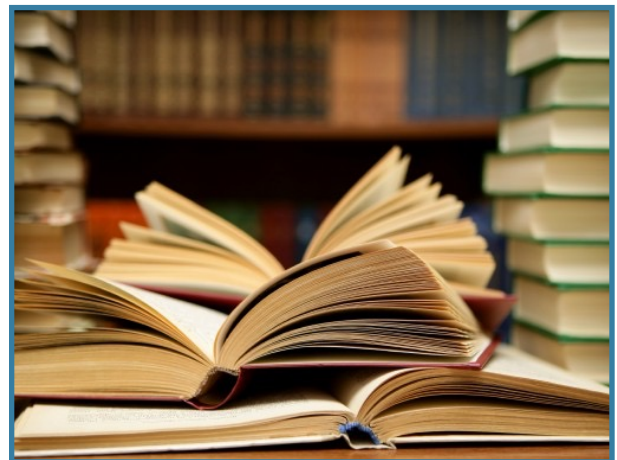
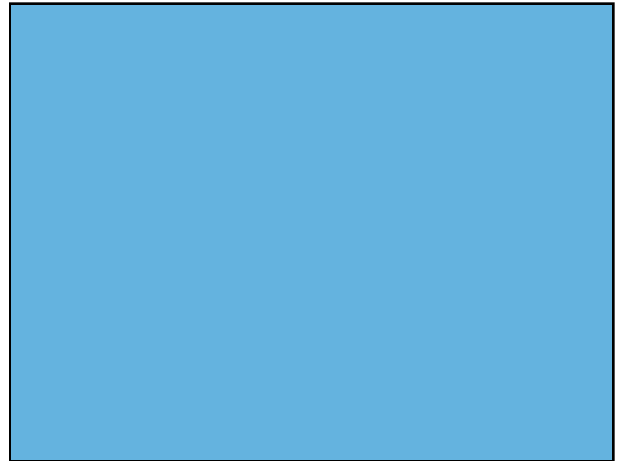




Moriah Early Childhood Center



לימוד // Limmud

תשע"ח / 2017-2018

opportunities for jewish learning and personal growth

Talmud Torah

Mishneh Torah

Monday-Friday // Following Shacharit

Shabbat // Between Minchah and Ma'ariv

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

The Mishneh Torah, written by Rambam, is one of the foundational works of Jewish Law. All texts will be provided in Hebrew and English. This class does not require regular attendance, so please join us any time!

Parashat HaShavua

Shabbat / 8:30 am

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

In this class we will engage in an in-depth study of selected verses from the weekly Torah reading. This year we will be studying the Torah through the lens of Midrash Rabbah, the classic rabbinic collection of homiletical interpretations of the Torah. All texts will be provided in Hebrew and English. This class does not require regular attendance, so please join us any Shabbat morning!

Talmud Study

Mondays / Starting October 16 / 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Taught by: Rabbi Yehoshua Ben Avraham

Please join us each week as we study the Talmud, the foundation collection of rabbinic law and lore. We begin each session studying the text with a partner, and then engage in a larger group discussion. This class is suitable for students of all levels and all texts are available in English. New students are welcome at any time.

Jewish Theology and the Modern Jew

Tuesdays / 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm / Starting October 17

Taught by: Rabbi Ken Berger

In this class we will grapple with some of the major theological issues confronting Jews today. Using Rabbi Neil Gillman's book [Sacred Fragments: Recovering Theology for the Modern Jew](#) as the basis of our discussion, we will consider a variety of approaches, including our own, to such fundamental questions as: What and how can we know about God? What is the basis for religious authority today? Ritual: Why do We Need It? and The End of Days: What Will Be? Participants in this class are asked to bring copies of Rabbi Gillman's book to class with them. Copies of the book may be purchased on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

Egalitarianism

Issues In Egalitarianism

Shabbat // Select Dates // Following Kiddush

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

October 21: The Current State of Egalitarianism at Moriah

A presentation of the many egalitarian practices permitted at Moriah, the basis of their permissibility according to Jewish law, and their implications for the future.

December 2: Women Serving As Prayer Leaders

An overview of the issue of women serving as prayer leaders, a presentation of the various approaches to this issue, and a discussion of the implications of each approach.

January 6: Women & Time-Bound Mitzvot

An exploration of the relationship between women and time-bound mitzvot, with a specific focus on tallit, tefillin, and prayer.

March 10: Prayer & Obligation

A discussion of the nature of obligation in Judaism and what it means to be obligated for prayer.

April 7: Women in the Minyan

An overview of the issue of counting women in the minyan, a presentation of the various approaches to this issue, and a discussion of the implications of each approach.

