

Marlboro Jewish Center



Adult Education Program Fall 2018/2019

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**Marlboro Jewish Center
Congregation Ohev Shalom**

Fall Adult Education Program 2018/2019 - 5779

Marlboro Jewish Center welcomes all adults wherever they may be on their Jewish journey. In this Program Catalog you will find a full range of religious, educational, social, and cultural activities and events. We hope that these programs – on Shabbat and everyday – will inspire you to create deep connections with each other, our Torah, our God, the people and State of Israel, and our wider community. With a shared sense that we are all created in God's image, we embrace our diversity. If you, a family member, or a friend has any special needs, let us know how we may offer support. Please visit mjcny.com for updated information about all worship opportunities and programming.

Adult Education Courses at a Glance

- **Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Pont and Rabbi Koas**
- **Torah Study with the Rabbis: Shabbat Morning**
- **Drug and Vaping Awareness**
- **Shabbat Morning Service with Learning**
- **Kabbalah and Jewish Spirituality**
- **Israel and the Palestinians in the Trump Era, with Keynote Speaker Yonah Jeremy Bob**
- **Women's Rosh Chodesh Group**
- **Shabbat Morning Service 101 for Beginners with Beth Banks Cohn**
- **Wonder Women of Ancient Israel**
- **Introduction to Judaism**
- **Israel Night at the Movies**
- **Talmud**
- **MJC Book Club**
- **Conversational Yiddish**
- **Conversational Hebrew**

TORAH AND JEWISH TEXTS

Talmud

Every Monday (except on holidays) at 8:30 pm, in the Library
With Rabbi Oratz

If you think of the Torah as Cliff Notes, this is the full explanation. No Hebrew needed, extremely interesting, keeps your brain active. Join in lively discussions as we learn. Beginners welcome. Our longest running class, since 1986!

Shabbat Morning Torah Study with the Rabbis

Saturdays, September 22, 29; October 13; November 3, 10, 17; December 8-29 at 9:15-10:00 am
With Rabbi Pont and Rabbi Koas

Back by popular demand! Join Rabbi Pont and Rabbi Koas in studying Parshat HaShavua (the weekly Torah portion) before services on Shabbat morning. Come just to study or stay for our abbreviated service. Coffee, juice and cake are served.

Shabbat Morning Service with Learning

Saturdays, November 17 and February 9 at 9:15 am
With Rabbi Pont

Join Rabbi Pont and other community members as we pray and learn together to enhance the Shabbat service experience. We'll discuss elements of the Shabbat morning service to provide a greater understanding of the prayers and why we say them.

Kabbalah and Jewish Spirituality

Sunday, November 18 at 9:00 am
With Rabbi Mark Elber

Rabbi Mark Elber of Temple Beth El in Fall River, taught Rabbinics in Solomon Schechter, as well as Kabbalah, Jewish Meditation, and B'nai Mitzvah training in many synagogues. He has written poetry and songs, and has published two books: "The Sacred Now: Cultivating Jewish Spiritual Consciousness" and "The Everything Kabbalah Book."

Rabbi Elber will join us for minyan, followed by a brunch during which he will speak about Kabbalah and Jewish Spirituality. Not to be missed!

INTRODUCTORY COURSES/CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS

Introduction to Judaism

Sundays, starting October 28, 10:00 AM - 12:30 pm

A 24 session course, for those interested in learning more and/or in conversion. To register and for more information, visit: <http://www.introjudaismnj.com>

Shabbat Morning Service 101 - For Beginners

Saturdays, November 24, March 16, May 4, June 8

10:00 AM—12:00 pm in the Beit Midrash (Small Sanctuary)

With Dr. Beth Banks Cohn

Are Shabbat Morning services a mystery to you? When you attend does the service seem foreign and confusing? Do you wish you could follow along with the Hebrew prayers, but don't know where to begin? Do you space out during the Torah reading because you don't understand anything that is going on?

If so, then this Shabbat Morning Learner's Service is for you! Join Dr. Beth Banks Cohn and learn (really learn) the tunes and the prayers that we sing and say on Shabbat morning. Learn the mechanics and the why's behind all the standing, bowing and other rituals. Explore the Torah service to better appreciate what is going on, even if you (still) don't understand the Hebrew.

No Hebrew knowledge is necessary, no familiarity with the service is necessary. Just bring your curiosity and interest to learn. And don't forget to stay for Kiddush Lunch!

LANGUAGES

Yiddish Conversation Course

Wednesdays, every other week from 7:30-8:30 pm

The first class starts on September 26.

