

JEWISH LEARNING LAB for ADULTS
2023-2024 (5784)

In the Jewish world, learning is a lifelong experience. Whether you're studying texts, rituals, dance or Hebrew, your Jewish life and your connection to our community will surely be enhanced. We invite you to experiment with one or more of our educational opportunities this year.

Adult Learning is a benefit of temple membership; there are no fees or tuition for temple members. Should your course require a textbook, you would be asked to purchase it. If you need financial assistance for the purchase of any textbook, please contact Karma.

Non-members are asked to make a donation of \$180 to our Adult Education fund. Your one-time donation gives you access to all courses. If a donation of \$180 will cause you financial hardship, please donate whatever you can to support our program.

If you are not currently receiving our weekly email or if you have any questions, please contact our educator, Karma Lindner, at 209.477.9306, x302 or office@templeisraelstockton.com

Some courses require or suggest textbooks. We encourage learners to purchase them in their preferred format (hardcopy, paper, Kindle, Audible, etc.) or to check with their local lending library, Libby, or other app. If you need financial assistance with purchasing a text, please contact Karma.

JEWISH THOUGHT & PRACTICE

Why We Do What We Do

Whether you have been a Jew your whole life, are considering conversion, or parenting Jewish children/grandchildren, this course will give you insights into Jewish thought, practice, ritual, and rhythm. A Zoom option will be available for this course.

Day/Time: Thursdays, 5:30p-7p, beginning October 19

Facilitator: Rabbi Gwasdoff

Eight Virtues – Three Voices

Drawing from the teachings of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, we will explore a variety of Jewish virtues and explore what it means to be a morally upstanding human being through a Jewish lens. A Zoom option will be available for this course.

Day/Time: Thursdays, 10:30a-11:45a, beginning October 19

Facilitator: Karma

Textbooks (optional): We will be reading portions of The Rebbe by Joseph Telushkin as well as segments of Judaism's Life Changing Ideas by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. It is not necessary to purchase these texts as we will not be using them in their entirety, but they would be a nice addition to your Jewish home library.

Jewish Book Club

Our Book Club meets one Sunday per month, year round, to discuss a variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction. The Book Club prefers to meet in-person, but does frequently offer a Zoom option. Watch our weekly eblast for the current read or contact Deborah Mendoza for more information: dmendoza1075@gmail.com

HEBREW

Beginning Hebrew

This course is for those learning to read Hebrew for the first time and for those who need a refresher course. You can either purchase the text book or, if you prefer, access it online for free.

Day/Time: Sundays, 10:30a-11:20a, beginning October 15

Facilitator: TBD

Textbook (Suggested, not required): Learn to Read Hebrew in Six Weeks by Miiko Shaffier

Understanding Prayer (Intermediate Hebrew)

We will explore the underlying meaning of many of the prayers in our siddur (prayerbook) with an emphasis on Hebrew reading and vocabulary building. Basic Hebrew reading skills are required for this course.

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:45p-7:25p, beginning October 18

Facilitator: Karma

SING & DANCE

Kolot Choir

You don't need to know how to read music or have a great voice to be a part of Kolot. We are a group of people who love to sing, laugh, and enjoy each other's company.

Day/Time: Post High Holydays: Wednesdays, 7:30p-8:30p
Watch our weekly newsletter for High Holyday rehearsal days and times. If you have not been in Kolot before, please email Lindy at lpasserart2@yahoo.com to get connected.

Facilitators: Lindy & Rabbi

Israeli Dancing (All Levels)

Israeli Dancing is great fun and awesome exercise! We'll be learning both the golden oldies and new dances that are hitting the scenes. Please contact Lindy for our dance schedule: lpasserart2@yahoo.com.

Day/time: Tuesdays, 9a-10a (Email Lindy for exact dates)
Facilitator: Lindy

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Day/time: Wednesdays, 5:30p-6:15p (Email Lindy for exact dates)
Facilitator: Lindy

Israeli Dancing (Intermediate & Advanced)

For those who have completed the Beginner's course, learn even more dances by joining our Intermediate/Advanced group! Please contact Lindy for our dance schedule: lpasserart2@yahoo.com.

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:15p-7:00p (Email Lindy for exact dates)
Facilitator: Lindy

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

SIGs are social groups that connect temple members to others in our community with shared interests. SIGs are a benefit of temple membership. Participation is limited to temple members. The following SIGs are currently active. Please contact SIG leaders directly for more information.

Boating on the Delta – Enrique Schcolnik - dre@pdscows.com

Bocce Ball – Steve Jacobs - Tlstevejacobs@gmail.com

Day Hikes – Steve Schermerhorn - sschermerhorn36@gmail.com

Kayaking on the Mokelumne – Beth Sanders - lizboxermom@gmail.com

Marksmanship & Trap - Beth Sanders - lizboxermom@gmail.com

Wine Tasting - Beth Sanders - lizboxermom@gmail.com

Zoom Shabbat Dinner – Karma Lindner – office@templeisraelstockton.com

If you have an idea for a new SIG or want more information, please contact Steve Jacobs at Tlstevejacobs@gmail.com