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9:15 - 11 a.m.
Melton PEP (Parent Education Program)
Temple Israel
Rabbis Marla Hornsten and Michele Faudem

9:30 - 11 a.m.
Jews in America – Last Chapters
(Fall 2015 only)
Melton - Year 2
Ruth Bergman and Rabbi Michele Faudem

9:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Talmudic Investigation Verbal Abuse
(Melton or Melton PEP only)
Rabbi Tzvi Muller

10 a.m. - 12 noon
Torah Line by Line - Deuteronomy
Rabbi Michael Cohen

11:15 - 12:45 p.m.
Psychologist’s Look at the Bible
Dr. Mitch Parker

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10 - 11 a.m.
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11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Ripped from the Headlines
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About our Instructors

**Rabbi Aaron Bergman** is a Detroit native and a graduate of the University of Michigan. He is a rabbi at Adat Shalom Synagogue. Rabbi Bergman 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.

**Ruth Weiss Bergman** has been teaching in the Detroit Jewish community for 22 years. She taught for the Midrasha College of Jewish Studies, Hillel Day School, Frankel Jewish Academy, Global Day of Jewish Learning and Women’s Day of Learning. Ms. Bergman is currently an instructor for Melton, Melton Scholars Curriculum and FedEd classes.

**Rabbi Michael Cohen** is the Rabbi of Young Israel of Oak Park. He was formerly the Rabbi of Keter Torah for the Sephardic community. Educated in London and Gateshead, England and Jerusalem, he received rabbinic ordination from the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem.

**Rabbi Michele Faudem** was ordained by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1995. She also earned her M.A. in Education from The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She was the Coordinator of Adult Jewish Education at the Houston JCC and the Houston Melton Director. Rabbi Faudem teaches in the Melton core program, the Melton Parent Education Program (P.E.P.), Melton graduate and FedEd classes.

**Rabbi Dr. Eliezer Finkelman** holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from City University of New York, and Rabbinical Ordination from Yeshiva University. He served as Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel in Berkeley, California and as Hillel Director at Wayne State University. He teaches Literature at Lawrence Technological University, and serves as Co-Rabbi of Congregation Or Chadash in Oak Park. His stories often appear in the Detroit Jewish News.

**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.

**Rabbi Marla Hornsten** is a Rabbi at Temple Israel in West Bloomfield. She holds an M.A. in Modern European History from the Claremont Graduate School and an M.A. in Hebrew Letters and Rabbinic Ordination from the Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion. Rabbi Hornsten studies rabbinic and modern midrash and is particularly interested in women in text and women’s issues in Judaism. Her Rabbinic thesis, *Claiming Hagar: A Search for Identity in Rabbinic Midrash* combined her love of text with her commitment to women and women’s identity.

**Aron Kaufman** teaches Hebrew at Hillel Day School of Metro Detroit. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a Master's Degree in Education from Marygrove College. Mr. Kaufman taught Hebrew and Judaic Studies at the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor for 24 years. He served as a mentor teacher and leads Hebrew workshops for Michigan educators. In 2012 Mr. Kaufman received the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education.

**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, teaching courses on Genesis, Hebrew Scripture, First Century History, New Testament, and Introduction to Judaism. He is currently Adjunct Professor at Oakland University, Marygrove College and Rochester College in Michigan.

**Nira Lev** holds M.A. degrees from Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University and is a graduate of the Leadership Training Program from NYU. She has been teaching Hebrew, training teachers and developing curricula for the past 40 years and currently teaches Hebrew at Oakland University. She is a recipient of the Berman Outstanding Professional Service Award and 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 U of M 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 Mark Robbins is Rabbi of B’nai Israel Synagogue in West Bloomfield. He is also a writer and founder of jewishlifestory.org. A graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Robbins has long been involved in inter-group dialogue about theology, faith, American public policy and the Middle East.

Dr. Melissa Ser joined Adat Shalom Synagogue as its Director of Congregational Learning in July 2012. She earned an M.A. and Ph.D., focusing on Medieval Literature and Textual Scholarship, from the University of Rochester. She also studied Rabbinics at Hebrew Union College. Dr. Ser spent almost a decade living in Jerusalem where she was the Academic Coordinator for the Ramah Jerusalem High School and the Director of the Ramah Jerusalem Day Camp. She has been teaching Hebrew to adults and children for over 15 years.

Dr. Justin Sledge received his M.A. in Religious Studies and Mysticism at the Universiteit Van Amsterdam before turning his attention to philosophy in which he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Memphis. He currently teaches part-time and is an organizer for the American Federation of Teachers at Wayne State. His interests include radical political philosophy, metaphysics, and non-canonical philosophy. Aside from academic and activist life, he is an avid Go player, home-brewer, and calligrapher.

Rabbi Aaron Starr is Rabbi at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. He is the author of the book, Taste of Hebrew and article, Tradition vs. Modernity: The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards and Conservative Halachah, published in the Journal of Conservative Judaism. A past-president of the Metropolitan Detroit Board of Jewish Educators, Rabbi Starr has received numerous awards for youth work and for adult education.