Issues In Egalitarianism - In Depth

Mondays // October 23 - December 11 // 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

This is an opportunity for more in-depth learning on some of the topics discussed in Issues in Egalitarianism.

If a class requires registration, you can register by sending an email to our Administrative Assistant, Judy Alex, at jalex@moriahcong.org or calling 847.948.5340.

Tefillah & Torah Reading

Moriah Partnership Minyan

Mondays // October 16 - December 4 // 7:15 pm - 7:30 pm

In this experimental prayer service, modeled on Kehillat Shira Hadasha in Jerusalem, the minyan will be comprised of ten men and ten women, allowing both men and women to count equally towards the minyan. Please be aware that no exceptions will be made and those parts of the service requiring a minyan will not be recited unless we have ten men and ten women. This minyan will meet every Monday evening for Ma'ariv over the course of eight weeks. Ma'ariv begins with Barechu, which requires a minyan, so please arrive promptly.

Tallit and Tefillin Workshop for Women

By Appointment - For Individuals or Small Groups

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

Understanding The Shema

Mondays / November 6-27 / 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

The Torah commands us to recite the Shema every morning and every evening, but it does not tell us why. In this class we will explore the history, structure and theology of the Shema in order to better understand the purpose of this commandment. **Registration required.**

Understanding The Amidah

Mondays / January 22 - February 12 / 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

The Amidah, which is recited three times each day, stands at the center of the Jewish prayer experience. In this class we will explore the history, structure and theology of the Amidah in order to begin to develop a more meaningful prayer experience. **Registration required.**

Torah Reading Tune-Up

Wednesday, May 30, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

This class is designed for people who are able to read Torah but would like a formal opportunity to review some of the basic elements of Torah reading. In this class we will review the most common trope signs, learn some important grammatical rules, and discuss some simple strategies for successful Torah reading. **Registration required.**

Mussar & Mindfulness

Mussar Text Study

Tuesdays / 8:30 am - 9:30 am / Starting October 17

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

Mussar is a Jewish spiritual discipline that views the continual improvement of one's character as an essential part of living a life of Torah. Each week in this class we will read and discuss a different selection from a classic mussar text, each time focusing on a different character trait, in the hope of achieving our full potential as human beings created in the image of God.

Registration required. Space is limited.

Refining Our Middot Through Study and Mindfulness Practices

Mondays / 7:30 pm / January 15, 22, 29 and February 5

Taught by: Dr Lena Kushnir

Our spiritual growth happens one moment at a time. Each time we are aware of opportunities for growth, and are able to act on those opportunities, we grow. This course will dive into four specific middot (truth, silence, humility and compassion) and how we can use these middot as a springboard for our growth. Each session will explore texts and mindfulness tools related to the specific middah being studied. Each participant should purchase a copy of Alan Morinis' book "Everyday Holiness" prior to the first session. **Registration required.**

The Six Remembrances and Jewish Mindfulness

Wednesdays // January 31, February 7, 14 & 21

Taught by: Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell of Orot: Center for New Jewish Learning

Mindful remembrance can be a key vehicle for developing our capacity to wake up to our lives and for transforming the ways we act in the world. Join us for a four-session series that will explore the Hasidic framework of the Six Remembrances as a format for practicing Jewish mindfulness in the midst of our lives. We will study, discuss and learn accessible Jewish mindfulness meditation practices-- all for the sake of growing as Jews and as human beings.

Registration required. \$25 for members. \$50 for non-members.

Orot: Center for New Jewish Learning empowers Jews of all backgrounds to discover new entry points into the richness of Jewish wisdom, to bring the light of Judaism into direct conversation with their lived experiences and to invest in personally reshaping a new paradigm for Jewish learning as a vehicle towards personal meaning and communal and social reinvigoration.

Hebrew

Conversational Hebrew

Taught by: Silvi Freedson

Join us for conversational Hebrew classes in a relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere led by Silvi Freedson, principal of Be'ivrit. Silvi is a native Hebrew speaker, and is highly experienced with helping adult learners break through language barriers. Students will learn Hebrew through Israeli literature, current events, cinema, songs and much more! There are four six-week sessions and each one is different. **Registration required. No charge for members. \$90 for non-members.**

Session 1 // Mondays // October 16 - December 11

Advanced Beginner: 9:30 am - 10:30 am // Intermediate: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Session 2 // Mondays // January 22 - March 26

Advanced Beginner: 9:30 am - 10:30 am // Intermediate: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Session 3 // Mondays // April 9 - June 18

Advanced Beginner: 9:30 am - 10:30 am // Intermediate: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Session 4 // Tuesdays // January 23 - March 20

Beginner: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm // Intermediate: 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

History

The Media & the Jews: An Examination of Portrayal and Betrayal

Wednesdays // 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm // Starting October 25

Taught by: Bruce Ogron

In this class, we will analyze the media's historical treatment of the Jews, Israel and a wide range of important Jewish issues. In so doing, we will study both conventional, and non-conventional, methods of mass communication and learn how the medium can affect the message. We will attempt to distinguish between unpopular or unfair reporting and biased, even anti-Semitic, rhetoric. We will conclude by addressing the challenges posed by the hateful communication disseminated through the internet and social media. There will be some light reading required, but all you have to bring is an opinion and a willingness to share it.

