

# Jewish Study Center

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## Spring Classes Begin April 26, 2017!

### Wednesdays at Adas Israel Congregation - 7 and 8:15 p.m.

Short Jewish Fiction with Rabbi Mindy Avra Portnoy!

April 26, May 3, May 10

More Global Jewish Cultures:

- *Kreplach and Dim Sum: Yes, there are Jews in China*—May 3
- *Ethiopian Jewish Heritage in Israel*, May 10
- *Hebrew Street Art*, May 24

Panel discussion: Ask the Rabbis Live! Civility and Disagreement

May 17

### Sunday Mornings with Shirat Hanefesh:

Tekumah: Israel's Cultural Revival

April 30, May 7

The Holy Practice of Immersion: What Can the Mikveh Experience Teach a Modern Spiritual Seeker?

May 28

Kolot Halev Annual concert

May 21



### Jewish Heritage Tour to China

October 17-November 1,  
2017

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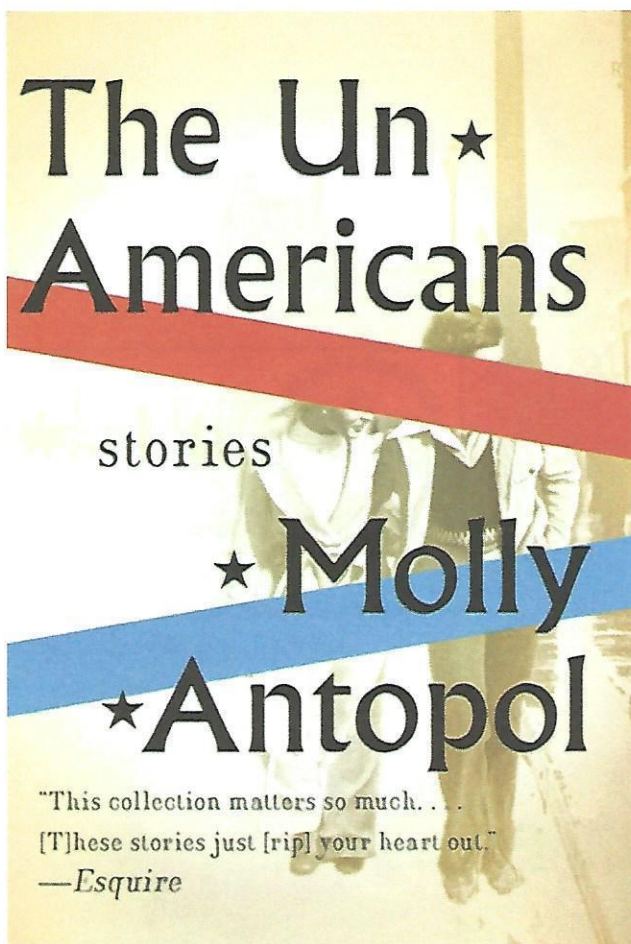
# Wednesdays at Adas Israel Congregation

**2850 Quebec St. NW (Metro: Cleveland Park—Red Line)**

**Co-Sponsored with Adas Israel Congregation**

**April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24**

## The New Jewish Writer: Themes and Identity



*Instructor: Rabbi Mindy Avra Portnoy*

*April 26, May 3, May 10 at 8:15 p.m.*

This class will focus on short stories as an introduction to several outstanding Jewish-American authors of the 21st century. Our main texts will be Molly Antopol's *The Unamericans* (2014), Erika Dreifus' *Quiet Americans* (2011), and David Bezmozgis' *Natasha* (2004). All these writers offer a contemporary lens on both previously-explored and lesser-examined subjects, including the lives and experiences of Soviet Jewish emigres; the effect of the Holocaust on subsequent generations; the McCarthy era; family relationships; the meaning of home and exile; and American/Jewish identity generally. The classes will incorporate both lecture and discussion. Copies of the texts will be made available in class, but students are particularly encouraged to purchase or borrow from local libraries Molly Antopol's text (in paperback).