Rebecca Starr received her undergraduate degree in Education and Judaic Studies and a Master’s Degree in Social Work and Jewish Communal Service from the University of Michigan. She served as the Director of Education and Programming at Northern Hills Synagogue in Cincinnati and Assistant Director of Federation’s Alliance for Jewish Education. Rebecca currently serves as an independent educational consultant and an instructor for Melton. She also works at Camp Ramah in Canada in the summer and works with the National Ramah Commission and the Detroit Ramah Fellows Program throughout the year.

Rabbi Tzvi Muller pioneered and led a team of scholars in the research of Jewish teachings pertaining to love, respect and consideration for other people. This effort produced an encyclopedic seven volume set of books embraced by thousands of scholars across the world. Through his 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.

Aviva Panush has been involved in formal and informal Jewish Education for over 30 years, teaching adults and children of all ages, directing religious schools, developing curricula and training teachers. She is an instructor for Melton and serves as School Director at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in East Lansing. Aviva holds a M.A. in Educational Leadership, as well as degrees in Urban Planning and Environmental Education.

Dr. Mitch Parker has a child psychology practice in Bloomfield Hills and has been learning with Jewish adults for over 30 years. He just completed a 10 year study of the Torah with our Fed Ed students. Dr. Parker has devoted his career to including individuals with challenges into the Jewish community, first as the founding director of the Tikvah Program at Camp Ramah in Canada and most recently in Toronto as the Principal/Clinical Director of Zareinu, a Jewish day school for children with moderate to severe challenges.

Amalia Poris graduated from Beit Berel Teacher’s College in Israel. She started her career in the Israeli Defense Force, teaching Hebrew to new immigrant soldiers. She has been teaching Judaic Studies in Jewish Day Schools for 28 years and is currently a teacher and a Hebrew language coordinator at Hillel Day School. She is participating in a special Master Hebrew Teacher’s program at the Hebrew College in Boston.
The Shalom Hartman Institute Lecture Series

**Dilemmas of Faith**

**Instructor: Rabbi Aaron Starr**

In an age of radical polarization in modern society, with a rise in religious fundamentalism on the one hand and a rise of atheism on the other, how does Jewish tradition approach dilemmas of faith? In this course, Rabbi Starr will utilize lessons and lectures from the famed Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem to explore the foundational issue of faith, engaging in broad and deep analysis of some of the many dilemmas that faith in the modern world raises. Based on classical Jewish tradition and contemporary Jewish thought and life, *Dilemmas of Faith* addresses the big questions raised by the intersection of faith and reason, faith and history, faith and politics, and the faith experience.

10:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Location: Berman Center for Jewish Education at Congregation Shaarey Zedek
8 weeks: Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13; Jan. 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7
Tuition: $140

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**Melton Foundations of Jewish Family Living**

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**Instructor: Rebecca Starr**

Meet and study with other parents as you become Jewish role models for your children.

8:30 a.m. (Coffee and Bagels)
9:00 - 10:15 a.m. (Stay for Learning)
Location: Hillel Day School
20 weeks: Oct. 19, 26; Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14; Jan. 4, 11, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 22, 29; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr. 11
Tuition: $175 (Includes Melton Source Book)

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**And the Moral of the Story is… Lessons for You and Your Family to Live By!**

(Melton PEP graduates only)

**Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem**

The definition of the word moral is “a teaching concerned with principles of right and wrong behavior and the goodness and badness of human character.” In this class, we will be studying Biblical stories which address moral issues and character traits of our ancestors, their development and the development of our people.

9:30 - 11 a.m.
26 weeks: Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14; Jan. 4, 11, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 22, 29; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr. 11, 18; May 2, 9, 16
Tuition: $375

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**The Jewish Question: Anti-Semitism from the Renaissance to Today**

**Instructor: Ruth Bergman**

We all know that Anti-Semitism is alive and well in the world today. It is everywhere — the media, college campuses, politics. What are the root causes of modern Anti-Semitism? How do these causes relate to the Anti-Semitism of antiquity and the middle ages? How do we understand BDS and other anti-Israel movements? And what, if anything, can we do about it?

10 - 11:30 a.m.
10 weeks: Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23; Dec. 7, 14, 21
Tuition: $175
(Also offered Monday evenings)

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7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills

**Temple Israel**
5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield
Lessons from Our Sages
(Bring your own lunch and enjoy!)
Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem
Most people associate Talmud with laws, but it is much more than that. This class will explore the stories (aggadot) recorded in the Babylonian Talmud and look at the messages that the authors wished to impart. You will be amazed by the depth and insightfulness of the ancient Rabbinic writings. No prior Talmudic experience necessary.
12 noon - 1:15 p.m.
Series 1: 10 weeks: Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14
Series 2: 10 weeks: Mar. 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18; May 2, 9, 16, 23
Tuition: $145 per 10-week series

Jewish Artists and the Avant-Garde
(Bring your own lunch and enjoy!)
Instructor: Rabbi Aaron Bergman
Avant Garde art pushes the boundaries of society definitions of standards and norms. It is created by people who feel excluded from the mainstream of culture and who want to create new worlds of possibility and imagination. A large number of the founders of Avant Garde art are Jewish, and are in fact central to it to this day. Jewish identity often means living between worlds, being an insider and an outsider in the larger community. Reconciling these worlds is the central dilemma of the Avant Garde.
We will look at artists, musicians and writers from Tristan Tzara, one of the fathers of Dada in Europe to John Zorn, the organizer of Radical Jewish Culture in New York. We will see how they transformed alienation and otherness into empowerment and great creativity.
12 noon - 1:15 p.m.
5 weeks: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Tuition: $70
Co-sponsored by the JCC’s SAJE (Seminars for Adult Jewish Enrichment)

