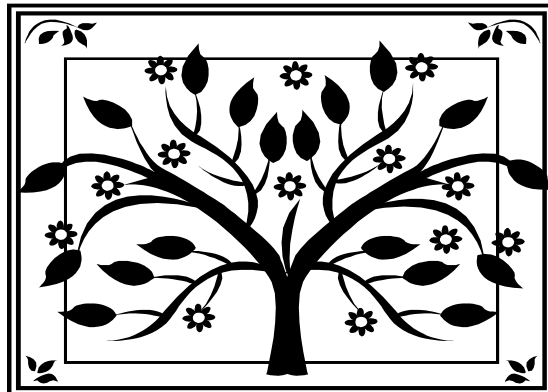


CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL
GUIDE TO ADULT LEARNING,
FAMILY AND YOUTH PROGRAMS
2009/2010
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"It is tree of life for those who hold fast to it and all
who uphold it are blessed."
Proverbs 3:18

**“Turn it over
and over again,
for one can find
everything in it.”
Pirke Avot -
5:22**

All of CSI's Advanced Adult Learning courses and programs are open to members and non-members alike. You will find a range from basic Jewish studies to Talmud and Trope, from intimate musical gatherings hosted by congregants, to major concerts with wonderful musical artists at CSI. Lectures and speakers include some of the most well known experts on the social and political scene. We invite you to read through our brochure and register for as many classes as you wish to participate in.

Our goal is to provide a broad spectrum of classes, programs and events that reflect the needs and interests of CSI members and the local Jewish Community.

Over the years we have introduced new classes and programs, while others have become “institutions” at CSI! Suggestions for future programming are always welcome.

To keep up with what's going on at CSI, visit our website: www.csibriarcliff.org

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CLASSES

SUNDAY

10:00 AM - HOW TO LEAD A SHIVA MINYAN with Cantor Shiovitz
Learn how to provide direction and comfort to members of our community who are in mourning. Your assistance during times of need will be invaluable!
Class dates are: 10/25, 11/1 and 11/8.
NO FEE BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

TROPE FOR THE TROOPS with Cantor Shiovitz
Ready to learn Torah Trope? Here's your opportunity! Join the Cantor for 7 lessons.
Class dates are 11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20, 1/10, 1/24, 1/31.
FEE: \$50 FOR CSI MEMBERS/ \$100 FOR NON-MEMBERS

10:00 AM - A SEASON OF MUSSAR with Robert Mass
Mussar is a transformative spiritual discipline that provides both models and methods to help you bring your life into closer alignment with the ideals set for us in the Torah. Class will be limited in size, and we will ask that you be prepared to do each assignment, come to each class session and engage your fellow students with an open heart. Robert Mass has studied with Alan Morinis and the Mussar Institute and has taught Mussar for 4 years.
Class dates are 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 12/6, 12/20, 1/24 & 2/7.
FEE: \$50 FOR CSI MEMBERS/ \$100 FOR NON-MEMBERS.
THERE IS A MATERIALS FEE (PAYABLE TO THE MUSSAR INSTITUTE) OF \$86.00. CONTACT ELLEN@CSIBRIARCLIFF.ORG FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE NECESSARY MATERIALS ONLINE DIRECTLY THROUGH TMI.

MONDAY

7:30 PM THE FLORENCE MELTON ADULT MINI-SCHOOL AT CSI
A Project of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. This interactive, pluralistic classroom environment is designed for adults at all levels of knowledge and practice. This is a comprehensive course of study built upon research and best practices in adult learning that generates spirited dialogue and an appreciation for Judaism – past, present and future. Classes are 2 ½ hours and meet once a week. Classes begin 10/5. THIS IS YEAR TWO OF A TWO YEAR COURSE, AND NEW STUDENTS ARE WELCOME. THE FIRST YEAR WAS NOT A PRE-REQUISITE. FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT RABBI JEFFREY FOX AT (914) 328 – 8090 x 204 OR VIA E-MAIL AT: westchester@fmams.org.il
TUITION \$750. MATERIALS \$40. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.
There is also a 9:30 AM Wednesday morning section of this class at the Rosenthal JCC in Pleasantville. Nicole@rosenthaljcc.org.