**Rabbi Mindy Avra Portnoy**, Rabbi emerita of Temple Sinai, currently serves as Adjunct Rabbi at Congregation Beth El. She has written five Jewish children's books, including *Ima on the Bima: My Mommy is a Rabbi* and *Matzah Ball*, and has taught adults in the Washington, DC area for the past 37 years.

*Three sessions: JSC, Adas members \$40, others \$55*

*Single sessions \$15/\$20*

## Jewish Heritage Tour to China

**October 17-November 1, 2017**

Join Robyn Helzner on an amazing Jewish Heritage Tour to China! Explore Jewish sites, and visit top Chinese attractions in Beijing, Shanghai, Xian and Hong Kong. Celebrate Shabbat with Progressive communities in Beijing and Shanghai.

For more information, visit [www.helzner.com](http://www.helzner.com) or e-mail [robynhelzner@verizon.net](mailto:robynhelzner@verizon.net)





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## **Series: Global Jewish Cultures**

**May 3, 10, 24 at 7 p.m.**

**May 3: Kreplach and Dim Sum: Yes, There are Jews in China!—7 p.m.**

**Instructor: Robyn Helzner**

In this lively multimedia presentation, Robyn Helzner shares stories, photos, video and music to explore the extraordinary history of the Jewish communities in Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Kaifeng, and traces their emergence as the fastest-growing region in the world today. Robyn served as the Cantor for the United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong and officiated at the first bar mitzvah celebrated in Beijing. She also leads Jewish heritage tours to China, including one starting October 17. (For more information about the trip, visit [www.helzner.com](http://www.helzner.com) or email [robynhelzner@verizon.net](mailto:robynhelzner@verizon.net).)

**May 10: The Heritage of Ethiopian Jews in Israel—7 p.m.**

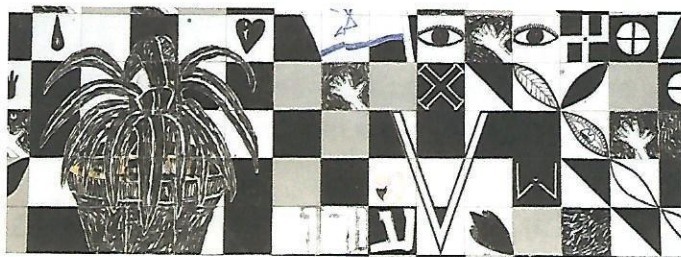
**Instructor: Pnina Agyenyahu**



native of Ethiopia who made aliyah at three years old, Pnina Agyenyahu was the first Israeli of Ethiopian background to be director of the Hillel chapter at Tel Aviv University. She now serves as Senior Shlichah for Israel Engagement for the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and speaks widely on cultural diversity in Israel and the effect of its "melting pot" heritage on Israeli society, culture and politics. In 2014, she was named by Haaretz as one of 66 influential Israeli women to watch.

**May 24: Hebrew Street Art and the Creation of Jewish Spaces—7 p.m.**

**Instructor: Hillel Smith**



Hillel Smith, an artist and graphic designer focusing on engaging Jewish communities with their heritage in innovative ways, has painted dynamic Jewish murals in Southern California and Israel with his Hebrew street art venture Illuminated Streets. He revitalizes ancient rituals with online projects like his GIF Omer Counter and Parsha Poster series, encouraging creative reconsideration of religious practice. This workshop focuses on artistic empowerment, continuity, and manifesting identity through the arts. Seeing Hebrew as the visual glue binding Jews together across time and space, he also teaches Jewish typographic history, using print as a lens for Jewish life and culture. You can see his work online at [hillelsmith.info](http://hillelsmith.info). Copies of his book *Parsha Posters* will be available for sale.

**Series: JSC, Adas members \$40, others \$55**

**Single sessions \$15/\$20**

**Ask the Rabbis Live! How can we balance civility and political disagreement?**

**May 17 at 7 p.m.**

A panel discussion with local rabbis co-sponsored with Moment Magazine.

Moderator: Sarah Breger, executive editor of Moment

Which is more important, peace in the community or freedom to express political disapproval? Can we disagree Jewishly? Continuing a discussion launched in Moment's March/April issue.