Chapters: A History of the Jewish People from the Fall of Jericho to the Reign of King Saul
Instructor: Dr. Mitch Parker
Begin a systematic study of the Tanakh (Bible) with the first chapter of the Book of Joshua and follow our ancestors as they attempt to conquer and settle the land. Join Joshua as he leads the people on their quest and learn about the early leaders, the Judges who had to deal with the backsliding Israelites and the hostile peoples who surrounded them. Each week we will study the text of the Tanakh from multiple perspectives: Rabbinical, ethical, archeological, psychological, feminist, among others. Bring a Tanakh.
10 - 11:30 a.m.
Series 1: 9 weeks: Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7
Series 2: 9 weeks: Jan. 4, 11, Feb. 8, 15, 22, 29; Mar. 7, 14, 21
Series 3: 9 weeks: Mar. 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18; May 2, 9, 16, 23; Jun. 6
Tuition: $155 per 9-week series
Discount: Sign up for all three series - $435
The Jewish Question: Anti-Semitism from the Renaissance to Today
Instructor: Ruth Bergman
(For course description see Monday, 10 a.m.)
7 - 8:30 p.m.
10 weeks: Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23; Dec. 7, 14, 21
Tuition: $175

Melton Presents: From Sinai to Seinfeld: The History of Jewish Humor
Instructor: Ruth Bergman
(For course description see Monday, 10 a.m.)
7 - 8:30 p.m.
12 weeks: Feb. 29; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18;
May 2, 9, 16, 23
Tuition: $245 (Includes Scholars textbook)

Abracadabra – Judaism and Magic
Instructor: Dr. Justin Sledge
Jewish law is unequivocal: Jews are never allowed to practice magic. Practicing magic is condemned no less than eight different times in the Torah. Yet, the historical and literary record proves that not only did Jews practice magic but that many of these ‘magicians’ were the rabbis themselves!
Take a tour of the turbulent relationship between Judaism and magic. We will start by discussing just what magic means to us in our contemporary context before turning to the practice of magic in Jewish history. By studying texts from nearly every era we will discover an exquisite and mysterious world of amulets, necromancers, astrologers, exorcisms, the ability to control both angelic and demonic forces, along with spells of various kinds. Despite the alleged ban on magic in Judaism, we will see that such practices thrived at every point of our history.
7 - 8:30 p.m.
8 weeks: Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Tuition: $140

The Fiery and the Fallen: Angels and Demons in Judaism
Instructor: Dr. Justin Sledge
Angels and demons are a profound mystery in Jewish folklore. Nowhere in the creation stories of Genesis is there any mention of angels or demons whatsoever. Yet, they creep into the narrative just the same. From the angelic protector of Israel Michael, to the Angel of Death that reaps souls at death, to legends of some ancient rebellion in heaven lead by an angel who has many names in the tradition — Judaism has a rich tapestry of lore concerning the angelic and the demonic.
What and who are these creatures? The tradition gives us a varied and often shocking vision of them: six-winged beings made of fire, wheels turning within wheels covered in eyes, powerful entities that descend from heaven to mate with human women, malevolent creatures that can be controlled with sorcery, spirits left without bodies as Shabbat fell and God rested, frightening soldiers which guard the heavenly palaces. How do we make sense of these legends?
Comb through Jewish texts, from the Bible to medieval magical texts, to better understand the place of angels and demons in our tradition. We will survey thousands of years of literature and wonder what place, if any, angels and demons have in contemporary Judaism.
7 - 8:30 p.m.
8 weeks: Jan. 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Mar. 7, 14
Tuition: $140

The Bible Before the Bible: Ancient Near-East Influences on the Bible
Instructor: Dr. Justin Sledge
While a great work of creative innovation, the library we know as the Hebrew Bible is also very much the product of its times. The flooding of the earth and the salvation of a single family on an ark, the creation of the world from primordial waters, the complaints of Job before his ‘friends,’ and the Psalms praising the awful power of God all have parallels in the literary traditions of ancient Israel’s enemy-neighbors the Egyptians, Hittites, Babylonians, Assyrians, Sumerians, etc.
This class will introduce you to the rich literary exchange of the ancient Near-Eastern world. We will study texts from the Hebrew Bible and compare them with their parallels in nearby ancient cultures, some of which are among the most ancient in human history. What we will discover is a rich pattern of borrowing, riffing, re-inventing, and sometimes wholesale importation of texts, poetic motifs, stories, and laws that form the Hebrew Bible as it exists today. Think of this class as an archaeological dig, not in some far-away land, but digging down into the Bible itself to discover its more ancient literary beginnings.
7 - 8:30 p.m.
8 weeks: Mar. 21, 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18; May 2, 9, 16
Tuition: $140
Maimonides’ Guide of the Perplexed
Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Klein
Moses ben Maimon (1138-1204), known as Maimonides and Rambam, was an Aristotelian religious rationalist who did not believe that God had direct contact with or influence in our world. This put him in conflict with the Jewish Biblical literalists of his day. In his book, Guide of the Perplexed, he affirms that there can be no contradiction between the religious truths about God and the findings of the human mind in science and philosophy. Maimonides was harshly criticized by Ashkenazic rabbinic authorities and his Guide was banned. Rabbi Klein will discuss selected readings from the Guide. Students must bring a copy of The Guide of the Perplexed. (Edition: Hackett Classics, by Frank, Guttman and Rabin).
7 - 8:30 p.m.
8 weeks: Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Tuition: $140

