

## Montebello Jewish Center Adult Education 2009-2010

Once again it is time to sign up for Montebello Jewish Center's Adult Ed Program. Please review this schedule and select one or more courses and special events. Learning is central to Judaism, so broaden your Jewish horizons by coming to MJC's educational programs!

The cost of joining the Adult Ed program for the year is still a bargain: \$36 pays for as many classes as you like, and Adult Ed members get a discount on special events such as shows or away trips. If two or more members of the same family participate, second and subsequent participants cost only \$18. Some courses will have an extra fee which will be specified in their description.

**Advance registration for classes is required. Register by Email to [PearlSch@verizon.net](mailto:PearlSch@verizon.net) or by phone to Pearl at 845-368-2863, or by filling out the registration form at the end of this listing. Mail your checks (and registration form) to Montebello Jewish Center, attention: Adult Ed.**

Many thanks to the committee: Lester Goldstein, Karen Lefkowitz, Harriet Dank, Richard Weinberger, Vicki Blatt, Eileen Schwartz, Joseph Schachner and Marilyn Klein. And, thank you to the people who volunteered their time to be teachers.

More events will be scheduled in 2010. Watch your email and the bulletin board for flyers!

### **Adult Ed Courses**

#### **Monday**

**1) Rabbi Zimbalist's Monday morning Lunch and Learn/Movie:**

11:30-12:30 starting October 19, 2009. Once a month, there will be a new or old movie with a Jewish connection. The classes will focus on Judaic themes, current events and beyond. The group will meet on most Mondays through May 10, 2010. To cover the cost of lunches, there will be a \$36 extra charge for this program.

#### **Tuesday**

**2) Torah reading – Teacher: Cantor Michelle Freedman**

Have you always wanted to learn to chant Torah? Or, did you learn for your Bar or Bat Mitzvah but need a refresher course? This class will study the cantillation symbols (called “trop”), the melodies that correspond with them, and how to apply the “trop” to an actual Torah portion. This class will culminate in each member of the class having the opportunity to chant from the Torah at a Shabbat service. Basic Hebrew reading ability required. Starts Tuesday October 20, 7 to 8 PM.

**3) Nach Nach, Who's There? - Teacher: Lester Goldstein**

Poignant Prayer, Potent Prophets, Punished Priests, Pallid Patriarchs, Politics, Polemics, Prose, Philistines! Playfully Peruse the Early Prophets. No Prerequisites. Tuesday October 20, 8PM to 9PM, 6 sessions.

## Wednesday

### 4) **Beginning Hebrew Reading - Teacher: Harriet Dank**

This course, offered by the National Jewish Outreach Program, is meant for beginning or very rusty readers. It focuses on learning the Hebrew letters and how they sound, and pronouncing Hebrew words. This course will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM starting on October 21<sup>st</sup> for six to eight sessions.

### 5) **Advanced Beginner Hebrew Reading – Teacher: Joe Schachner**

This class will review basic reading and is aimed at students who can read Hebrew slowly. It will include some vocabulary found in well known prayers to assist in understanding the Siddur. It will cover roots of words, prefixes and suffixes. This course will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM starting on October 21<sup>st</sup> for six to eight sessions.

### 6) **Haftarah Reading – Teacher: Susan Ecker**

Learn the note symbols, called “trop”, so you can learn to chant Haftarah (also called Haftarot). Participants will be able to chant a full or partial Haftarah reading after this course. This course will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM starting on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

### 7) **Rabbi Zimbalist's Wednesday evening class:**

This course will meet from 8:00 to 9:00PM, starting October 21<sup>st</sup>. The course will include three subjects each lasting six to eight weeks. You can come to one, two or all the subjects. We will announce when new subjects begin. Subjects are:

(1) **Talmud: Intention, and Divorce** – As we stand under the chupah, our intention is to be married to our beloved. Just as Jewish law provides guidelines for marriage, it provides guidelines for divorce that include complex emotional and psychological precedents that impact our ability to execute religious law. This class will examine how one's intention plays a critical role in Jewish divorce.

