



Temple Beth Emeth

Ann Arbor's home for Reform Judaism

LEARNINGS & TEACHINGS

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NEW THIS YEAR!

Finding Elijah

Thursdays | November 10, 17 & December 1 | 7:30 pm

Led by Rabbi Josh Whinston

Beginning in 1st and 2nd Kings, Elijah comes to occupy a place of prominence among the prophets of Israel. Few other biblical characters occupy the same stature in the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible), and later, in the rabbinic mind. Together, we will explore the history of Elijah from his biblical roots through 19th century Chasidic story telling. We will come to understand why Elijah's name is invoked at some of the most important moments in Jewish life, at the Passover seder, a bris, and weekly at the Havdalah service. Come and join me as we find Elijah together.



Shabbat: A Spiritual Quest

Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 7:30 pm

Led by Rabbi Josh Whinston

Ahad Ha'am, a 19th century Zionist thinker and leader once said, "More than the Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews." Together we will explore the history of this radical idea, a day of rest for every human being, and come to understand Shabbat's central role in Judaism. We will discuss and tryout new ways of deepening your Shabbat experience. Through an exploration of central texts and liturgy, we will come to know Shabbat in a more intimate way and together we will seek this wellspring that our sages call "a taste of the world to come." Join Rabbi Whinston in this spiritual exploration of Shabbat.



Why We Wine: The History of Wine-ing in Jewish Culture Saturday, November 5 | 8-10 pm

Congregant Home

Learn about new wines from Israel and the history of Jewish wine-making from Rabbi Whinston. It should be a delicious evening! (Cost: \$18/person).

Text Study: Food Justice

Saturday, November 12 | 7 pm | Location TBD

This topic is one of Rabbi Whinston's top concerns. Come hear his view of this issue and how he responds to the challenges of food injustices locally and across the globe.

Text Study: Journey to a New Land

Thursday, December 8 | 7:30 pm

What does Torah tell us about coming to a new space? What makes our journey sacred and how do we treat those we meet along the way? Hear Rabbi Josh's text interpretations on this topic.



Lunch & Learn: God Talk

Friday, October 28 | 12 pm | TBE

Have a bone to pick with God? Come to a Friday lunch & learn and hear Rabbi Whinston's thoughts on our love/hate relationship with God.

Back by Popular Demand



Spirituality Book Club is Back for Another Year Led by Annie Rose, TBE's Cantor Emerita

Tuesdays | 7:30-8:30 pm & Thursdays | 12:30-1:30 pm

**Tuesdays: October 18, November 15, December 20,
January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16
Thursdays: October 20, November 17, December 22,
January 19, February 23, March 23, April 20, May 18**

Please join us for the new season of TBE's Spirituality Book Club! This year we will be reading three books over the course of nine months. Please feel free to come to our Tuesday night sessions (7:30-8:30) or our Thursday afternoon sessions (12:30-1:30 pm.) Registration is not required, but it is helpful to our planning to know how many people may come: cantorannie@gmail.com. The Book for the First Quarter starting in September is [The Sabbath](#), by Abraham Joshua

Heschel. (No reading necessary before our opening session).

Ongoing Opportunities

Weekly Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Whinston

Fridays | Starting in November | Noon

Each week, Rabbi Whinston brings his choice of text. They will come from both inside and outside the Jewish tradition and from the Torah to the medieval period, through to modernity. Feel free to come whenever you can and bring your lunch.



Weekly Torah Study

Saturdays | 8:50 am

October 1, 8, 22 & November 19, 26

December 3, 10, 17, 24 & January 14, 28

February 4, 11, 18 & March 11

April 1, 8, 15 & May 13

Join Rabbi Whinston to look at Parashat ha-Shavua, the weekly Torah portion.

Comforting the Mourner: Preparing All Aspects of Leading a Shiva Minyan

Mondays: November 7 & March 27 | 7-8:30 pm

**Thursdays: December 15, January 12, February 2,
May 4 & June 8 | 7-8:30 pm**

One of the greatest mitzvot in Jewish practice is comforting the mourner. In these 2-hour sessions, learn with Cantor Hayut the various skills needed to lead a shiva minyan. Assignments will be made in advance so that this working practice group can hone their skills in front of others before leading a formal service. All participants will receive take home materials for future reference. Questions? Contact Cantor Hayut at Cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org.

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Men's Torah Study is all about Talmud This Year!

Mondays | October 24, November 28, December 26, January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22 | 7:30 pm

While rabbinic literature takes on many different forms, Talmud is the quintessential text of rabbinic Judaism. We are the Jews we are today because of the influence of rabbis 2,000 years ago. Together we will discover the humor sincerity, complex nature of the Babylonian Talmud. We will read relevant sections to modern life in the secular and Jewish world. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Women's Torah Study

Every 2nd and 4th Monday | 7 pm

Led by Cantor Regina Hayut, the group will explore various passages from the portion looking at several translations and commentaries from a variety of scholars from Talmudic times to the modern day. No Hebrew knowledge necessary. For questions, contact Cantor Hayut at cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org.

Adult Hebrew Classes Fall 2016

Beth Israel and Temple Beth Emeth are pleased to offer Adult Hebrew classes. There are three tracks of Hebrew with classes at several levels. The semester begins the week of September 12 and runs through the week of December 19. To find out more, or for a copy of the class schedule and registration form, email Danielle Goldberg at dgoldberg@templebethemeth.org.

Group Supported Spiritual Exploration

Mondays | 6:10 pm | TBE Chapel

**October 17, November 14, December 12, March 6,
April 17, May 15**

Led by Linda Greene

Meet monthly with an intimate group dedicated to each other's spiritual growth. Cultivate personal connection with whatever you consider your Higher Guidance. We will invoke blessing and offer each other blessings. Engage in sharing doubts and challenges. We will then practice holy questioning and listening. Guided by a gently structured and confidential process, we focus on prayerful introspection and respectful reflection to arrive at deep individual insight.