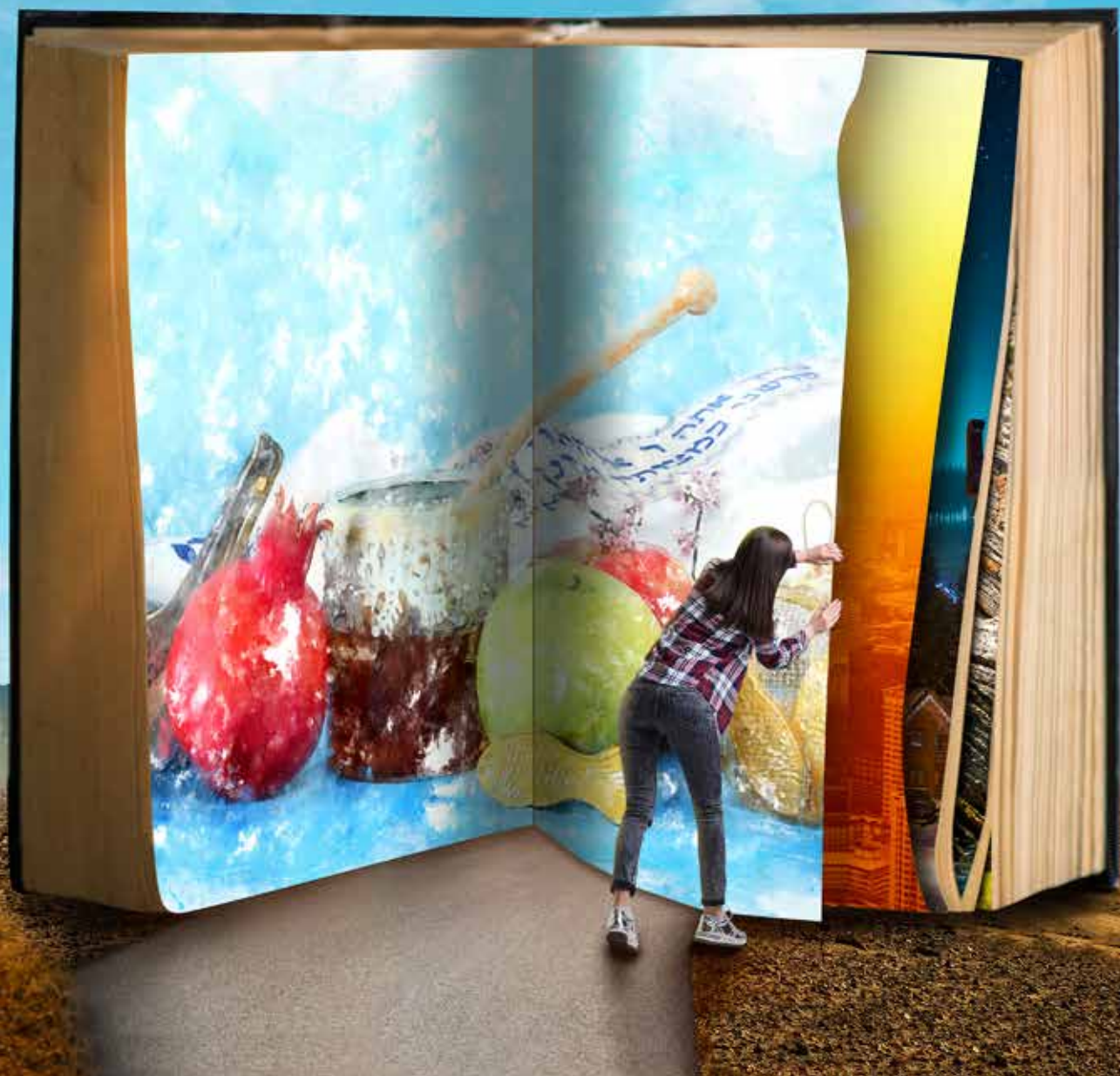


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Welcome to the Fall 2022-23 Catalog of classes from JLearn, where adult Jewish learning meets today's lifestyles. As our community begins a new chapter, we are excited to offer a wide selection of classes on ZOOM as well as in-person. Join a community of learners guided by the most talented instructors from the Detroit area and across the world. Whatever your interests, wherever you are, JLearn offers classes for you. History, religion, Talmud, ethics, Hebrew, the arts, current events and much more are all available. Join us in person, from the comfort of your home or even from your travels, as we enter the next chapter of learning and community!

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At this time, masks are strongly suggested but not required at in-person classes. JLearn reserves the right to alter our Covid policies as we move forward, dependent on changing conditions.

A new experience in Jewish learning from JLearn

JEWS AND JUDAISM: THE ESSENTIALS – A FOUR PART SERIES

**With Professor Howard Lupovitch of the
Cohn-Haddow Center, Wayne State University**

Beginning with biblical antiquity 3,000 years ago and moving to the present day, Professor Howard Lupovitch will cover the history and ideas of Judaism. The series will be offered in four, six-week increments. Two will be offered this year, and two the following year. This allows you the flexibility of enrolling at any time, in any order. Take one or take them all and expand your knowledge of Judaism whether you are new to Judaism, a Sunday School dropout or a lifelong learner.