The Book of Genesis: Reading It Again for the First Time
Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Klein
The Book of Genesis is all too often read and taught as “Bible Stories for Children,” when in fact the narratives present very sophisticated themes, and are carefully crafted literature. This eight-week class will be a close reading and discussion of the major Genesis narratives. Presentations will include readings from both Jewish and Christian scholars. Students should bring a Bible translation of their choice.
7 - 8:30 p.m.
8 weeks: Jan. 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Mar. 7, 14
Tuition: $140

The Book of Exodus: Text and Texture
Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Klein
This class will take a close and careful reading of the better known Exodus narratives, looking for messages and meaning beneath the surface, with presented commentaries from both Rabbinic and Christian sources. The class will incorporate a discussion of the Documentary Hypothesis as a means of better understanding the purpose and intention of this foundation text of Torah. Students should bring a Bible translation of their choice.
7 - 8:30 p.m.
8 weeks: Mar. 21, 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18; May 2, 9, 16
Tuition: $140

Classes by Design
Have you always wanted to read and understand Maimonides? Has it been on your bucket list to study the beautiful poetry of Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs)? Would you love to gather with family and friends to discuss issues and dilemmas in modern Israel? Do you wonder about the Jewish view of the afterlife? Could you use a crash course in Judaism 101? Topics are limitless when you participate in “Classes by Design!”
You pick the topic, location, time and number of sessions. We will design the course, match your interests with the right instructor, and take care of all the details. All you need to do is find 12 or more family members, friends, neighbors, or co-workers to take the class with you! Tuition will be based on the number of students enrolled. We will do our best to meet all requests, but we cannot guarantee that they will all be satisfied. Some restrictions may apply. Four session minimum.
For information contact: Judy Loebl, loebl@jfmd.org or 248-642-4618 or Gail Greenberg, greenberg@jfmd.org or 248-205-2536.
Melton – Year 1
Instructors: Ruth Bergman and Aviva Panush
9:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Location: Jewish Community Center
30 weeks beginning Oct. 13

Contemporary Halachic Debates
Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem
Judaism and debate have always gone hand-in-hand. Halacha (Jewish law) has been the language of the Jewish people for a very long time. Who decides the Halacha and how did they arrive at the decision? What does Halacha have to say about conjoined twins, copyright and intellectual property, reporting criminals, adopting rituals outside of Judaism, civil marriage? Explore these and other contemporary Halachic debates through text and discussion.
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Series 1: 10 weeks: Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15
Series 2: 10 weeks: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 1, 8
Series 3: 10 weeks: Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Tuition: $125 per 10-week series
Discount: Sign up for all three series $345

Chapter and Verse
Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Numbers and Deuteronomy
Wandering through the desert, spies, revolts, rebellions — we know the Israelites make it to the Promised Land, but what about the trials and tribulations along the way? Study the last two books of the Torah as the Israelites travel towards the Land of Milk and Honey and as they continue to develop into a nation.
Series 1: 10 weeks: Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15
Series 2: 10 weeks: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 1, 8
Series 3: 10 weeks: Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Prophets
The book of Joshua begins where the book of Deuteronomy ends. Moses has died and after 40 years of wandering in the desert, the people of Israel are waiting to cross over into the Holy Land. Meet the new leader, Joshua, and explore the challenges and triumphs of the Israelites as they take their first steps to settle the new land.
Series 3: 10 weeks: Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Tuition: $125 per 10-week series
Discount: $345 for all three Chapter and Verse courses.

The Teachings of the Talmud
Instructor: Rabbi Rod Glogower
Discuss the nature and inner workings of Jewish law. Explore what the ancient to modern rabbinic sources have to say about a wide range of contemporary issues. Past topics include bio-medical ethics, conversion to Judaism, and the nature of the Yetzer Hara (evil inclination), among many others. Hebrew reading is helpful, but not required.
10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Series 1: 14 weeks: Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8, 15; Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2
Series 2: 14 weeks: Feb. 9, 16, 23; Mar. 1, 8, 15, 29; Apr. 5, 12; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Tuition: $240 per 14-week series
Discount: Sign up for both series - $450
(Also offered Wednesday evenings)

How Did Joseph Become Jesus?
(Bring your own lunch and enjoy!)
Instructor: Dr. Melissa Ser
Explore 13th to 15th century English literary texts, biblical translations and transformations to learn how the medieval Christian leadership reinterpreted Jewish texts and traditions. In early Christian thought, how did Joseph serve as a “Christ-figure”? What reinterpretations of Jewish tradition led to the widespread belief that Christianity was foreshadowed in our sacred texts?
12:15 - 1:45 p.m.
8 weeks: Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8
Tuition: $140