7:30 PM - FIVE VIEWS OF GOD WITH RABBI KANE
This monthly five - session class will examine the concept of God among several of the greatest Jewish thinkers in modern times: Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, Prof. Martin Buber, Franz Rosenzweig, Dr. Mordechai Kaplan, Rabbi Richard Rubenstein and Dr. Emil Fackenheim.
Class dates are 10/19, 11/16, 12/21, 1/25, 2/22.
NO FEE/ BUT REGISTRATION IS APRECIATED.

8:45 PM - TALMUD WITH RABBI KANE
No previous knowledge of Talmud is required! The text is in Hebrew/Aramaic and English. Classes begin 10/19. FEE: \$50 CSI MEMBERS/ \$100 NON-MEMBERS.

TUESDAY

11:15 AM - JEWS IN THE NEWS WITH RABBI KANE

This is the 17th year of this interesting course which combines current events and conversation. Each week we read an article from a different periodical or magazine on subjects ranging from religious issues to exotic Jewish communities. If you want to keep up with what's happening in the Jewish world, this is the class for you!

NO FEE/ BUT REGISTRATION IS APPRECIATED.

12:30 PM - HaMISHPACHA LUNCHEON AND PROGRAMS

For couples and singles over 65. Each month lunch is served and a different program is presented. Check the CSI bulletin for exact dates. NO FEE/ NO REGISTRATION.

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2:30 PM - YIDDISH CLUB

Learn and practice the Mamaloschen, schmooze and nosh! Twice a month – check the CSI bulletin for the exact schedule. NO FEE/ NO REGISTRATION.

7 PM HEBREW I WITH BETTE SLUTSKY

Have you been meaning to learn to read Hebrew "someday"? Make it this year! Join the hundreds of students who have learned to read Hebrew with Bette. Class meets 6 times, with a minimum of 6 students. Book fees are additional. Classes begin 10/20.

FEE: \$50 FOR CSI MEMBERS/ \$100 FOR NON-MEMBERS.

8 PM ADVANCED HEBREW THROUGH PRAYER WITH BETTE SLUTSKY

This class is for those who are able to read but who are looking for more. You will learn from our Siddur, working your way through the liturgy while adding to your Hebrew vocabulary. Class meets 6 times, with a minimum of 6 students. Book fees are additional. Classes begin 10/20.

FEE \$50 FOR CSI MEMBERS/ \$100 FOR NON-MEMBERS

WEDNESDAY

10:30 AM – WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI JAN UHRBACH

We will begin our 9th year of study with the book of Exodus, Chapter 18. As we encounter the Torah text and its commentaries, we will add our own voices and life experiences to those who have come before us in lively discussion about our relationships with each other and with God. NEW PARTICIPANTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Classes meet on the following dates: 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16, 1/20, 2/3, 2/10, 3/3, 3/10, 4/14 AND 4/28.

\$300 CSI MEMBERS / \$500 NON-MEMBERS

FEES ARE PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY

10 AM –HaMISHPACHA FILM FESTIVAL

11/5 – "Keeping the Faith", 12/3 - "Crossing Delancey", 1/7 – "The Chosen", 2/4 – "The Frisco Kid", Free and open to those ages 65 and above.

10:30 AM - HaMISHPACHA DISCUSSION GROUP

WITH SHARI BAUM, C.S.W.

Join in this informative and interesting group discussion about current events. Check the CSI bulletin for exact dates. NO FEE/ NO REGISTRATION. This program is funded in part by a UJA/Fed NY grant to WJCS.