- Did the stories in the Hebrew Bible really happen?
- Was Jesus Jewish and who killed him?
- Was it better to be Jewish in a Christian or Muslim country?
- What are the differences between Ashkenazic and Sephardic Jews?
- What was golden about the golden age of Jews in Spain, Poland and America?
- Why did Jewish denominations first appear two centuries ago?
- What are the origins of modern Antisemitism and how did Jews respond to it?
- What led to the Holocaust?
- What is Zionism and how did it lead to the creation of the State of Israel?
- Is American Jewry the center of World Jewry?

Part 1: Ancient Israel, Tuesdays beginning Nov. 15 at 7 PM.

Part 2: Diaspora Judaism Comes of Age, Tuesdays beginning Feb. 14 at 7 PM.

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Series can be taken in any order. No Prerequisite.

Tuition: \$115 per series.

JUDAIC STUDIES CLASSES

MONDAY CLASSES

TORAH LINE BY LINE

Rabbi/Dr. Mitch Parker

ZOOM

MONDAYS, 9:30 – 10:45 AM

Series 1: Sept. 12, 19; Oct. 3, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14

Series 2: Jan. 9, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

Series 3: Mar. 20, 27; Apr. 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22

Join us as we begin an in-depth journey of the Book of Exodus. The children of Israel, who have been living a life of relative ease in Egypt for generations, now find themselves enslaved and oppressed by a new Pharaoh who is not familiar with the accomplishments of Joseph. During our weekly class, we will carefully analyze the original text in Hebrew and English and engage in lively conversations as we discover the multiple meanings of this foundational story of our people.

Tuition: \$115 per 7-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series \$325

MODERN JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS

Jill Gutmann

ZOOM

MONDAYS, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Monthly: Oct. 24; Nov. 14; Dec. 12; Jan. 9; Feb. 6;

Mar. 13; Apr. 24; May 22

Take a deep dive into the hot medical issues of the day with bioethicist Jill Gutmann. Whether it is a discussion of the impact on health of supply chains or the cost of prescription drugs, you will be guided through an engaging discussion while looking at the science, politics, Jewish commentary and other relevant sources to frame your opinion. Never knowing what the timely topic will be until class, this fun, informative and engaging class is sure to make you think and want the discussion to continue long after the class has ended.

Tuition: \$160

ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL: A PROPHET FOR OUR TIMES

Rabbi/Dr. Mitch Parker

ZOOM

MONDAYS, 11 – 12:15 PM

Series 1: Sept. 12, 19; Oct. 3, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14

Series 2: Jan. 9, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

Series 3: Mar. 20, 27; Apr. 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the death of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, one of the most influential religious philosophers of the 20th century. Join us as we embark on a study of the life and works of this important figure. Each week we will discuss excerpts from his books, lectures and essays, and connect them with the historical and culture context in which they were composed, to see how relevant his ideas remain today.

Series 1: The Formative Years from Birth through the End of World War II

Series 2: Man in Search of God: Heschel's Views on Religious Faith and Practice

Series 3: Praying with My Feet: Heschel and Social Action

Tuition: \$115 per 7-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series \$325

Co-sponsored by SAJE, Seminars for Adult Jewish Enrichment of the J.

READING BETWEEN THE LINES

Rebecca Starr

In-Person | Max M. Fisher Federation Building

MONDAYS, NOON – 1:15 PM

Monthly: Sept. 12; Oct. 24; Nov. 14; Dec. 12

Interested in a meaningful book club experience? Join us each month for a deep and complex discussion on a book of interest by either a Jewish author or on a Jewish topic. Books will range in genre and in length. Bring your lunch, your ideas, and your contributions as we delve into meaningful and profound works of literature with eyes towards both critique and praise. The first book is: *From Africa to Zion: The Shepherd Boy Who Became Israel's First Ethiopian-Born Journalist* by Danny Abeb.

Tuition: \$65

Space is limited

JEWISH DETROIT THROUGH THE DECADES

Robbie Terman and Laura Gottlieb

In-Person | Max M. Fisher Federation Building

MONDAYS, NOON – 1:15 PM

October 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14

Explore the faces, places and little-known-facts of Jewish Detroit with archivists Robbie Terman and Laura Gottlieb. Each week we will dig into historical material by decade starting with the 1910's and going through the 1940's. Piecing together photographs, documents, newspaper clippings and more, together we will bring old Jewish Detroit to life.

Tuition: \$75

PLACING WOMEN AT THE CENTER: FINDING OURSELVES IN AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

Dr. Karla Goldman

ZOOM

MONDAYS, 7 – 8:15 PM

Oct. 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14

Join Dr. Karla Goldman of the University of Michigan for her encore return to JLearn, as she continues the dynamic conversation of women in American Jewish history. Discover the untold story of the impact women's organizations had in America, the achievements of Jewish women in history as selected from "This Week in History" of the Jewish Women's Archive, and Jewish women's leadership in 2022 as we reflect on the fiftieth anniversary of the rabbinic ordination of Sally Priesand. Explore your own role and the impact you have as a force within your own community.