2nd Tuesday of the Month Book Group
(Bring your own lunch and enjoy!)
Instructor: Ruth Bergman
Read and discuss books from a variety of genres, fiction and non-fiction, American and Israeli authors. Books are chosen based on popular reviews and recommendations. Our October book will be All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.
12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
8 weeks: Oct. 13; Nov. 10; Dec. 8; Jan. 12; Feb. 9; Mar. 8, Apr. 12, May 10
Tuition: $110

For information or to register for a class call (248) 205-2557 or FedEd@jfmd.org
**Kingdoms of Heaven, Kingdoms of Hell**

Instructor: Professor Howard Lupovitch

Through the ages, most Jews have lived under the aegis of one kingdom or empire. Why did some royal or imperial situations work out better for Jews than others? Explore these and related questions through the experiences of Jews who lived under the Kingdoms of Heaven and Kingdoms of Hell.

- Babylonia and Persia: Source of Exile, Cradle of the Diaspora
- Alexander’s Empire and the Challenge of Hellenism
- Roman Rule: A Century of Jewish Revolts
- Christian “Toleration” vs. Muslim Protection?
- Surprising Similarities: The Favorable Rule of Ottoman Sultans and Polish Kings
- Napoleon: Good for Jews, Bad for Judaism?
- The Romanovs: Russification and Selective Integration
- The Habsburgs: Pious Catholics as Enlightened Rulers

7 - 8:30 p.m.

8 weeks: Jan. 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 23; Mar. 1, 8

Tuition: $140

Online listening only - $40 (includes all handouts)

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**The History of Jews on the Silver Screen**

Instructor: Professor Howard Lupovitch

It is commonly known that Jews played a prominent role in the creation and expansion of the film industry. What did this mean in terms of the Jewishness of this industry and its cinematic productions? How did movie writers, producers, and directors weave Jewish images, characters, and themes into their films?

- Entrepreneurs with a Vision
- The “Heston Effect”: Bible Stories for a Hollywood Audience
- Unmaking and Remaking Stereotypes: Jewish Gangsters as Movie Heroes and Villains
- Exposing and Healing the Ills of Society
- Dumbing Down Literature: The Chosen as Novel and Movie
- Spielberg before Schindler: How Jewish?
- Israel and Israelis in the American Jewish Imagination
- Invisible Jewishness

7 - 8:30 p.m.

8 weeks: Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12; May 3, 10, 17, 24

Tuition: $140

Online listening only - $40 (includes all handouts)

Co-sponsored by Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies, the JCC’s SAJE (Seminars for Adult Jewish Enrichment)
The Jews of Italy
Instructor: Professor Howard Lupovitch
The Jewish communities of Italy are among the oldest in the world, spanning from the time of Julius Caesar to the present. In this series, we will explore the distinct heritage and culture of these Jewish communities and the way they were affected by the world of Italian culture and politics in which they were situated.

- Ancient Rome
- Ghettos in Renaissance Italy — Unraveling an Apparent Contradiction
- Modern Italy — A Healthy Balance of Assimilation and Identity

7 - 8:30 p.m.
3 weeks: Jun. 7, 14, 21
Tuition: $50
Online listening only - $15 (includes all handouts)
Complimentary for people enrolled in the FedEd goes to Italy trip with Professor Howard Lupovitch.
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Holiness or Heresy? A Look at the Conventional and Controversial Ideas that Shaped Judaism
Instructor: Ruth Bergman
There are certain ideas or beliefs that many of us assume have always been a part of Jewish thought. But the truth is Jewish beliefs and values have evolved over the centuries. We will study the ideas of some of Judaism’s most famous and infamous thinkers and see how they have influenced Jewish thought from ancient times up to today.

10 – 11:30 a.m.
Series 1: 9 weeks: Oct. 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9, 16
Series 2: 9 weeks: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 24; Mar. 2, 9, 16
Series 3: 9 weeks: Mar. 23, 30; Apr. 6, 13; May 4, 11, 18, 25; Jun 1
Tuition: $155
Discount: Sign up for all three series: $435

Kings, Kingdoms, and Chaos - The First Book of Kings
Instructor: Rabbi Rod Glogower
This class will feature close textural analysis of the First Book of Kings. Join us as we read about the last days of David, the ascension of Solomon to the throne and the great split which results in both Northern and Southern Kingdoms of Israel.

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Series 1: 14 weeks: Oct. 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9, 16; Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3
Series 2: 14 weeks: Feb. 10, 17, 24; Mar. 2, 9, 16, 30; Apr. 6, 13; May 4, 11, 18, 25; Jun. 1
Tuition: $240 per 14-week series
Discount: Sign up for both series - $450

Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers)
Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem
Pirkei Avot is the “Bartlett’s” of Judaism transmitting the favorite moral advice and insights of the leading rabbinic scholars of different generations. The quotes found in Pirkei Avot generally are spiritual and edifying, but they can also be practical. Rabbi Faudem will present her favorite quotes each week in a lively study/discussion format.