(2) **Halachah – The Laws of Daily Conduct**. We all have daily routines which help us set the tone for our day. Did you know that Jewish Law suggests ways to engage in our morning rituals that are designed to bring greater meaning to our lives? This class will study the Shulchan Aruch – the Code of Jewish Law – and find new meaning for our established daily routines.

(3) **What's bothering Rashi?** - One of the most well known commentators on the Torah and the Talmud is Rashi, a sage from the Middle Ages (1040 – 1105). In this class we will look at Rashi's commentary on the weekly Torah readings and try to gain a better understanding of those texts with the insight of Rashi.

### 8) **Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class:**

This in depth course will lead to a group Bar / Bat Mitzvah for men or women who were never given the opportunity as teenagers. Rabbi Zimbalist and Cantor Michelle Freedman will lead this class, to start in January. Contact Rabbi Zimbalist for more information and to find out if you need to take Beginning Hebrew Reading, Advanced Beginner Hebrew Reading, Haftarah Reading, or Improving your Understanding of Shabbat Services.

**9) Yoga class at Indian Rock Yoga - Teacher: Laura Schneider**

Come for a class appropriate for all levels of experience including no experience. Equipment (mats, blocks etc) will be provided. Sunday November 1, 7:00 to 8:15 PM at Indian Rock Yoga, 18 Indian Rock, Suffern.

**10) Megiddo – Teacher: David Haas**

Film and discussion about Megiddo, the only site in the land of the Bible with the remains of 30 cities built one on top of another. Tuesday December 8, 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

**11) You Know More Yiddish Than You Think – Teacher: Bennett Muraskin**

Come and learn Yiddish words and expressions that have entered into American English, so you probably already know some of them! Tuesday February 9, 7:30 to 8:30 PM.

**12) Improve your Understanding of Shabbat Services – Teacher: Rabbi Zimbalist**

The structure of the service and meaning of prayers will be explained to deepen your appreciation of the Shabbat Service. Saturday February 6 and February 20, 4PM.

**13) The Geopolitical Situation, Terrorism and Israel - Lieutenant (Res.) Amit Shuker**

Amit Shuker, member of the IDF Special Forces, will present a PowerPoint presentation about Israel and the threats it faces from its neighbors. Sunday morning, date and time to be arranged.

**14) Kosher “Spa” Cuisine – Teacher: Merri Braunstein (formerly Matz)**

Healthy, low fat cooking, at Merri's home! Date and Time to be announced.

**15) MJC Movie Nights**

Come see a Jewish – relevant movie on a Saturday night, and have a little coffee and cake and discussion after the movie. Free for Adult Ed members, \$3 for non Adult Ed members, payable at the door.

**First Movie:** "Waltz with Bashir". Synopsis: One night at a bar, an old friend tells director Ari Folman about a recurring nightmare in which he is chased by 26 vicious dogs. Every night, the same number of beasts. The two men conclude that there's a connection to their Israeli Army mission in the first Lebanon War of the early eighties. Ari is surprised that he can't remember a thing anymore about that period of his life. Intrigued by this riddle, he decides to meet and interview old friends and comrades around the world. He needs to discover the truth about that time and about himself. As Ari delves deeper and deeper into the mystery, his memory begins to creep up in surreal images ... 2008 Cannes Film Festival Official Selection. Saturday November 21, 7:30 PM.

**Second movie:** "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" It is 1940. Bruno and his family, including his father who is a Nazi officer, move to the countryside to a "farm". Bruno is told never to investigate the "farm", but he does and finds a boy his age, Shmuel, on the other side of a barbed wire fence, where everyone wears striped pajamas. ... Saturday January 9, 7:30 PM.