Tuition: \$65

LISTEN TO THIS! A JEWISH PODCAST CLUB

Rebecca Starr

ZOOM

MONDAYS, 7 – 8:15 PM

Monthly: Nov 28; Dec. 12; Jan. 9; Feb. 6

The world of podcasts in the Jewish community is steadily growing in popularity and scope and includes significant content that extends well beyond studies of the weekly Torah portion. Today's most popular podcasts offer an opportunity to engage with current events, relevant Jewish ideas and important leaders. We will explore four of the most influential podcasts on the Jewish stage today including *Identity Crisis*, *Judaism Unbound*, *Israel Story* and *Chutzpod*. This is an opportunity to analyze conversations that are part of the Jewish communal landscape in real time while also offering an opportunity to apply their messages and lessons to our lives today. Participants in this group will be asked to listen to one 45-minute podcast before attending class. The podcasts will be assigned one week in advance.

Tuition: \$65

TUESDAY CLASSES

THE ORIGINAL HALACHIC DEBATES

Rabbi Michele Faudem

Series 1 and 3:

In Person | Max M. Fisher Federation Building

Series 2:

ZOOM

TUESDAYS, 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Series 1: Sep. 6, 13, 20; Oct. 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15; Dec. 6, 13

Series 2: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Series 3: Mar. 14, 21, 28; Apr. 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23

This class is reserved for students who have previously enrolled at this day and time.

Tuition: \$115 per 9-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series \$330

CHAPTER AND VERSE: PREPARING FOR THE SECOND TEMPLE

Rabbi Michele Faudem

Series 1 and 3:

In Person | Max M. Fisher Federation Building

Series 2:

ZOOM

TUESDAYS, 10:45 – 11:45 AM

Series 1: Sep. 6, 13, 20; Oct. 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15; Dec. 6, 13

Series 2: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Series 3: Mar. 14, 21, 28; Apr. 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23

King Jehoiachin, his mother and the rest of the leaders of the Jewish people are exiled to Babylon and the Temple is about to be destroyed. Join us as we explore the words of Jeremiah, and how Ezekiel comforts and advises the people in Babylon as they prepare for their return and rebuilding of the Second Temple.

Tuition: \$115 per 9-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series \$330

Sign up for all six series on Tuesday mornings with Rabbi Faudem \$630

PIRKEI AVOT (ETHICS OF THE FATHERS)

Rabbi Rod Glogower

In-Person | Max M. Fisher Federation Building

TUESDAYS, 10:30 AM – NOON

Series 1: Oct. 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15; Dec. 6, 13; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24

Series 2: Jan. 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; Mar. 14, 21, 28; Apr. 18, 25

Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) is a rich treasure trove of moral and ethical teachings of the Tannaitic rabbis. These maxims serve as guides for Jewish living. In this class, we continue to mine these inspiring materials by way of close textual analysis. Classic rabbinic commentaries from throughout the ages will serve as our guides. A famous passage in Pirkei Avot advises us with regard to the Torah: “Turn it and turn it, for everything is within it.” In this class, we will apply this teaching to the text of Pirkei Avot itself.

Tuition: \$195 per 10-week series

I-ENGAGE PROGRAM FROM SHALOM HARTMAN INSTITUTE: ISRAEL'S MILESTONES AND THEIR MEANINGS

Rabbi Michele Faudem

ZOOM

TUESDAYS, 7 – 8:30 PM

Sept. 6, 13, 20; Oct. 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29; Dec. 6, 13

This innovative course begins with an examination of the Balfour Declaration in 1917. It explores key moments in 1947 and 1967 when Zionism unleashed new thinking about the meaning of Jewishness for generations to come. Engage in an open and pluralistic discussion about issues of Jewish identity, peoplehood, ethics and theology, as they relate to nationhood, land, sovereignty, Jerusalem, occupation and moral red lines.

Tuition: \$195

RESURRECTING THE JEW: NATIONALISM, PHILOSEMITISM AND POLAND'S JEWISH REVIVAL

Dr. Genevieve Zubrisky

ZOOM

TUESDAYS, 7 – 8:30 PM

Nov. 1, 8

Since the early 2000s, Poland has experienced a remarkable Jewish revival, largely driven by non-Jewish Poles with a passionate interest in all things Jewish. Klezmer music, Jewish-style restaurants and Jewish festivals have become popular, while new museums, memorials, Jewish studies programs, and Holocaust research centers reflect soul-searching about Polish-Jewish relations before, during and after the Holocaust. What does it mean to try to bring Jewish culture back to life in a country where three million Jews were murdered and where only about 10,000 Jews now live?

Lecture 1: The fate of Jews who survived the Holocaust and remained in Communist Poland; the revival of Jewish communities after the fall of communism; recovery of Jewish identity by the third post-Holocaust generation and the support of international Jewish organizations.