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: Jewish Community Center
Series 1: 8 weeks: Oct. 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9
Series 2: 8 weeks: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24
Series 3: 8 weeks: Mar. 2, 9, 16, 30; Apr. 6, 13; May 4, 11
Tuition: $140 per 8-week series
Discount: Sign up for all three series - $390
God Talk: An Exploration of Modern Jewish Theologies  
Instructor: Rabbi Mark Robbins
How much do you talk about God? Enter a conversation about God and our relationship with God, through the prism of some of the classic Jewish theologians of the 20th century, including Franz Rosenzweig, Martin Buber, Mordecai Kaplan and Abraham Joshua Heschel. As we move to the contemporary age, we’ll look more deeply at traditional themes such as creation, revelation, redemption and chosenness. 
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.  
8 weeks, Oct. 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9  
Tuition: $115

The Jewish Covenant with the Non-Jewish World  
Instructor: Rabbi Mark Robbins
Jewish history, theology and law, have taught us to stick together as a people and to look toward the welfare of our own. That’s not to the exclusion of others, however. What are our obligations to non-Jews — as individuals and as a Jewish community? Do we always prioritize our obligations to Jews? How do non-Jewish attitudes toward us change our responsibilities to them? We will study these questions, and others, through the lenses both of American and Israeli Jews. 
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.  
8 weeks, Mar. 30; Apr. 6, 13; May 4, 11, 18, 25; Jun. 1  
Tuition: $115

Melton – Year 1  
Instructors: Ruth Bergman and Rabbi Michele Faudem
12:45 - 3 p.m.  
Location: Temple Beth El  
30 weeks beginning Oct. 7

The Teachings of the Talmud  
Instructor: Rabbi Rod Glogower
(For course description see Tuesday 10:30 a.m.) 
7 - 8:30 p.m.  
Series 1: 14 weeks: Oct. 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9, 16; Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3  
Series 2: 14 weeks: Feb. 10, 17, 24; Mar. 2, 9, 16, 30; Apr. 6, 13; May 4, 11, 18, 25; Jun. 1  
Tuition: $240 per 14-week series  
Discount: $450 per series

Concepts in Judaism  
Instructor: Rabbi Joseph Klein
To properly understand and appreciate our Jewish heritage one should know what we do, what we believe, and from where we’ve come. This three-part series will be a non-denominational perspective and is open to anyone who would like to have better understanding of Judaism. 
7 - 8:30 p.m.  

Observance: Festivals, Life-Cycle, Rites, Rituals and Daily Life
This Jewish Concepts eight-week series begins with an examination of the Jewish calendar and festivals, both major and minor: their history, development and expression in the modern Jewish world. Secondly, we will explore the celebrations and commemorations that make up the Jewish life-cycle from birth to death. Finally, the class will examine personal observances of the dietary laws, prayer shawl and fringes, mezuzah and other commandments and customs. 
Series 1: 8 weeks: Oct. 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9  

Worship and Belief
Worship as defined in Hebrew Scriptures was the priestly sacrificial practice that continued from the Tabernacle to the Jerusalem Temple. When sacrifice ended in 70 CE with the Roman destruction of Judea, worship was transformed by the rabbis into petitionary prayer that took place in the synagogue. The siddur, the modern prayer book, is the product of that reformation, and its structure, history and evolution will be closely examined. 
We have always struggled with questions of theology and faith, asking why bad things happen to good people, how does God work in our world, and the efficacy of prayer. From mediaeval to modern times, Jewish theologians have wrestled with these issues, as we will. 
Series 2: 8 weeks: Jan. 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 2  

History: Abraham to America
This survey course will examine the 4,000 years of Jewish history, from our beginning as a single Hebrew family to the modern Jewish community. The course will survey Jewish history with particular attention to Biblical, Second Temple and early Diaspora Jewish communities, Medieval (5th – 15th C) Jewish History, the Haskalah/Enlightenment, Modern Zionism, and the emergence of the American Jewish community. 
Series 3: 8 weeks: Mar. 9, 16, 30; Apr. 6, 13; May 4, 11, 18  
Tuition: $140 per eight-week class.  
Discount: Sign up for all three series - $390
What Judaism Tells Us about Special Needs
Instructor: Dr. Mitch Parker
There has been an increased sensitivity to including people with physical and developmental challenges in mainstream activities and in becoming full participants in our Jewish community. What do our texts and sages tell us about the treatment of people with disabilities?
We will begin with the stories of individuals with disabilities in the Tanakh (Bible) and then move on to explore the halachic literature (laws from the Bible), the Mishnah, the Talmud and the Codes. Specifically we will look at how people with sensory, cognitive, physical or behavioral differences were included, or excluded in Jewish life. We will study the responsa (modern commentary) from Rabbis and Jewish thinkers across denominations in the past 50 years as they respond to or agitate for change in a world of new realities. Finally, we will evaluate where inclusion is today in the Jewish world: where we are and where we need to be.
7:15 - 8:45 p.m.
4 weeks: Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11
Tuition: $70

Snowbirds – don’t miss out on your favorite classes or teachers! Sign up and attend up to the time you are departing for warmer weather, or resume classes once you return from sunnier parts. Tuition is the cost of the sessions attending, plus 10%. Snowbirds must determine their schedule in advance and no refunds will be given for missed classes. Material fees must be paid in full.

Some restrictions may apply. This offer is not valid for classes with limited enrollment. This offer does not apply to the Melton Snowbird policy.