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Thursdays // 9:30 am - 11:30 am // 11 Sessions // Starting October 19

Taught by: Dr. Betsy Dolgin Katz

This course provides students with a strong, text-based historical overview from the late nineteenth century through today. The complexity of the conflict forces students to grapple with issues of religion, culture, history, politics, economics, identity and survival—all reflected through primary sources, including newspaper articles, poetry, songs, government documents, speeches, photographs and memoir. **To register please call 847.291.77.88 x132 or go to bjechicago.org.**

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Core Curriculum

Core Curriculum: Year Two

Wednesdays // 9:15 am - 11:30 am // 25 Sessions // Starting September 6

Taught by: Lori Kramer & Rabbi Ben Kramer

This is a two-year educational program designed to offer adults well-rounded, in-depth study of Judaism in a user-friendly environment. In a format developed at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, adult learners from diverse backgrounds learn about our heritage and culture in an intellectually stimulating, non-denominational environment. No knowledge of Hebrew is required and payment plans are available. **To register please go to www.bjechicago.org or call 847.291.7788 x1321.**

Year 2 (25 sessions): [Ethics of Jewish Living](#) addresses the relationship between Jewish life and ethical behavior. The focus is on how Jewish tradition shapes our relationship with other human beings. [Crossroads of Jewish History](#) spotlights defining periods in Jewish history and provides an understanding of how these crossroads have shaped Judaism as we know it today.

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Discussion Groups

The Moriah Women's Rosh Chodesh Study Group

Shabbat // Following Kiddush // October 14, November 18, December 16,
January 20, February 17, March 17, April 14, May 12

Facilitated by: Elizabeth Ury

The Moriah Women's Rosh Chodesh Study group, now in its ninth year, is an opportunity for the women of Moriah to get together to learn with, and from, each other. Each month, a different woman serves as the leader and a different topic is discussed. All women of Moriah are invited to participate in this wonderful learning experience.

Moriah Reads

Shabbat // Following Kiddush // November 3, January 13, March 3, May 7

Facilitated by: Irene Sufrin

November 3: [A Horse Walks Into a Bar](#): A Novel, David Grossman

January 13: [If All the Seas Were Ink](#): A Memoir, Ilana Kushan

March 3: [Judas](#), Amos Oz

May 7: [As Close to Us as Beauty](#): A Novel, Elizabeth Polliner

Moriah Movie Night

Wednesdays // 7:30 pm // Sept 13, Oct 18, Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 24, March 28, May 23

Facilitated by: Arnie Landis

For Parents

Sending Your Children To Kindergarten With Confidence

Wednesday // November 1 // 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Facilitated by: Judy Slivnick & Molly Goldstein, Moriah ECC Educators

Cherene Radis, Moriah ECC Director

Sheryl Seef, Assistant Director of Avid and Pedagogista

There is a big debate going on about academics versus play. Join us to hear what current research tells us about early literacy and numeracy. As a faculty, we continually research and study both developmentally appropriate practice and the new developments in early childhood. We will share some of the ways that we work at Moriah ECC to prepare children for Kindergarten and for life in general.

For Parents & Children

Family Learning Programs at The Moriah Family School

Select Sundays // 10:45-11:30 am

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer

Join Rabbi Kramer for a morning of fun and engaging learning with your child. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent.

November 5: Kindergarten and First Grade

March 25: Second and Third Grade

April 15: Fourth and Fifth Grade

April 29: Sixth and Seventh Grade

Sixth Grade Bnei Mitzvah Class

Sundays // October 29, November 19, January 28, February 11 // 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Taught by: Rabbi Ben Kramer & Lori Kramer

Four times during the year, students in sixth grade and their parents will come together on Sunday mornings to learn. All families are required to participate in all four of the Sunday programs.

For Teens

Moriah Teen Beit Midrash

Select Tuesdays // 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm // Starting September 13 // Dinner Included

Taught by: Greta Rothschild and Rabbi Ben Kramer

Join Moriah teens in 8th-12th grade for a weekly learning opportunity. Together, students will engage with our sacred texts and examine the full scope of the Jewish experience, including ethics, observance, lifecycle, holidays and Jewish thought. All levels are welcome.