Lecture 2: The world of non-Jewish Poles who are actively resurrecting Jewish culture in today's Poland. Who are they and why are they committed to this project? What is the relationship between the revival of Jewish communal life and the resurrection of Jewish culture by non-Jews?

Tuition: \$40

THE 10 STAGES THAT CREATED THE HOLOCAUST

Ruth Bergman

ZOOM

TUESDAYS, 7 – 8:30 PM

Nov. 29; Dec. 6, 13

We want to believe that genocide is an outlier event in history committed by governments and beyond the control of ordinary citizens. The truth is, we all have the ability to stand up to hate and protect the rights of others. But how? Through the case study of the Holocaust we will investigate the stages a society goes through that can lead to genocide. Learn to identify the tools of propaganda and how to differentiate real news from “fake.” Discuss what ordinary citizens can do to ensure that “Never Again” becomes a reality for all people.

Tuition: \$60

JEWES AND JUDAISM: THE ESSENTIALS PART 1 - ANCIENT ISRAEL

Professor Howard Lupovitch

ZOOM

TUESDAYS, 7 – 8:30 PM

Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 13, 20

Explore the world of the Bible and the origins of foundational concepts of the Covenant and Holiness; and how these ideas, set against the politics and culture of the Ancient Near East, became the central pillars of Ancient Israel. We then explore how this world and these defining concepts were adapted to the experience of exile/diaspora and challenged by the encounter with Hellenistic civilization and the end of decline of Jewish sovereignty, leading to multiple versions of Judaism vying to be the one true Judaism.

Tuition: \$115

JEWS AND JUDAISM: THE ESSENTIALS PART 2 – DIASPORA JUDAISM COMES OF AGE

Professor Howard Lupovitch

ZOOM

TUESDAYS, 7 – 8:30 PM

Feb. 14, 21, 28; Mar. 14, 21, 28

Moving ahead through history, we turn to the experience of Jews in the worlds of Christendom and Islam, and why the latter was generally better for Jews until the end of the Middle Ages. Along the way, we will encounter the triumph of Rabbinic Judaism, the roots, and beginnings of the Ashkenazic and Sephardic worlds – and the differences between them – and the growing Christian antagonism toward Jews that culminated with the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492.

Tuition: \$115

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

MOSES: SCENES FROM A LIFE

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

ZOOM

WEDNESDAYS, 9:30 – 10:45 AM

Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30

Moses is, without question, the most important character in the Torah and the greatest figure in Jewish tradition. In this class, we will explore seven different “scenes” from Moses’ life and will use the text of the Torah and traditional and contemporary commentaries, to discover how his actions have been viewed through the ages. We also will discuss our own impressions of Moses and reflect on the lessons we can learn from his life as we consider different stages in our own lives.

Tuition: \$115

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES - DEEDS AND CREEDS

Rabbi Michele Faudem

Series 1 and 3:

In Person | Max M. Fisher Federation Building

Series 2:

ZOOM

WEDNESDAYS, 10:30 - 11:45 AM

Series 1: Sep. 7, 14, 21, 28; Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16

Series 2: Dec. 7, 14; Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

Series 3: Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29; Apr. 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24

Join Rabbi Faudem as she guides you through your personal journey of Mitzvot. What do the Bible, Jewish texts and commentary say about our obligation to our family, the community and the world? What impact does this have on ourselves and others? Does it make us better people if we are simply fulfilling an obligation, or does it create a true change within?

Tuition: \$160 per 10-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series \$455

OPENING THE DOOR FOR ELIJAH (AND ELISHA, TOO)

Rabbi Rod Glogower

In-Person | Max M. Fisher Federation Building

WEDNESDAYS, 10:30 AM - NOON

Series 1: Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16; Dec. 7, 14; Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25

Series 2: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; Mar. 1, 15, 22, 29; Apr. 19, 26

The prophet Elijah looms large in Jewish folklore and tradition. In this course, we continue to study the figure of Elijah and his disciple Elisha as they emerge from the biblical text in the First and Second Book of Kings. Join us as our Tanakh series features close textual analysis based upon a wide range of commentators, both classical and modern. Explore the lives and significance of these two fascinating personalities of ancient Israel.

Tuition: \$195 per 10-week series

THOUGHTFUL JUDAISM FROM SHALOM HARTMAN INSTITUTE

SERIES 1: PEOPLEHOOD AND PRACTICE

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

ZOOM

WEDNESDAYS, 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

Sep. 7, 14, 21, 28; Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec. 7

An exciting pluralistic course offering foundational concepts of Judaism and Jewish life. Learners are invited to participate in deep conversations that apply wisdom from ancient and modern texts to Jewish life today. Explore compelling questions in Jewish thought, through the principles that are our Jewish heritage. Join us for Series 1 and then take Series 2 (Faith and Ethics), offered in our Winter Catalog.