FRIDAY

RASHI ON THE TORAH PORTION WITH RABBI KANE

We will meet 30 minutes prior to Kabbalat Shabbat to study the comments of Rashi who is generally regarded as the greatest commentator on the Torah. Class will not meet on evenings when Shabbat Rocks/Family Night services are scheduled.



THE RABBI'S CIRCLE

Sunday, November 1st at 4 PM: Linda Gradstein, Jerusalem correspondent for National Public Radio. "Covering Israel: A Journalist's Perspective – What's A Nice Jewish Girl Like You Doing In A Place Like This?". Join us for a talk, followed by Q & A with this veteran reporter. Linda Gradstein has been the Israel correspondent for NPR since 1990. She is a member of the team that received the Overseas Press Club award for her coverage of the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the team that received Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism for her coverage of the Persian Gulf War.

Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 PM: Professor Benji Gample of Jewish Theological Seminary. "Muslim Power and Jewish Survival". Benjamin Gampel is the Dina and Eli Field Family Chair in Jewish History at The Jewish Theological Seminary. He teaches courses in medieval and early modern Jewish history, with a special focus on the medieval Sephardim, and lectures widely on the entire range of Jewish history.

The Seymour & Lilian Teitelbaum Memorial Lecture: Spring, 2010. CSI will host a well-known member of the current political scene. Former speakers: Khaled Abu Toameh, Palestinian Affairs Correspondent of the Jerusalem Post and General Wesley Clark, Retired 4-Star General and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

All Rabbi's Circle programs are free and open to the public.

WE THANK THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE RABBI'S CIRCLE FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THESE, AND OTHER PROGRAMS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP BY JOINING THE RABBI'S CIRCLE, YOU MAY DO SO AT TWO LEVELS: \$180 PER YEAR AS A NADAV (SUPPORTER) OR AT \$1,800 FOR THREE YEARS AS A BONEH (BUILDER).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION, CONTACT RABCSI@AOL.COM.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBAT, February 5- 6, 2010

We are proud to welcome
Dr. Jonathan Sarna.

Dr. Jonathan Sarna is the Joseph H. & Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University and Director of its Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program.

Dubbed by the Forward newspaper in 2004 as one of America's fifty most influential American Jews, he was Chief Historian for the 350th commemoration of the American Jewish community, and is recognized as a leading commentator on American Jewish history, religion and life.

Friday, 2/5 – 6:45 PM Scholar-In-Residence Dinner. Flyers for making reservations will be included in your January CSI bulletin.

8 PM – “Between Tradition and Change: The Future of Conservative Judaism.”

Shabbat Morning, 2/6 – D'Var Torah “American Jews and the Ten Commandments”

Kiddush Lunch open to all

Shabbat Afternoon 2/6 – “George Washington's Letter to the Jews of Newport.”

Scholar-In-Residence at CSI is supported in part
by members of The Rabbi's Circle. It is open to all.

לימוד
(STUDY & LEARN)



FUN UNDER ONE: Friday mornings from 9 – 10 AM.

MOMMY & ME: Wednesday mornings from 9:15 – 10:15 AM.

NS PTA BOOK FAIR: December 6th & 7th.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL-WIDE ZIMRIYAH: December 13th

Contact the school office for more information: (914) 762- 6396 or:
education@csibriarcliff.org.

**SHABBAT MORNING LEARNER'S SERVICE
WITH RONI SHAPIRO BEN-DAVID**

Would you like to understand the Shabbat morning service in greater depth and learn more of the traditional melodies we use? Join us for one or more of these services. Guaranteed to enhance your Shabbat experience!

Dates are: 10/24, 11/21, 12/12, 1/30, 3/20, 4/17 and 5/15.

NO FEE/NO REGISTRATION

IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

AIPAC: The American Israel Public Affairs Committee

Please join Rabbi Kane and other CSI members at the AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE March 21 – 23, 2010 in Washington, D.C. Register by 12/31 to receive the \$100 early bird discount.

