Dear Congregants,

It is our pleasure to introduce the 2009-2010 Ohev Shalom Beyt Midrash Adult Judaic Learning Center for 5770 (2009-2010). We have a very exciting year planned with an array of presentations and mini-courses designed to pique your curiosity, enhance your Judaic knowledge, and inspire your love for Jewish learning.

Our commitment to lifelong Jewish learning is so important to us that every event is offered at no cost to Ohev Shalom members and the community at large. Take advantage of all that Ohev Shalom has to offer by signing up for some of our dynamic programs this year.

This year's faculty includes not only our own clergy but visiting scholars and rabbis from our own region and Israel. We are sure you'll enjoy learning from each and every one of them.

We want to thank all the members of the Adult Education Committee for their input into our program this year. If you would like to participate in planning and implementing learning opportunities in the future, just let us know. We'd love to have more voices as part of the discussion of adult education at Ohev!

Please feel free to contact our Director of Congregational Learning, Rabbi Daniel Aronson, with any questions or suggestions. You can reach him at (215) 322-9597, ext. 15, or daronson@ohev.org.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah!

May you have a sweet, happy, and healthy New Year,

Dana Podob Robin Fisher Solis
Adult Education Co-coordinators

Information in this brochure is subject to change. Please watch out for announcements.

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Full Fall and Spring Course Catalogue Online at

WWW.OHEV.ORG

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One Book One Jewish Community

Join the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community in reading All Other Nights*, a compelling tale of intrigue and love set during the Civil War by author Dara Horn. Purchase your copy of* All Other Nights *for $10 from Paula Segal, 215-322-9595, ext. 13, psegal@ohev.org.*

Beyt Midrash Kick-Off Program

Taking Sides on Slavery: Jews and the Civil War
Guest Speaker – Rabbi Lance Sussman
Thursday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.
Main Sanctuary

Largely an immigrant community, American Jews were slow to respond to the raging national debate over slavery in the Antebellum Period. However, in the months immediately prior to the Civil War, Jews increasingly sharpened their views on this "peculiar institution."

Rabbi Sussman of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, PA, will discuss American Jewish responses to slavery in the Civil War period and offer his analysis of this historically sensitive issue which still elicits controversy today.

A Conversation and Book Signing with Author Dara Horn
Sunday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.
Tiferet Bet Israel, 1902 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422
***Free and open to the public.* Call for more information: 215-635-2877**

Jews and Spying from the Bible to Jonathan Pollard
Rabbi Daniel Aronson
Thursdays, Oct. 29, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Room 205, Rothman Family Education Building

Rabbi Aronson will discuss spy stories from the Torah and today, including the Rosenbergs and Jonathan Pollard.

All Other Nights Book Discussion

Discussion led by Beverly Cohen
Sunday, January 10, 9:30 a.m. – Founders Hall

Israel Studies

Jerusalem: The City of Promise and Pain
Rabbi Reba Carmel
Tuesdays, October 20 and 27, 7:30 p.m.
Room 205, Rothman Family Education Building

Israel's Settlements: Building Blocks?
Jeremy Maisels
Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m. – Social Hall

Hebrew Language

An Introduction to Hebrew
Barbara Kind Berman
Sundays, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6, 13, 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Bridal Lounge

In this eight-session course, you will learn to read Hebrew phonetically. You will be able to follow in the Siddur-Prayerbook and feel more at home at services, family Seders and more. This course also includes an introduction to some basic prayer in the Shabbat service.

Sacred Texts

Finders Keepers?
A Study of Tractate Bava Metzia Chapter 2
Rabbi Eliott Perlstein
Tuesdays, Nov.3, 10, 24 and Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Room 205 (Nov. 10, 24) and
Benett Zion Feld Memorial Library (Nov. 3, Dec. 1)

From Egypt to Sinai and Beyond:
Torah as a Mythic Journey
Dr. Simcha Paul Raphael
All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. in
Room 205, Rothman Family Education Building
Register for one or all of the following sessions:

***Biblical Wisdom and the Mythic Life: Exodus as an Inner Journey** – Thurs., March 11*

Sinai and the Mystery of Midrash-Making – *Thur., April 15*

***Transcending Trauma: Mythic Dimensions of the Book of Ruth** – Thur., May 6*

Sacred Texts Continued…

What Can We Learn from Joseph –
The Story and the Musical!
Rabbi Daniel Aronson
Thursdays, Feb. 18 and 25, 7:30 p.m.
Room 205, Rothman Family Education Building