Tuition: \$175

I-ENGAGE PROGRAM FROM SHALOM HARTMAN INSTITUTE:

ISRAEL'S MILESTONES AND THEIR MEANINGS

Rabbi Michele Faudem

In-Person | Max M. Fisher Federation Building

WEDNESDAYS, NOON – 1:30 PM

Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28; Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16

This innovative course begins with an examination of the Balfour Declaration in 1917. It explores key moments in 1947 and 1967 when Zionism unleashed new thinking about the meaning of Jewishness for generations to come. Engage in an open and pluralistic discussion about issues of Jewish identity, peoplehood, ethics and theology, as they relate to nationhood, land, sovereignty, Jerusalem, occupation and moral red lines.

Tuition: \$195

This class is also offered on ZOOM Tuesday evenings at 7 PM.

THE UNCHANTED SCROLL: THE BOOK OF JOB IN OUR WORLD

Rabbi Aaron Bergman

ZOOM

WEDNESDAYS, NOON – 1:30 PM

Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16

The Book of Job is never chanted during synagogue services, but remains a part of the Tanakh, and is never more relevant than today. It confronts losses that seem to have no meaning, a world that feels chaotic and a God that feels so distant. Despite dealing with tragedy, *The Book of Job* is ultimately healing and hopeful. We will look at the book itself, including its structure, history and path to acceptance into the Hebrew Bible, as well as commentaries from the Middle Ages to its influence on Kafka and modern Jewish poets. *The Book of Job* provides comfort, but it requires going through a path of deep introspection and speaking truth to power, even to God.

Tuition: \$80

A COMPLICATED HISTORY OF JEWISH AND BLACK COMMUNITIES

Professor Howard Lupovitch

Hybrid – ZOOM or In-Person at Max M. Fisher Federation Building (You must sign up in person in advance)

WEDNESDAYS, 7 – 8:30 PM

Sept. 7, 14, 21

Join us as we explore the historical and complicated relationship between Jews and the Black Community. We begin with Jewish attitudes toward slavery, Jewish involvement in the Abolition Movement, and how Jewish and Black people confronted the challenges and opportunities of the Gilded Age. We turn then to the role of Jews in the Civil Rights Movement from the founding of the NAACP through the Freedom marches of the 1960s. We will conclude by discussing the strain on these relationships since the end of the 1960s, and efforts by both communities to mend this relationship and rediscover the camaraderie of earlier decades.

Tuition: \$60

Co-Sponsored by the Cohn Haddow Center for Judaic Studies, Wayne State University and JCRC/AJC Detroit.

A TALMUDIC INVESTIGATION OF HAVA'AT SHALOM (PROMOTING PEACE) AND RELATED TOPICS

Rabbi Tzvi Muller

In-Person | Max M. Fisher Federation Building

THURSDAYS, 9:30 – 11 AM

Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10; Dec. 1, 8, 15; Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Apr. 20, 27; May 4, 11

The genius of the Talmud, and the methodology of distilling its principles toward application for Jewish ethical life, has been the hallmark of Jewish scholarship throughout the ages. In this series, we contrast and analyze many teachings of the Talmud, commentaries and codifiers extrapolating Judaism's guidelines for making judgments about the character, actions and words of others. We will enlighten ourselves through the process of translating relevant Jewish teachings into everyday life while exploring the art of practical Talmudic investigation.

Tuition: \$480

Class size is limited. Please contact the office for registration.

CONTEMPORARY HALACHIC DEBATES: WOMENS' EDITION!

Rabbi Michele Faudem

ZOOM

THURSDAYS, 9:30 – 10:30AM

Series 1: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10

Series 2: Dec. 1, 8, 15; Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16

Series 3: Feb. 23; Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Apr. 20, 27; May 4, 11

Jewish law (Halacha) has been the building foundation of the Jewish people for thousands of years. Who holds the final word on Halacha and why? This class will focus on current Judaic women's topics. Join Rabbi Faudem for lively weekly discussions and debates on contemporary issues, using Halacha as a starting point, to discover how decisions are reached, changed or compromised in today's world.

Tuition: \$130 per 10-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series \$370

AN ANGEL ON YOUR BACK: MESSAGES FROM ABOVE

Rabbi Michele Faudem

ZOOM

THURSDAYS, 10:45 – 11:45 AM

Series 1: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10

Series 2: Dec. 1, 8, 15; Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16

Series 3: Feb. 23; Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Apr. 20, 27; May 4, 11

Do you ever get the feeling that a departed loved one is watching over you? Perhaps you have a strange feeling that someone is trying to communicate with you? Angels are supernatural beings that appear widely throughout Jewish literature. The Hebrew word for angel, *mal'ach*, means messenger, and the angels in early biblical writings deliver specific information or carry out some particular function. Join Rabbi Faudem as we explore the mystical world of Jewish angels, the afterlife and our souls in the next world.