Melton – PEP (Parent Education Program)
(For parents with children newborn through 8th grade)
Instructors: Rabbis Michele Faudem and Marla Hornsten
This is a Melton class with a parenting twist. Strengthen your understanding and answer your own questions about being Jewish in order to nurture your child’s growing identity.
9:15 - 11:30 a.m.
Location: Temple Israel
28 weeks beginning Oct. 1
Tuition: $70

Melton – Jews in America – The Last Chapters
(Melton PEP Graduates Only)
Instructor: Rebecca Starr
These last four chapters complete the Melton Jews in America course. Whether you took the course from the beginning or are joining in with the final chapters you will gain a new appreciation of the history of Jewish life in America. Topics include:
• Israel, Zionism, and American Jewry
• The Civil Rights Movement: A Case Study of Jewish Ethics
• American Culture Imagines Its Jews
• American Jewish Fiction
9:30 - 11 a.m.
4 weeks: Sep. 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1
Tuition: $45

Melton – Year 2
(Pre-requisite Year 1)
Instructors: Rabbi Michele Faudem and Ruth Bergman
9:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Location: Jewish Community Center
30 weeks beginning Oct. 13

Salon Series: A Talmudic Investigation of Ona’at Devarim (Verbal Abuse)
(Exclusively for Melton graduates)
Instructor: Rabbi Tzvi Muller
In this series we contrast and analyze many teachings of the Talmud, commentaries and codifiers extrapolating Judaism’s guidelines for being considerate in what we say to our fellow human beings. We will enlighten ourselves through the process of translating relevant Jewish teachings into everyday life while exploring the art of practical Talmudic investigation.
The Salon Series is designed for Melton graduates to explore a topic at a deeper level.
This class is limited to 10 students.
9:30 - 11 a.m.
24 weeks: Oct. 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19; Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 14, 21; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 3, 10, 17, 31; Apr. 7, 14; May 5, 12
Tuition: $465
**Torah Line by Line – Deuteronomy**  
**Instructor: Rabbi Michael Cohen**  
The Book of Deuteronomy contains the parting words of Moses. In this class we will examine the history of the Israelites and how the past is often a blueprint for future triumphs and trials.  
9:30 - 11 a.m.  
Series 1: 8 weeks: Oct. 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19; Dec. 3, 10  
Series 2: 8 weeks: Jan. 14, 21, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 3, 10  
Series 3: 8 weeks: Mar. 17, 31: Apr. 7, 14; May 5, 12, 19, 26  
Tuition: $140 per 8-week series.  
*Discount: Sign up for all three series - $390*  

**A Psychologist’s Look at the Bible**  
**Instructor: Dr. Mitch Parker**  
The lives of the characters in the Tanakh (Bible) continue to have meaning for us today because their crises and successes are ours. The challenges they faced two and three thousand years ago are challenges that we must deal with in today's world. In this series of courses we will look for understanding and contemporary meaning in the lives of our leaders in the court, in the bedroom, and the villains who challenged our existence and our values.  
11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
**Kings, Queens and Power Politics**  
We will study the lives and intrigues of the kings and queens of Judah and Israel, from the first king of Israel, Saul through Zedekiah, the king who presided over the destruction of the state. We will analyze the motivations for their actions and see how the politics of the past inform the actions of the present.  
Series 1: 10 weeks: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19; Dec. 3, 10  
**Husbands, Wives and Lovers**  
We will look at male/female relationships through the lens of the famous couples of the Tanakh from Adam and Eve through Ahab and Jezebel. What were their respective roles? Did the Tanakh have a conception of romantic love? Did our patriarchs have extramarital affairs? Were affairs forbidden in the Bible?  
Series 2: 10 weeks: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 2; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 3, 10  
**Liars, Tricksters and Villains**  
Everybody loves a villain. We will look at the people, men and women, who are identified as villains. From Cain through Haman, we will try to determine if they deserved their reputations. Did they simply suffer from bad publicity? What is the Biblical notion of good and evil? Would they still be evil if they lived today?  
Series 3: 10 weeks: Mar. 17, 24, 31: Apr. 7, 14; May 5, 12, 19, 26; Jun. 2  
Tuition: $175 per 10-week series  
*Discount: Sign up for all three series - $495*  

**The Women of Genesis**  
**Instructor: Rabbi Michele Faudem**  
Behind every great man is an even greater woman. Join us as we discuss the known and lesser known women who were part of the prehistory and history of our people: Eve, Lillith, Mrs. Noah, Mrs. Potiphar, Tamar, and of course our Matriarchs, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah. Meet these women through the eyes of the Biblical text and commentary that has evolved over the years.  
1 - 2:15 p.m.  
Location: Hadassah House  
6 weeks: Feb. 11, 18, 25; Mar. 3, 10, 17  
Tuition: $90  
*Co-sponsored by Hadassah Greater Detroit*  