September 12, 19, 26 // October 3, 10, 17, **24** // November 7, 14, **28**

December 5, 12 // January 9, 23, **30** // February 6, 13, 20, **27**

March 6, 13, 20, **27** // April 10, 17, **24** // May 1, 8, **15**

On the bolded dates the Moriah Teen Beit Midrash will be divided by grade level for a more tailored learning experience. On these dates there will be two classes running simultaneously – one taught by Greta Rothschild and one taught by Rabbi Kramer. The cost of Teen Beit Midrash is \$500 for the year. Financial aid is available upon request. **Registration required.**

Shabbat Study & Discussion Group

Shabbat // After Kiddush // Starting October 14

Facilitated by: David Kleinerman

This is a wonderful opportunity for Post-Bnei Mitzvah students to come together for 30 to 45 minutes, in a relaxed atmosphere, to learn and discuss a range of topics, often ones suggested by the students themselves. All students are welcome on any Shabbat.

Mechon Hadar

Travel to NYC with members of Moriah for a stimulating week of study at Mechon Hadar, where we will explore deep issues in our lives as Jews through the lens of Torah, and connect with an incredible network of Jews, working together to build bolder, more ambitious, and more meaningful Jewish lives. We will learn with Mechon Hadar faculty, including: Rabbi Shai Held, Rabbi Avi Killip, Rabbi Ethan Tucker, Rabbi Elie Kaunfer, Dena Weiss, Rabbi Jason Rubenstein, and Rabbi Aviva Richman. For more information visit hadar.org. Financial assistance is available.

AIPAC Policy Conference

2018 AIPAC Policy Conference

March 4-6 // Washington DC

Be a part of the Moriah delegation to the 2018 AIPAC Policy Conference, the largest gathering of America's pro-Israel community. Through demonstrations of groundbreaking Israeli innovations, keynote speeches by American and Israeli leaders, inspiring moments on stage, and **intimate educational sessions**, Policy Conference delegates experience the full scale of pro-Israel activism in three powerful days. The conference culminates with the opportunity for delegates to lobby their members of Congress in support of legislation that enhances the relationship between the United States and Israel. To register, or for more information, go to aipac.org.

WHO ATTENDS THE CONFERENCE?

- More than 18,000 pro-Israel Americans
- More than two-thirds of Congress
- More than 3,600 students from more than 630 campuses
- More than 275 synagogue delegations
- AIPAC members from across the country

Scholars-in-Residence

Rabbi Reuven Hammer

Friday Night // November 10 // Before Ma'ariv

Shabbat // November 11 // Before Musaf // Between Minchah & Ma'ariv

A founder of the Masorti Movement in Israel, Rabbi Reuven Hammer is a highly respected scholar, author and lecturer who was once listed among the fifty most influential Jews in America. He holds a Doctorate in Theology and Rabbinical Ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary and is the author the Conservative Movement's official commentary on the prayer book, Or Hadash. He is also the author of two books, Sifre: A Taanaitic commentary on the Book of Deuteronomy and Entering the High Holy Days: A Guide to Origins, Themes, and Prayers, which were both awarded the prestigious National Jewish Book Award. His new book is Akiva: Life, Legend, Legacy, an exploration of the legendary Rabbi Akiva.

Rabbi Daniel Greyber

Thursday // February 1 // 7:30 pm

Shabbat // February 3 // Between Minchah & Ma'ariv

A gold medalist and Captain of the U.S. Swimming Team at the 1993 World Maccabiah Games, Rabbi Greyber holds a Masters in Speech and Communications Studies from Northwestern University and was ordained in 2002 at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies of American Jewish University. Upon rabbinic ordination in 2002, Rabbi Greyber served as the Executive Director of Camp Ramah in California for nearly a decade. During that time Rabbi Greyber also served as an adjunct faculty member of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. He currently serves as the rabbi of Beth El Synagogue in Durham, North Carolina. Rabbi Greyber is a prolific author whose latest book is Faith Unravels: A Rabbi's Struggle With Grief and God.

Rabbi Ethan Tucker

Shabbat // April 27-28

Rabbi Ethan Tucker is President and Rosh Yeshiva at Mechon Hadar and chair in Jewish Law. Ethan also directs Mechon Hadar's Center for Jewish Law and Values. Previously, Ethan was a faculty member at the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education, where he taught Talmud and Halakhah in the Scholars' Circle. Ethan was ordained by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and earned a doctorate in Talmud and Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary and a B.A. from Harvard College. He has been named multiple times to Newsweek's list of the top 50 rabbis in America. A Wexner Graduate Fellow, he was a co-founder of Kehilat Hadar and a winner of the first Grinspoon Foundation Social Entrepreneur Fellowship.