The AIPAC Policy Conference offers pro-Israel citizen activists the opportunity to lobby their members of Congress on Capitol Hill face-to-face about issues affecting the United States and Israel.

Participants hear from heads of state and choose from dozens of workshops about the most pressing issues of the day. For more information please contact www.aipac.org or call (212) 750 – 4110.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST...A TRIP TO ISRAEL WITH CANTOR JEFFREY & ROBYN SHIOVITZ. August 1- 13, 2010. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CANTOR SHIOVITZ AT 923 – 0175 OR AT JSHIOVITZ@GMAIL.COM.

MUSIC



PHAROAH'S DAUGHTER: Sat 12/12 at 8 PM

Blending a psychedelic sensibility and a Pan-Mediterranean sensuality, Basya Schechter leads her band, Pharaoh's Daughter, through swirling Hasidic chants, Mizrahi and Sephardi folk-rock, and spiritual stylings filtered through percussion, flute, strings and electronica. Their sound has been cultivated by Basya's Hasidic music background and a series of trips to the Middle East, Africa, Israel, Egypt, Central Africa, Turkey, Kurdistan and Greece.

CSI COFFEE HOUSE: Sat 1/30 at 8:00 PM. Eat, drink, schmooze and enjoy live music at CSI.

JEWISH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES: SATURDAYS AT 8:00 PM

November 7, 2009

MUSIC OF THE JEWS OF AFRICA: ETHIOPIA, UGANDA & MOROCCO

At the home of Debbie & Elliott Barish, 81 Meadow Road, Briarcliff Manor

December 5, 2009

MUSIC IN ARAB LANDS: IRAQ, YEMEN, TURKEY & LEBANON

At the home of Helene & Adam Rude, 72 Hickory Road, Briarcliff Manor

January 23, 2010

MUSIC IN SPANISH LANDS: SPAIN & PORTUGAL

At the home of Harold & Beth Levine, 81 Macy Road, Briarcliff Manor

Please contact Cantor Shiovitz to RSVP or for further information.

923 - 0175 or via e-mail at Jshiovitz@gmail.com.

שירה

(Sing!)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT CSI

October 1st AT 6 PM - USY SURPRISE OPENING EVENT IN THE TEEN LOUNGE.

October 5th at 6:30 PM - USY's opening event for Sukkot - "Pizza in the Hut". Activities and meetings are schedule throughout the school year.

October 7th at 6 PM - Kadima (6th & 7th grade) opening event for Sukkot - "Pizza in the Hut"

October 7th at 7 PM - USY SPECIAL NEEDS SUKKOT PROGRAM IN THE SOCIAL HALL. USY and Teen Social Action Committee welcomes developmentally challenged adults to CSI to celebrate Sukkot. Sponsored by the Weissmann family in honor of their son Noah's Bar Mitzvah.

November 7th MIDNIGHT RUN - USY and Teen Social Action Committee collect supplies and food which they distribute to NYC homeless and needy. Adult Advisors for this program are: Allen Dzbaneck, Steve Fenster and David Stiffman.

November 8th from 11:30 AM – 1 PM - KRISTALLNACHT REMEMBERED: Hebrew High School welcomes Sel Hubert, an accomplished speaker and board member of the Westchester Human Rights and Holocaust Commission. Mr. Hubert will share his incredible memories of November 9, 1938 –The Night of Broken Glass.

November 25th from 9 AM – 12 Noon - The Northern Westchester Connection: Teens of CSI and Mt. Kisco Hebrew Congregation "Ha Ger B'Sh'arecha – Welcoming the Stranger in Your Midst". Food distribution at Neighborhood Links in Mt. Kisco to celebrate Jewish Social Action Month. Made possible by a grant from UJA-Federation.

Please contact Abbe Marcus at 762 – 6396 or via e-mail at:

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For information about Kadima programs, contact Dan Cohen at (516) 510 – 2563 or via e-mail: Cohen.DanielJ@gmail.com.