With Esther Kluge

Hebrew Conversation Course

Wednesdays, every other week from 7:45-8:30 pm

The first class starts on October 17 **in the Chai Building.**

With Rabbi Koas

WOMEN'S STUDIES

MJC's Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

Monthly at the home of Beth Banks Cohn (E-mail Beth at: bethbankscohn@gmail.com to RSVP and for the address)

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| <i>Cheshvan</i> | <i>Thursday, October 11, 2018</i> |
| <i>Kislev</i> | <i>Wednesday, November 7, 2018</i> |
| <i>Tevet</i> | <i>Monday, December 10, 2018</i> |
| <i>Shevat</i> | <i>Sunday, January 6, 2019</i> |
| <i>Adar I</i> | <i>Monday, February 4, 2018</i> |
| <i>Adar II</i> | <i>Wednesday, March 6, 2019</i> |
| <i>Nisan</i> | <i>Sunday, April 7, 2019</i> |
| <i>Iyar</i> | <i>Sunday, May 5, 2019</i> |
| <i>Sivan</i> | <i>Tuesday, June 4, 2019</i> |
| <i>Tammuz</i> | <i>Monday, July 1, 2019</i> |
| <i>Av</i> | <i>Wednesday, July 31, 2019</i> |
| <i>Elul</i> | <i>Tuesday, September 3, 2019</i> |
| <i>Tishrei</i> | <i>Thursday, September 26, 2019</i> |

Traditionally, Rosh Chodesh – the beginning of each new Hebrew month – was considered a holiday for women. In Ancient Times, through the Middle-Ages, women did no work and joined together to enjoy each other's company on this day. Now entering our fifth year, we welcome women who are interested in celebrating Rosh Chodesh together in that ancient tradition.

Wonder Women of Ancient Israel

*Mondays, October 8, 15, 22 ; November 5, 12, 19, 26;
December 3 at 7:00 - 8:00 pm*
With Dr. Beth Banks Cohn

If not for the Wonder Women of Ancient Israel, we wouldn't be here today – not as Jews anyway. Women played a critical role in the creation and development of the nation of Israel. We don't always get credit, or even the mention of it in our tradition, but we played a critical role nonetheless. Learn about these amazing Wonder Women – some you might know about, many you will not. Some are named in our ancient books, some are spoken of only by their actions. All had a critical role to play and are the Wonder Women of our people.

No knowledge of Hebrew is necessary. Bring your Tanach if you have one. If not, one will be provided.

ISRAEL

Israel Night at the Movies, Season 8

Sundays at 7:30 pm (unless otherwise noted)

With Jules Cohn

2018 September 16 at **7:50 pm**
October 14, November 4, December 16

2019 January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14,
May 19

FREE for MJC members, \$7 at the door for non-members.

Refreshments will be served.



Israel on the Palestinians in the Trump Era

Sunday November 18 at 7:00 pm

With Guest Speaker Yonah Jeremy Bob

Yonah Jeremy Bob is the Jerusalem Post's intelligence, terrorism and legal analyst. He covers the Mossad, issues of intelligence, terrorism, cyber and weapons of mass destruction, and Shin Bet interrogations and indictments. Yonah is also well-connected to the top Israeli ministries due to his former posts in the IDF, the Foreign Ministry and the Justice Ministry.

Yonah has been interviewed and provided commentary for CNN, BBC, Skynews, Voice of America, Reuters, KABC Los Angeles Radio, KABC New York Radio, Russia Today and a range of other tv and radio programs. Yonah also delivers foreign affairs lectures throughout the US, Canada and Israel.

Contemporary Issues and Miscellaneous

MJC Book Club

The First Tuesday of every month at 8:00 pm

The MJC Book Club has been running for 40 years! We're always open to new members and we'd be pleased to have you join us. Please send your name and e-mail address to sohrwashel@mjcny.com and we will add you to our mailing list.

Lunch & Learn

Thursdays at 12:00 pm

October 25 and December 6 with Rabbi Pont

January 17 and February 7 with Rabbi Koas

March 21 - Purim Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Pont

Enjoy a light, dairy lunch while learning about various topics of interest.

Drug and Vaping Awareness

Wednesday, October 17, 7:15-8:15 pm in the Chai Building

With Guest Speaker: Patrolman James Ferrari, School Resource Officer for the two Middle Schools of Marlboro Township

Sponsored by MJC Hebrew School - This session is geared for students in 8th -12th grades, and their parents. All are welcome.

School resource officers (SROs) are sworn law enforcement officers of the Marlboro Police Department who help bridge gaps between the schools/community and the police department. The SRO acts as liaison with school officials, conducts school programs, assists in planning school related events, investigates incidents within the school, assists patrol with juvenile matters, and attends faculty and parent meetings.

Contemporary Issues and Miscellaneous (continued)

Self-Defense

Sunday, March 17, 2018

With David Rosenberg. David and his wife Stephanie are co-owners of Monmouth Karate Academy, a local martial arts school for students aged two through adulthood.

David began studying martial arts as the age of 7 years old. He currently holds a 3rd degree black belt in Shotokan and a 1st degree black belt in Iaido. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Hobart College and a Masters of Business Administration from Baruch College.

David and Stephanie have created a program called Kicking The Spectrum, a martial arts program for individuals with special needs.

One of David's passions is to give back to his community. He works with several local pre-schools as well as various organizations which help individuals with special needs. David is excited to work with Marlboro Jewish Center and become a part of the MJC community.