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## ***Adult Ed Special Events***

**Our first event** is a self-guided tour of the **Museum of Jewish Heritage**, at 36 Battery Place, New York, NY, on Sunday November 8, 2009. 10:30 AM at the Museum.

The Museum's core exhibition is organized around three chronological themes: **Jewish Life A Century Ago**, **The War Against the Jews**, and **Jewish Renewal**, each told on a separate floor. Every year the Museum sponsors special exhibitions – the special exhibit on this date is “Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow – Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges”. Cost for this trip includes a Kosher box lunch (including beverage and dessert) by Foremost Caterers and admission to the Museum. Sign up by Oct 15 is required to order lunch. Cost for this trip including lunch is \$24 for Adult Ed members, \$28 for non-Adult Ed members. We will try to arrange car pools for those who need transportation. Contact Joe Schachner at 368-2863 (or email to [JosephScha@verizon.net](mailto:JosephScha@verizon.net)) if you need a ride, or can provide a ride, or have any questions. A flyer about this event has been emailed, and is available in the office and on the Montebello Jewish Center web site ( <http://www.montebellojc.org/Adult%20Education.htm> )

**Our second event** is **Theodore Bikel** starring in **Sholom Aleichem: Laughter Through Tears - A Life of Stories with Music and Song**. Sunday November 22, 2009 at 6PM at the Baruch Performing Arts Center, 55 Lexington Ave (25th St between Lex and 3<sup>rd</sup>), the new home of THE NATIONAL YIDDISH THEATER FOLKSBIENE. This show will be performed mostly in English, partly in Yiddish, with English supertitles. Theodore Bikel, a great theatrical legend, returns to New York to unveil this movingly delivered, beautifully sung show about the pioneering 19<sup>th</sup> century author Sholom Aleichem. This is a tour de force one man homage to a writer who was hailed as the Jewish Mark Twain. Told with warmth, humor and a rich catalogue of Yiddish music, this major event will be enjoyed by all generations.

We have purchased a limited number of tickets at a discounted price. We have orchestra seats, and we are charging **\$45 for Adult Ed members**, and **\$50 for anyone else**. Both these prices are less than the box office price. (See the next page, to join Adult Ed.) We will try to arrange car pools. Questions? Call Pearl at 368-2863. Please reserve seats soon, so you will not be disappointed.

A flyer about this event has been emailed, and is available in the office and on the Montebello Jewish Center web site ( <http://www.montebellojc.org/Adult%20Education.htm> )

**This will be event-filled, fun year! You can help make that happen by signing up and attending Adult Ed programs!**

Thank you, on behalf of the committee.

*Pearl*

Pearl Schachner

Adult Ed Chair

## Adult Education Registration Form 2009 - 2010

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

First registrant in a household: \$36 \_\_\_\_\_

Second and above registrant in a household: \$18 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

\$36 Surcharge for Lunch and Learn lunches: \$36 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Museum of Jewish Heritage (with Lunch - sign up by Oct 15)  
 \$24 for Adult Ed members / \$28 others \_\_\_\_\_

Theodore Bikel in "Sholom Aleichem: Laughter through Tears"  
 \$45 for Adult Ed members / \$50 others \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Ed Classes # attending

**Rabbi Zimbalist's Monday morning Lunch and Learn/Movie:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Torah Reading** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Nach Nach, Who's There?** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Beginning Hebrew Reading** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced Beginner Hebrew Reading** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Haftarah Reading** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Rabbi Zimbalist's Wednesday evening class** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Yoga class** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Megiddo movie and discussion** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**You Know More Yiddish Than You Think** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Improve Your Understanding of Shabbat Services** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Kosher "Spa" Cuisine** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**MJC Movie Nights:** \$3 for non Adult Ed members, payable at the door

1. **Waltz with Bashir – November 21** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

2. **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas – January 9** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign up for classes and programs in advance, so we know how many people to expect!**

Make checks payable to Montebello Jewish Center, and please write "Adult Ed" on the check and on the envelope.

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