PM**

**Saturday, October 13 - Shalom Bayit - Judaism and Domestic Violence - Ensuring Safety for All**

**MINDY PERLMUTER**, current director of the JCRC of Long Island and former director of The Safe House in Bethpage, will share how the Long Island Jewish Community is doing its part to help victims of domestic violence and working to prevent and reduce its occurrence.

**Saturday, November 17 - How to Grow Jewish Kids: The Magic of Jewish Summer Camp**

**RABBI ETHAN LINDEN**, Director of Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, the Ramah camp that serves Great Neck, will share some insights into how Jewish camping and the Ramah Camping Movement specifically, has one of the highest success rates in passing Judaism to the next generation. TIGN is proud to have many second generation Ramah families and current "happy campers"!

**Saturday, December 1 - Choosing Jewish History and the Jewish Story**

"Reflections from Jews by Choice" - Members of our community who have chosen to join the Jewish people will share stories of their spiritual journeys.

**Saturday, January 12 - "Positive Aging - How We Get Better with Age"**

**DEBORAH HEISER PH.D.**, a TIGN member, holds a degree in Applied Developmental Psychology with a specialty in helping redefine what aging really means. Ms. Heiser will share her insight that our emotional development increases with age, never to decline. Therefore, aging affords us the opportunity to leave a legacy of our choosing, continuing to cultivate meaningful relationships, and remaining productive.

## MINI - SERIES

**JEWISH BUSINESS ETHICS - Rabbi Daniel Schweber - 11/4, 11/11, 12/2 10:30 AM - Noon**

Jewish legal literature beginning with the Torah is concerned with proper behavior in business. We will explore and debate issues such as competition, fair marketing and treatment of employees from a Jewish perspective using texts and case studies.

**A SAMPLING OF JEWISH STORIES - Rabbi Howard Stecker - 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 8:15 PM - 9:30 PM**

We will read and discuss stories written by Jewish men and women from diverse backgrounds. While looking for universal themes, we will also explore what makes each story uniquely Jewish.

**THREE WOMEN "BEHIND" KING DAVID - Rabbi Amy Roth - 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 11:00 AM - Noon**

The Bible tells us about three of King David's wives; Michal, Avigail and Batsheva. All of three women were strong, resilient and complicated. Each of them also found ways to wield power in a world where men were kings.

**More mini-series for the spring will be announced at later date.**

## SALON GATHERINGS

Throughout the year, we will be holding a few salon gatherings around a particular book and topic. The following are already scheduled with more to follow. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome.

**NUTRITION - We Are What We Eat! - Sunday, December 16 - 10:00 AM - 11:30AM @ a Private Residence**

Synagogue member Eleanor Askari, a licensed nutritionist, will help us learn how food impacts our children and ourselves. Using the book "The Way to Eat" by Dr. David Katz, we will share and learn techniques for improving family nutrition by including our children in the choice making.

**EMPOWERING OUR GIRLS - Sunday, January 27 - Noon - 2:00 PM** Melody Pourmoradi, an expert in "girl empowerment," just published "Xoxo, from a Girl Who Gets It: Life Notes for the Young Girl Within." Melody will lead a workshop for girls grades 5 through 8 and their mothers.

**DIVE INTO A BOOK:** Yas Rokhsar, an avid reader will lead a discussion about a current book. Details Soon.