Tuition: \$130 per 10-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series \$370

Sign up for all six series with Rabbi Faudem on Thursdays \$705

NURTURING YOUR NASHAMA: AWAKENING YOUR SOUL FOR THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Rabbi Joseph Krakoff

ZOOM

THURSDAYS, 10 – 11:30 AM

Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13

Join Rabbi Krakoff for this ongoing series: *Nurturing Your Nashama (Soul)*, where he provides insight and lively discussion on being your best Jewish self. Is Rosh Hashanah always early or late, but never on time? Depends on who you ask! If you consult your soul, it comes just when you need it the most. In the same way that we take our cars in for an annual tune-up, the fall holidays provide us with the opportunity to tune-up and awaken our souls. Do you need a soulful tune-up? Examine each of the fall holidays with particular attention to the larger, sometimes unspoken, lessons that will uplift you and, for those in need, offer healing.

Tuition: \$120

COFFEE WITH THE RABBIS: NOT YOUR BUBBIES' BIBLE STORIES

Rabbi Joshua Bennett and Rabbi Joseph Krakoff

ZOOM

THURSDAYS, 10 – 11:30 AM

Monthly: Oct. 20; Nov. 17; Dec. 15; Jan. 12;
Feb. 16; Mar. 9; Apr. 20; May 18

Settle in for a once-a-month exploration of some of the most thought-provoking biblical narratives and Jewish commentaries you definitely did not learn in Sunday school. Rabbi Josh Bennett and Rabbi Joseph Krakoff will be our guides as we explore, in depth, some of the most interesting and less studied verses and stories that will surely prompt discussion. Each class will focus on a theme gleaned from Jewish Biblical texts and their relevance and applicability to our lives and the modern era.

Tuition: \$180

JUDAISM OR SPIRITUALITY?

Dr. Michael Pytlik

ZOOM

THURSDAYS, NOON - 1:30 PM

Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8, 15

Starting from the Enlightenment period, and growing in popularity today, the movement from religion to spirituality has taken root in America and throughout the Jewish world. Through traditional texts, we will explore the meaning of both religion and spirituality in the context of western tradition. Discussion will focus on human being, the body, ideas of the soul and rituals - both ancient and modern. Look at important religious teachings from the East and West, including Judaism, and ask: Is religious Judaism being replaced by spirituality and what is the difference, as well as the potential consequences, to the future of our religion?

Tuition: \$155

ON DISPLAY – JUDAISM AT THE DIA!

Wendy Evans

In-Person | Max M. Fisher Federation Building

THURSDAYS, 10 – 11:30 AM

Oct. 27; Nov. 3, 10

The Detroit Institute of Arts, like all the area's cultural institutions, has benefited tremendously from Jewish support. This series explores a wide variety of wonderful DIA artworks with special focus on those with a Jewish connection, either from the artist, the subject depicted or the donor. Join Wendy in person and explore the contribution the Jewish community has made on the fine arts of Detroit.

Tuition: \$60

TWENTY HEROINES-TWENTY STORIES: THE WOMEN OF EISHET CHAYIL- THE SONG OF VALOR

Ariella Nadel

ZOOM

THURSDAYS, NOON – 1:30 PM

Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8, 15

For centuries, we have sung this song of strength to Jewish women around our Sabbath tables, but do you know who its words are praising? From our Matriarch Sarah to the mother of Samson, to the lovely Ruth, our Sages tell us that each line reflects another heroine of Tanakh. Through analysis of text and midrash, we will reveal the stories behind the women. We will explore why each woman merited a place in this Song of Valor and reflect upon what they each have to teach us about the strength we find within ourselves.

Tuition: \$155

CONTEMPORARY HALACHIC DEBATES: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Rabbi Michele Faudem

ZOOM

THURSDAYS, 7 – 8 PM

Series 1: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10

Series 2: Dec. 1, 8, 15; Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16

Series 3: Feb. 23; Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Apr. 20, 27; May 4, 11

Join Rabbi Faudem for a lively weekly discussion and debate on current, relevant topics. How does Halacha (Jewish Law) impact our everyday opinions and decisions? Join our round table discussion as Rabbi Faudem asks you to answer the question: “What are your questions, comments and concerns?”

Tuition: \$130 per 10-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series \$370

FRIDAY CLASSES

PARSHA HASHAVUAH (WEEKLY TORAH PORTION)

Instructor: Community Rabbis, Cantors and Educators

ZOOM

FRIDAYS, 10 – 11 AM

Series 1: Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9, 16

Series 2: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10

Series 3: Mar. 17, 24, 31; Apr. 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19; Jun. 2, 9

Each week a different rabbi, cantor or educator will present the weekly Torah portion from his or her own perspective. You never know who will be teaching each week, but it is always enlightening and engaging! Sign up for one ten-week series or the entire year. Students need to have a Tanakh (Bible).

Tuition: \$125 per 10-week series

Discount: Sign up for all three series \$355

*Co-sponsored by: The Michigan Board of Rabbis and
The Michigan Board of Cantors*

JEWES HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Nina Yahalomi Klevitsky with Rabbi Joshua Bennett

ZOOM

FRIDAYS, 11 AM – 12:30 PM

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14

Welcome from Israel former Detroit Shlichah (*emissary*) Nina Yahalomi Klevitsky, and occasional guest Rabbi Joshua Bennett, as they explore the future of the Jewish people in America and Israel. Using multiple sources for current information and events, explore how these two countries can face a stronger Jewish future, both together and apart, as we encounter triumphs and difficulties, tragedies and successes.