Synagogue Skills

A Guide to Participating in and Leading Weekday Services
Cantor Paul Frimark
Tuesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, 7:30 p.m.
Adath Tikvah-Montefiore Chapel

Learn Torah Trope
Cantor Paul Frimark
Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, March 2, 9, 23, 7:30 p.m.
Adath Tikvah-Montefiore Chapel

American Jewish Experience

My Yiddishe Mama:
Immigrant Jewish Family Life in America
Dr. Reena Friedman
Thursdays, Dec. 3 and 10, 7:30 p.m.
Room 205, Rothman Family Education Building

Exploring the History of Jewish Philadelphia
Dr. Reena Friedman
Thursdays, March 18 and 25, 7:30 p.m.
Rothman Family Education Building

Arts and Crafts

Hiddur Mitzvah Craft Workshop
Naomi Godel
Sundays, Nov. 1, Dec. 20, Feb. 21, April 18,
9:30 to 11:00 a.m. – Founders Hall

Get your hands dirty beautifying (hiddur) various objects related to Jewish ritual and mitzvot. ***Sign up for one, some or all of the projects.*** *A nominal materials fee will be assessed for each project.*

****Mitzvah Box** – Sunday, November 1*

****Hamsa/Blessing Amulet** – Sunday, December 20*

****Passover Fabrics** – Sunday, February 21*

****Challah Tray** – Sunday, April 18*

Longevity University

A special program touching all of the core components that you and your family need to age with grace.

Presented by* Longevity Solutions - *a consortium of professionals who provide services to seniors and the adult care giving children of seniors.

Register for one or all of the following sessions:

Senior Living: Should I Stay or Should I Go?
Sunday, April 4, 9:30 a.m. – Social Hall

Senior Social Factors: Happy, Active, Fulfilled Lives
Sunday, April 18, 9:30 a.m. – Social Hall

Senior Freedom: Legal and Financial
Sunday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. – Social Hall

Meet Our Visiting Faculty

Rabbi Reba Carmel is an Israeli citizen and was a freelance writer before becoming a rabbi. Rabbi Carmel led Rosh Hodesh programming for women at Ohev Shalom in 2008 and 2009.

Beverly Cohen is Professor Emerita at Bucks County Community College where she taught courses in both the Departments of Language and Literature and Social and Behavioral Sciences. Currently, she is a member of the OBOJC Implementation Team and an adjunct faculty member in the Humanities Division at Montgomery County Community College.

Dr. Reena Sigman Friedman is Associate Professor of Modern Jewish History at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. She is also a faculty member of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School at Gratz College. Author of These Are Our Children: Jewish Orphanages in the United States, as well as numerous articles and other publications, she lectures widely on topics relating to Jewish history, Jewish women, and the contemporary Jewish community.

Naomi Godel has been an artist and crafter in Cheltenham Township for the last 20 years. She has taught children and adults during that time and exhibited in juried shows and galleries along the east coast. We are also lucky to have her as our own preschool secretary.

Jeremy Maisels, originally from London, England, lives in Israel on Kibbutz Alumim with his wife Debbie and their four children. He has served as International Programs Director for the Michael Project, an Israeli educational program that enables individuals to fulfill their potential, and as Senior Educator in the Overseas Department of Melitz - Centers for Jewish-Zionist Education. Jeremy has a B.A. honors degree in Philosophy from the University of Manchester, UK and an M.A. in Jewish Education from the Touro College Graduate School of Jewish Studies. This will be Jeremy's second visit to Ohev Shalom in as many years.

Simcha Raphael, Ph.D. teaches in the Jewish Studies program of Temple University, and has a private counseling practice, affiliated with Mount Airy Counseling Center, in Philadelphia, and is author of the book Jewish Views of the Afterlife. Simcha is in a Rabbinical program at Academy for Jewish Religion, in Riverdale, NY.

Rabbi Lance Sussman received his ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion where he also earned a Ph.D in Jewish History. He is the author of numerous articles, reviews and books in the field of American Jewish history including Isaac Leeser and the Making of American Judaism. Rabbi Sussman also served as an editor of Reform Judaism in America: A Biographical Dictionary and Sourcebook and as Chair of the CCAR Press.

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Registration Form

Register for courses at www.ohev.org at the "Adult Education" Web page or return the form below to Paula Segal, Ohev Shalom of Bucks County, 944 Second Street Pike, Richboro, PA 18954

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Email:_____
Phone:_____

Registrant 2:_____
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