

Ongoing Learning at TBI

Shabbat Morning Tanach Study with Rabbi Weinberg

From 9 until 10:15 on Shabbat mornings, join Rabbi Weinberg and a group of TBI'ers for Tanach study. The group moves at its own pace reading and discussing the Tanach. This year we are reading the Minor Prophets and Psalms.

Hebrew for Adults

These classes, taught by Rabbi Jim Sagarin, focus on prayerbook Hebrew. Here's your opportunity to become more comfortable with the liturgy for Shabbat and the holidays. There will be two classes on Sunday mornings; one for advanced beginners at 9:00 and one for those a little more experienced at 10:00. To determine which class is most appropriate for you, contact Lori Sagarin.

Religious School for Parents

Judaism is filled with big questions. Questions that come up during child rearing, encounters with family and friends and in life. These sessions are designed to address some of the big questions, search together for answers and provide tools that will help you as parents raising Jewish children. Each session will take place from 9-10 am.

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| October 9 | Pre K – 2 nd grade parents |
| October 23 | 3 rd – 5 th grade parents |
| December 4 | 6 th and up grade parents |

Sisterhood Study with Rabbi Weinberg

Join us to study *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* with Rabbi Weinberg from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 24, 31; Nov. 7, 21, 28; Dec. 5, 12; March 26; April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14.

New and Special Events

Adult Conversational Hebrew Mercaz Ivrit

Sponsored by the Community Foundation for Jewish Education, this Ulpan is available at a number of proficiency levels and runs from October 2011 through April 2012. Take advantage of the discount for TBI members. Questions? Call Yaffa Berman at (847) 410-3900 x 30 or by e-mail at yberman@cfje.org.

A Personal Journey: A Hidden Child Survives, An Artist Remembers

On **December 4 at 11:00 a.m.**, Eve Alfillé, internationally renowned jewelry designer and owner of Eve J. Alfillé Gallery and Studio in Evanston will speak to us about how her experiences as a young girl during the Holocaust are reflected in her art. In her own words, "*Fueled by history, by nature, by passion, I design opulent jewelry for real life.*"



One Book, TBI Reads

Living a Life That Matters, Resolving the Conflict Between Conscience and Success by Harold S. Kushner is a profound and practical book about doing well by doing good. The path to a truly successful and significant life is through friendship, family and acts of generosity and self-sacrifice; in positively affecting the life of even one person, we make a difference in the world and prove that we do, in fact, matter.

As a congregation, we will read and discuss this book throughout the year. Watch for more details!

Torah at TBI



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Opportunities
focusing on
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Sundays at the Nosh Cafe

Sunday Morning Ethics Symposium

Join us at 10:30 on the following mornings to discuss these ethical questions.

Oct 30 Legal Ethics: What are the limits of a lawyer's duty to represent a client zealously? Can ethical duties aimed at ensuring fairness prevent just outcomes? Can Jewish tradition inform our views on these matters?

Jan 15 Medical Ethics: As modern medicine continues to make strides in prolonging life, medical ethics is important and relevant to us, for ourselves as well as for our loved ones. What are the choices we may have to make?

Feb 5 Political Ethics: As we approach national and local elections, we'll explore ethical issues in the development of policy and law as well as how campaign finance impacts lawmakers' work.

April 22 Business Ethics: We will examine the intersection between a firm's pursuit of profits and its legal but negative impact on others as we discuss the preference for cheap overseas labor, damage to our environment, excessive executive compensation and other business questions.

Lori's Book Group

This group returns to Sunday mornings at 11:00. Get your Nosh and join the discussions on these dates:

Oct 23 *The Finkler Question*
by Howard Jacobson

Nov 20 *The Song of Names*
by Norman Lebrecht

Jan 22 *The Invisible Bridge* by Julie Orringer

Feb 26 *Wherever You Go* by Joan Leegant

Mar 18 *Mr. Rosenbloom Dreams in English*
by Natasha Solomons



Annual Favorites

Havdalah and a Movie

Saturday night at the movies at TBI!

What could be better? Let's include a post-film discussion with Rabbi Michael Weinberg!

December 17 at 7:00 p.m. *Changing Lanes* The story of what happens one day in NY when a young lawyer and a businessman share a car accident and their mutual road rage escalates into a feud.

June 2 at 7:00 p.m. *Liberty Heights* The story of a Jewish family in Baltimore in the mid-1950's as they cope with anti-Semitism, race relations, coming of age and the relationship of fathers and sons.



Living a Life that Matters by Supporting Arts and Culture

Become a Patron of the Arts with your TBI friends! What could be more worthwhile and fun? Take advantage of group rates for one or more of these events. Watch for more details in the TBI Bulletin and online at tbiskokie.org.

October 23 at 7:00 p.m. MUSIC
Vagabond Opera

November 20 at 2:30 p.m. CABARET
City of Lights

January 8 at 1:00 p.m. ART
Gaman: Arts & Crafts from Japanese Internment Camps

February 12 at 2:00 p.m. OPERA
Showboat

February 26 at 4:00 p.m. -- THEATER
Hunger

March 18 at 2:00 p.m. DANCE
Batsheva Dance Company



Upcoming Series

Monday Evening Fall Series Living a Life That Matters; Living a Life That's Holy

Taught by Rabbi Michael Weinberg, this series will meet in the Cohn Library on October 24, November 7, 21, 28 and December 5 and 12, 2011 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

In Judaism, holiness matters. This course will include a close reading of Leviticus 19, known in our tradition as the Holiness Code. Then we will trace the development of those ideas about holiness and ethics through the history of Jewish literature and into modern times.

Monday Evening Spring Series Grounding Our Ethics Through Practices of Anavah and Kavod

We welcome Rabbi Nina Mizrahi, Director of JCC's Pritzker Center for Jewish Education to teach this series that will meet in the Cohn Library from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2012.

We will explore how *Anavah* (Humility) and *Kavod* (Honor, Respect, Preserving Dignity) ground us ethically and prepare us to fulfill holy obligations such as:

Kibud Av v'Eim – Honor of father & mother

K'vod ha-Briyot – Honor of all creation

K'vod Shabbat – Honor the experience of being in God's universe

V'ahavta l'rei'echa kamocho – Loving your neighbor as yourself

K'vod atzmi – Loving ourselves by honoring the Divine within

Ahavat ha'ger – Loving the stranger