**Adas, JSC members \$15, others \$20**



# Sunday Mornings with Shirat Hanefesh

## Classes with Shirat Hanefesh

For information go to [www.shirathanefesh.org](http://www.shirathanefesh.org) or email [adulthoodeducation@shirathanefesh.org](mailto:adulthoodeducation@shirathanefesh.org)

### Israel's Cultural Revival: Videos and Discussions on Sundays, April 30 and May 7

The Tekumah series presents the story of Israel as a modern nation and what it means to be Israeli, what Israel has achieved, and what Israel dreams of becoming. Each video will be presented by a Shirat member who will lead a discussion afterwards. A perfect way to commemorate Yom HaShoah, Israel's Remembrance Day, and Israeli Independence Day.

#### **Sunday, April 30, 1-3 p.m.: Tzahal/The Israeli Defense Forces**

*Gideon Amir*

Presented by Gideon Amir, at the home of Roanne and Hazzan Tasat, 2445 Lyttons ville Rd., Apt. 305, Silver Spring, MD.

#### **Sunday, May 7, 5-7 p.m.: The Ingathering of the Exiles**

*Orit Simhoni*

Led by Orit Simhoni, at the home of Drs. Neal Epstein and Deborah Warden, 8005 Ashboro Court, Chevy Chase, MD.



### CENTER FOR EMBODIED JUDAISM

**Sunday, May 28: The Holy Practice of Immersion: What Can the Mikveh Experience Teach a Modern Spiritual Seeker?**

*Izabella Tabarovsky*

*Meeting Time and Place: TBD*

Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

Mikveh is one of the most sacred and embodied rituals in Judaism. Immersing in mikveh's "mayyim hayyim" – the living waters – can add a uniquely private element of sacredness as we mark new beginnings in our lives, celebrate joyous occasions, process grief, and simply look to reconnect our hearts, bodies and souls. We will organize a small group to visit the new Ohev Sholom mikveh. We will discuss the practice of immersion, sing songs, and allow time for participants to experience individual immersions for themselves.

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The Jewish Study Center was founded in 1978 as an independent nonprofit institute of adult Jewish education in the Washington, D.C. area. Our mission is to provide classes and programs of Jewish study in the widest possible breadth of topics in an atmosphere where any person, regardless of background or level of current involvement, can feel comfortable studying and establishing a serious relationship with the Jewish tradition.

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## Class Cancellation Policies

### Weather-Related Cancellations

Classes may be canceled for the following reasons:

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- The teacher cannot make it to the class due to inclement weather.
- The teacher cannot make it to the class due to illness.

The easiest way to see if a class is canceled to inclement weather is to call the building where your class will be held:

Adas Israel Synagogue: (202) 362-4433, [www.adasisrael.org](http://www.adasisrael.org), 2850 Quebec St. NW

DCJCC, 1529 16th St., NW

National Museum of American Jewish Military History, (202) 265-6280

If a class is canceled due to teacher illness we will notify you as soon as possible. Class sessions canceled due to weather will be rescheduled as soon as possible and when possible at the same place, time and day of the week as the original session. For information about rescheduled class sessions, refunds or other matters, please call (202) 332-1221 or message the Study Center at [info@jewishstudycenter.org](mailto:info@jewishstudycenter.org).

### Enrollment-Related Cancellations

We request that you pre-register and pre-pay for the classes so we can inform you of any potential changes to the class. **If there are no pre-registrations 24 hours before a class, that class may be canceled.**

If fewer than five students show up for a class's first session, the instructor has the option of canceling the class after waiting 15 minutes. (However, many instructors choose to proceed.) If your class is canceled due to under-enrollment prior to the first session, we will make every effort to inform you if you have signed up. Cancellations will also be posted on our web site. All advance cancellations will be posted by 12 pm the day of a scheduled program.

*We suggest you check our web site after 12 pm the day of your program to confirm your course status.*



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# Registration Form | Spring 2017

Session	Date	# Attending / Fee	Total
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<b>The New Jewish Writer: Themes and Identity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> April 26 <input type="checkbox"/> May 3 <input type="checkbox"/> May 10	April 26, May 3, 10 8:15 p.m.	Per Session ____ x \$15 ea. (NM \$20) All Sessions ____ x \$40 (NM \$55)	
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