Tuition: \$130

*Co-Sponsored by: Israel and Overseas,
Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit*

READING THE GOSPELS WITH THE RABBI

Rabbi Joseph Klein

ZOOM

FRIDAYS, 11:30AM – 1 PM

Sept. 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18

Study the three “Synoptic Gospels” of Matthew, Mark and Luke with Rabbi Klein as they separately tell the story of Jesus, his mission and message to the Jews. Though presenting a similar narrative, they have very different perspectives on Jews, Judaism and being “in covenant” with God. Productive and meaningful interfaith dialogue depends upon our Jewish understanding of the Christian Gospels.

Tuition: \$155

READING PAUL WITH THE RABBI

Rabbi Joseph Klein

ZOOM

FRIDAYS, 11:30AM – 1 PM

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

The Jesus Movement was no longer Jewish under the 1st Century influence of Paul, the most important figure for the Early Church. Paul's authentic New Testament letters will be examined carefully to explore his theology as a blending of Hellenistic thought and Jewish theology. The class will explore and explain why and how the Jewish Paul impacted and challenged the early community of Jesus-believers, and founded Christianity.

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Series 2: Jan. 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27;
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Mar. 13, 20, 27; Apr. 24

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THE INSTRUCTORS

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RABBI AARON BERGMAN is a Detroit native and a graduate of the University of Michigan. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary and pursued additional graduate work in Jewish Folklore at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He was part of the educators' program at the Shalom Hartman Institute. Rabbi Bergman is the Past President of the Michigan Board of Rabbis and represents local rabbis throughout the state in various interfaith initiatives. Rabbi Bergman served as a rabbi at Congregation Beth Ahm and was Rabbi-in-Residence at Hillel Day School. He was the founding Director of Jewish Studies at the Frankel Jewish Academy and has been a Melton instructor. Rabbi Bergman joined the Adat Shalom Synagogue clergy in 2008 and became Mara d'Atra of the Synagogue in May of 2009.

RUTH BERGMAN is the Director of Education at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills, Michigan. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University and did graduate work at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Ruth completed a certificate in Jewish Leadership for Educators from Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership and currently is working on a certificate on nonprofit leadership from the Kellogg School of Management. She was an instructor for Melton, Limud Michigan and taught for Detroit's Jewish adult education programs for many years, including courses in antisemitism and Holocaust studies.

RABBI ROBERT DOBRUSIN was born and raised in Boston and has served at Beth Israel in Ann Arbor since 1988. He was ordained from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and in 2015 was named one of the 33 most inspiring rabbis in America by The Forward. He is a published author of numerous essays and sermons, and a book entitled *The Long Way Around: Stories and Sermon's from a Life's Journey*.

WENDY EVANS was raised among the museums of London, England. She has advanced degrees from Oxford University in England and Wayne State University in Detroit. She taught art history at Wayne State University and elsewhere and is a long-time volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Ms. Evans gives presentations on a wide variety of art subjects throughout Michigan.

RABBI MICHELE FAUDEM was ordained by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1995 where she also earned her M.A. in Education. She was the Coordinator of Adult Jewish Education at the Houston JCC and the Melton Director of Houston. Rabbi Faudem was a popular Melton instructor and teaches numerous JLearn classes. She is the Rabbi Educator for Hillel of Metropolitan Detroit.

RABBI ROD GLOGOWER is the rabbinic resource person on staff of the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation at the University of Michigan and an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan Law School. He received his rabbinic ordination with distinction from Midrasha Seminary of Machon Harry Fischel in Jerusalem.

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LAURA GOTTLIEB is the Director of Cultural Resources at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Township. There she oversees the Rabbi Leo M. Franklin Archives and Prentis Memorial Library. Laura has a Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University and a Masters in Library Information Science and Archival Administration from Wayne State University. Gottlieb was born and raised in Michigan and has a passion for sharing the stories and legacies of Jewish Detroit.

JILL GUTMANN has experiences in Jewish ethics, halakha, medical ethics and public health. She holds an AB from Smith College; Fulbright Grantee to South Korea; a Masters of Public Health from the University of Cincinnati and Jewish Ethics from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. She has served on hospital ethics boards and worked as an ethicist for the CDC and the Israeli Ministry of Health. She served on the faculty at the Melton School in Auckland, New Zealand.

RABBI JOSEPH KLEIN was Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El of Oak Park for 16 years before becoming Rabbi Emeritus in 2013. He holds a Master of Hebrew Letters and received his ordination from Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rabbi Klein has been Adjunct Professor at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Indiana State University and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He is currently Adjunct Professor at Oakland University and Rochester College, and Visiting Rabbi with the Grosse Pointe Jewish Council.