**Images of the Jewish Women in the Media**  
**Instructor: Ruth Bergman**  
Overbearing. Overprotective. Spoiled. Ugly. Frumpy. These are just some of the ways in which Jewish women are portrayed in the media, especially television and movies. Sometimes the character is not labeled as Jewish, but we assume she is; is that the media’s bias or have we accepted these negative characterizations as truth? We will look at a variety of media — television, movies, magazines, and more as we examine how popular culture depicts us!  
1 - 2:15 p.m.  
Location: Hadassah House  
6 weeks: March 31; Apr. 7, 14; May 5, 12, 19  
Tuition: $90  
*Co-sponsored by Hadassah Greater Detroit*  

**Life and Times of Abraham Joshua Heschel: Theologian, Social Activist and Mystic**  
**Instructor: Dr. Mitch Parker**  
Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel was one of the greatest Jewish thinkers of the twentieth century. Even though it has been over forty years since he has left us, his words and teachings continue to inform our religious understanding and observance. His crusade for social justice remains the model for melding religious thought with political action.  
7 - 8:30 p.m.  
10 weeks: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19; Dec. 3, 10  
Tuition: $175  
*Discount: Sign up for all three series - $495*
World Religions from a Jewish Perspective

Instructor: Dr. Mitch Parker

Religion may be defined as the attempt to find meaning in life. Is the universe created? Why are we here? What is our purpose? How should we behave? What happens to us after we die? Judaism has its unique perspective; other faith systems have theirs. In this course we will begin with a brief review of the basics of Judaism and then move to a study of the beliefs and practices of Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism, with the purpose of comparing what we do and think as Jews with what the adherents of the other major world religions practice and believe. By the end of this course we will not only have a better understanding of the basic principles of other faith systems but we will also have a greater appreciation about what is unique in Judaism.

7 - 8:30 p.m.
15 weeks: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Apr. 7, 14; May 5, 12, 19, 26

Tuition: $260

The Early Prophets

Instructor: Rabbi Michael Cohen

The course will survey the early prophets as they establish new leadership, conquer the land of Canaan, and establish the first Jewish State in Israel. We will look at Deborah and Barak, Samson and Delila and the period of the Judges. Then we will move from anarchy to monarchy as the Jewish people demand a king and discuss the lives and leadership of Kings Saul and David. Each week we will examine a story from the early Prophets in its context and discuss the lessons we can take from it.

7 - 8:30 p.m.
Series 1: 8 weeks: Oct. 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19; Dec. 3, 10
Series 2: 8 weeks: Jan. 14, 21, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 3, 10
Series 3: 8 weeks: Mar. 17, 31; Apr. 7, 14; May 5, 12, 19, 26

Tuition: $140 per 8-week series.
Discount: Sign up for all three series - $390

Parsha Plus (Weekly Torah Portion Plus Haftorah)

Instructor: Rabbis and Educators

Each week a different rabbi or educator will present the weekly Torah portion from his or her own perspective. If time permits, we will also discuss the weekly Haftorah reading and how it connects to the Torah portion. Sign up for one 10-week series or the entire year. This is an opportunity you won’t want to miss!

10 - 11 a.m.

Series 1: 10 weeks: Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11
Series 2: 10 weeks: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; Mar. 4, 11
Series 3: 10 weeks: Mar. 18, 25; Apr. 1, 8, 15; May 6, 13, 20, 27; Jun. 3

Tuition: $100 per 10-week series
Discount: Sign up for the entire year - $275
Co-Sponsored by the Michigan Board of Rabbis

Ripped from the Headlines: What Would Hillel Do?

Instructor: Rabbi Eliezer Finkelman

What would our sages say about the news today? Should a security guard risk his job to save a person’s life? How should we deal with illegal immigration? Do we turn in a garbage picker because he is violating a city ordinance? Would the ancient rabbis object to the game of football? Each week we will look at the top stories of the day, and using ancient wisdom, we will decide right, wrong and all the gray areas in between.

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Series 1: 8 weeks: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4
Series 2: 8 weeks: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
Series 3: 8 weeks: Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25; Apr. 1, 8, 15; May 6

Tuition: $90 per 8-week series
Discount: Sign up for entire series - $240
Extra discount: Sign up for the entire Friday morning line-up - $485

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Learn to Read Hebrew in Ten Weeks
This may be a stand-alone class or you can advance into the “Total Beginning Hebrew” class to start learning conversational Hebrew.
Tuition: $130 per 10-week series
Instructor: Nira Lev
Monday, 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
10 weeks: Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14

Total Beginning Hebrew
For anyone who has ever wanted to learn conversational Hebrew and understand the main prayers in the Siddur. Hebrew letter recognition and basic Hebrew reading skills are required. (Non-Hebrew readers should take pre-requisite “Learn to Read Hebrew in 10 weeks” prior to signing up for this class).
Tuition: $215 per 16-week series
Instructor: Nira Lev
Monday, 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
16 weeks: Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 29; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18; May 2, 9, 16
Instructor: Aron Kaufman
Monday, 6 - 7:15 p.m.
16 weeks: Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 22, 29; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18; May 2, 9, 16

Advanced Beginner Hebrew
Geared for students who know basic Hebrew vocabulary and are familiar with basic grammar skills.
Instructor: Aron Kaufman
Monday, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.
Series 1: 13 weeks: Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14; Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 1
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Tuition: $175 per 13-week series

Intermediate Hebrew I
Instructor: Nira Lev
Tuesday, 11 a.m. – 12 noon
Series 1: 13 weeks: Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8, 15; Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26
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