

Congregation B'nai Israel Adult Jewish Learning

Winter Semester, January-February 2020



Weekly Classes

Torah from the Sandia: Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Dov Gartenberg

Shabbat Mornings 9-9:45am, Jan. 4th - Feb. 29, 2020 in Adler Lounge. No class on 1/11.

This class is for Jews wishing to increase their knowledge and connection and non-Jewish individuals who are curious about Judaism or are studying for conversion to Judaism. No Charge, Open to the Public. Hebrew reading ability is not required. Please register on the link below to receive resources from Rabbi Dov Gartenberg

Class Description

We study the portion of the week to gain insights into the wisdom of the Torah and teachings that illuminate our lives. The method of Torah study employed by Rabbi Gartenberg gives every participant a unique commentary to share with the participants. Rabbi Gartenberg deepens the study with rabbinic and contemporary understandings. Participants debate controversies and can react honestly with the text. Regular participants will gain real skills in personal Torah study and will gain an appreciation for the rich Jewish literature of reflection on the 5 Books of Moses. Drop-ins are welcome. Donations of \$36 to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund are welcome to support the class. [Link to Registration.](#)

Recommended Reading *Stringing the Pearls : How to Read the Weekly Torah Portion* by James S. Diamond

Beit Midrash-House of Study: Enjoying Great Jewish Texts through Classical Way of Jewish Dyad Learning.

Weekly on Tuesday evenings, 7-8pm, from Jan 7th - Feb 25th, 7-8pm. In Upstairs B'nai Israel Library
Cost \$54 for CBI members, \$72 for non-members.

This unique adult learning experience explores great Jewish texts and themes utilizing a classic model of Jewish learning: Study in Havruta. Participants in the class study Jewish texts, including from the Jewish Bible, Talmud, Midrash, and other Jewish literature with a study partner. The format of the class will be 30 minutes of text study in Havruta followed by 30 minutes of teaching and facilitated discussion led by Rabbi Gartenberg. You will come away with greater appreciation of Jewish text learning and a method of learning that is authentically Jewish and intellectually satisfying. We encourage participants to sign up with a friend to share the experience of “Havruta”. Individuals will be paired with other individual participants.

Hebrew and Synagogue Skills Classes

Beginning Hebrew and Synagogue Skills Classes

Beginning Hebrew with Lea Koshkin. 2nd Semester. Morning and Evening Options on Tuesdays from Jan. 7th - Feb. 25th, 2020

From Lea Koshkin “I was born and raised in Israel and served in the Israeli Defense Forces as a teacher to elementary school children. My family and I moved to Albuquerque a few months ago, and we love every minute of it. As part of my career as a nurse practitioner, I teach on a daily base health promotion and illness prevention. I love spending time with my family, doing yoga, rock climbing, and teaching Hebrew.”

10-11am Tuesday mornings, Adler Lounge or
5-6pm Tuesday evenings, Adler Lounge

Beginning Torah Reading Cantillation 2nd Semester, Morning and Evening Options on Tuesdays from Jan. 7th - Feb. 25th, 2020 Instructor, Beth Cohen, Cantor at Nahalat Shalom

About the teacher: Beth Cohen is a well-known vocalist, string musician and music teacher in New Mexico - teaching voice,

guitar, piano and violin to students of all ages as well as performing Balkan, Klezmer, Sephardic and world music. Beth holds a Bachelor of Music degree in voice performance from the University of New Mexico. Since 1995 she has been sharing her love and knowledge of Jewish prayer and world music throughout the southwest and at Congregation Nahalat Shalom as the Cantor and music director.

11am-12pm Tuesday mornings, Adler Lounge or
7-8pm Tuesday evenings, Adler Lounge

Registration for Beginning Hebrew or Beginning Cantillation class.
CBI and Nahalat Shalom Members \$54 Non-Members \$72

Registration for both Hebrew and Cantillation classes. CBI and Nahalat Shalom Members \$90 Non-Members \$108

Advanced Synagogue Skills Training with Rabbi Gartenberg

Tuesday evenings 6-7pm from Jan. 7th running weekly through the end of May in B'nai Israel Library. See schedule below.
No financial charge: Participants will be asked to utilize newly acquired skills in the context of communal worship.

January 7,14,21,28 Shabbat Morning Service from Shochan Ad to the Torah Service

February 4,11,18,25 Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv

March 3,10,17,24,31 Head Gabbai at Torah Service, Leading a Shivah Minyan,

April and May topics will be announced later.

Register directly with Rabbi Gartenberg.

Prerequisites:

1. Ability to read Hebrew fluidly and phonetically with minimal errors.
2. A pleasant singing voice.
3. A laptop computer that can be brought to class to use online learning tools.

Intermediate Hebrew with Rabbi Min Kantrowitz

Rabbi Min's classes are offered through Nahalat Shalom and are endorsed by Rabbi Gartenberg. For information about Rabbi Min's Hebrew classes, please contact her directly.
rabbiminkantrowitz@gmail.com.

Community Introduction to Judaism Class

Wednesdays from 7-9pm, Jan 15-May 13, 2020

Classes at Congregation Albert 3800 Louisiana Blvd NE, 87110

Class Fee: \$54.00 plus books.

To register call 505-883-1818 or email lisag@congregationalbert.org

Rabbi Gartenberg will be part of the teaching team.

The Rabbinical and Cantorial Association of Albuquerque offers a community "Introduction to Judaism" class for those who are interested in a journey toward Judaism, who are already on their Jewish Journey, or who would like to upgrade their religious school education during childhood.

Monthly Classes/Programs

Singing around the Sabbath Table: Gaining Jewish Musical Literacy

Teacher: Rabbi Dov Gartenberg

5 Friday evening Sabbath meals from Jan. to May following the 2nd

Friday night of the month Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Services

7:15-9:00 in Social Hall.

January 10th

February 14th

March 13th

April 10th

May 8th

Singing around the Sabbath table is a very old and beloved Jewish custom (think of the Passover Seder). But the Sabbath singing customs have been lost among many liberal Jews. The aim of this special series is to share with participants the rich repository of Sabbath table music which can be shared with family, friends, and guests. Rabbi Dov will share the great online resources for gathering your own Jewish library. Most of all we'll have fun singing great songs, telling stories, and mastering the rituals of the Friday evening Sabbath table such as the Kiddush and Birkat Hamazon-the grace after meals.

Cost: \$100 for each participant. \$150 for families of 3 or more. Nonmembers are welcome. Tuition covers meals and basic resources. Scholarships are available. Children are welcome. A child activity center will be provided if we have enough families.



Classes at CBI Winter 2020

Registration Form

Please mail in this form with payment to Adult Learning, Congregation B'nai Israel, 4401 Indian School Rd. NE, ABQ 87110.

You may RSVP by phone with Anna in the office at 505 266-0155 or office@bnaiisrael-nm.org. Please return this form by 1/6/20.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Classes registering for: _____

Total Fees: \$ _____

Check # and Amount: _____

Please make checks payable to Congregation B'nai Israel

MC/VISA (circle credit type) / (insert other cards for payment).

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date ____/____ Security Code _____