NINA YAHALOMI KLEVITSKY was the Senior Community Shlichah (emissary) at the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. Prior to that, Nina was a teacher and a teacher supervisor both in a youth-at-risk high school and in a junior high. Prior to that, she ran the National Child and Youth at Risk program in Tel Aviv while completing three degrees: Bachelor of Arts in Government and diplomacy, Master of Arts in Public Policy from IDC Herzliya and MPH in Emergency and Disaster Management from the Tel Aviv University. Nina is a captain in the IDF and is still serving in the reserves. She speaks Hebrew, English and Russian. Nina currently resides in Israel with her family, since returning from her position with Federation.

RABBI JOSEPH H. KRAKOFF is the Senior Director of Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network. He also serves on the Hospice teams of Residential Hospice and Heart to Heart Hospice. Rabbi Krakoff offers classes and seminars on a variety of spiritual topics and is a guest lecturer in the Wayne State Medical School's Health and Wellness program. Rabbi Krakoff is a graduate of Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, California, and the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, New York.

NIRA LEV holds two Master of Arts degrees from Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University and is a graduate of the Post Graduate Leadership Training Program from NYU. For over 30 years, she has been teaching Hebrew, Bible and Literature, training teachers and presenting workshops nationwide. Ms. Lev is the author of several Hebrew textbooks and of several publications and was the editor of the Hebrew monthly *Ivriton*. She currently teaches at Oakland University. She is a recipient of the Berman Outstanding Professional Service Award and of the Schochet Outstanding Teacher Award.

PROFESSOR HOWARD LUPOVITCH received a Ph.D. in Jewish History from Columbia University. He has taught at Cornell University, Colby College, the University of Western Ontario and University of Michigan where he was also a fellow at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies. He is currently Associate Professor of History and the Director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University. Professor Lupovitch is the 2009 winner of the Benard L. Maas Prize for Achievement in Jewish Culture and Continuity in the Area of Humanities.

RABBI TZVI MULLER specializes in teaching Judaism's guidelines for treating others with love, respect and kindness – *Mitzvot Bein Adam Lechavero*. Through his widely attended classes, award-winning programs and innovative educational leadership, Rabbi Muller has brought the values, teachings and practices of kindness to Jews in Michigan and all over the world. He serves as Rabbi of the Birmingham Bloomfield Chai Center and directs the Jewish Values Institute.

ARIELLA NADEL has been a longtime community educator and recently retired from teaching at Farber Hebrew Day School - Yeshivat Akiva. She has taught adult Tanakh classes at Limmud, community centers, synagogues and schools. Ms. Nadel holds degrees in Judaic Studies and Political Science from Yeshiva University and a Law Degree from the Cardozo School of Law.

RABBI DR. MITCH PARKER has been teaching Torah in the Detroit area for more than two decades. He is a child psychologist working with the families of children with developmental and learning challenges. Mitch previously has worked in a Children's Hospital and both a secular and a Jewish school for children with developmental disabilities in Buffalo and Toronto. He developed the Parent Education Program for the Florence Melton School and was the Special Needs Director at Hillel Day School of Metropolitan Detroit. Mitch has just retired as the Rabbi of B'nai Israel Synagogue in West Bloomfield.

DR. MICHAEL PYTLIK is Adjunct Assistant Professor in Anthropology and Religion and the Director of Jewish Studies at Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan. He has excavated a number of biblical and more recent sites in Israel and takes students from Oakland to Israel each year on excavations. Dr. Pytlik has a Bachelor's degree in History and Philosophy, a Masters in Jewish Studies and a Doctorate in Jewish Studies from Spertus College of Judaic Studies and Leadership, Chicago. His area of study was historical and theological questions relating to the early Israelite monarchy at the time of King David.

REBECCA STARR is the Midwest Manager at Shalom Hartman Institute of North America where she oversees all program development, management and partnerships in the Midwest region. Ms. Starr is a respected educator and community organizer. She served as an Assistant Director of the Alliance for Jewish Education at the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit and directed the Detroit branch of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, where she later served as a Melton faculty member.

ROBBIE TERMAN is the Director of the Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives. She holds a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science and a certification in Archival Administration from Wayne State University. As an archivist, she uses her research skills to uncover stories of the past. She has performed extensive genealogy research for herself and others and has taught workshops for beginning genealogists.

DORIT WARFMAN was a public educator in Israel from 1998 - 2006. She was a superintendent for a kibbutz school responsible for the programming of children, ages 1 - 18. She holds both a teaching certificate and an Industrial Engineering degree. Ms. Warfman and her husband recently moved from Israel to Michigan to be close to her sons and their families.

GENEVIÈVE ZUBRZYCKI is a Professor of Sociology and faculty associate at the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan, where she also directs the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia and the Copernicus Center for Polish Studies. A 2021 Guggenheim Fellow, she is the author and editor of several books, including the award-winning *The Crosses of Auschwitz: Nationalism and Religion in Post-Communist Poland*. Her new book, *Resurrecting the Jew: Nationalism, Philosemitism, and Poland's Jewish Revival* analyzes non-Jewish Poles fascination with Jewish culture and the renewal of Jewish life in that country since the fall of communism.

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