

Jewish Study Center
Washington, D C

Great Classes for our Winter Semester 2010!
Adas Israel—8 Tuesdays—Jan. 26-March 16
(2850 Quebec St—steps from Cleveland Park Metro)
Sixth and I—4 Thursdays—Feb.25, March 4, 11, 18

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The Annual Latke-Hamentasch Debate

Wednesday Feb. 17



7-9PM

Hosted and co-sponsored by

Adas Israel and JSC

The Annual *Latke-Hamentasch* Debate is back!
Get in the mood for *Purim* as our panel of celebrities and scholars debates the relative merits of the *latke* and the *hamentasch*.

Materials will be provided for in-depth research by the audience.

COST: \$12 pre-registered and pre-paid/members of JSC or Adas; \$18 non-members
Purchase tickets at www.jewishstudycenter.org or www.adasisrael.org

Tuesday nights at Adas Israel, Cleveland Park

Back by popular acclaim . . .

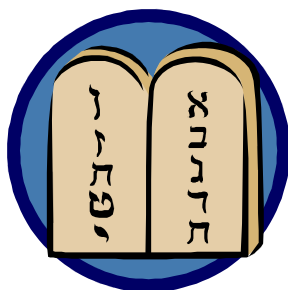
Introduction to Judaism with **Bob Rovinsky**

Tuesdays 7:15-8:30PM

Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 11(Thurs), Feb. 16, Feb. 23, March 2, March 9, March 16

Whether you are a Jew, Christian, agnostic, or seeker, if you want to experience the basics and essence of Judaism, this course is for you! It uses basic Jewish texts to explore what Jews study, how they observe Judaism in their homes, and what prayer and community mean to them. The course covers how Jews observe the Sabbath and holy days, and how Jewish laws and principles shape every part of the lifecycle. Participants will experience Judaism directly through by eating at a kosher restaurant, studying a text together, exploring a synagogue and attending services as a class, and sharing together in a Friday night Sabbath dinner with the teacher and his family.

The participants will be ready to go deeper into what can become a lifetime of Jewish living and study.



The instructor **Bob Rovinsky** is a former president of the Jewish Study Center and has taught numerous Basic Judaism and other courses for the Study Center. He is also a Jewish storyteller and a member of Adas Israel and other Jewish congregations.

Eight sessions: \$100 JSC and Adas members ; \$150 non-members

Far-Flung Jews: Jewish Cultures Around the Globe

Tuesdays 7:15-8:30PM

Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb. 16, Feb. 23, March 2, March 9, March 16

Jewish communities have flourished in places one would never imagine. This long-running, popular series continues with sessions on the Jews of Argentina, China, Ethiopia, and some unlikely locales closer to home.

Eight sessions: \$100 JSC and Adas members; \$150 non-members

Single session: \$15 JSC and Adas members; \$20 non-members

Check our website for detailed information on the teachers and communities

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Torah Study Tools: Two Four-Week Sessions

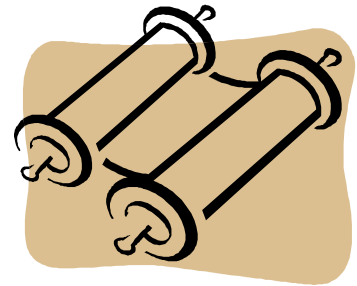
Session I: How to Study Torah Online

Tuesdays Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16 7:15-8:30PM

Online resources can be a fabulous gateway to independent study of Jewish text and tradition. But navigating this vast and jumbled new “sea” is tricky. Where are the treasure troves and the pitfalls? When should they point you back to more traditional, offline sources? Join local scholar Virginia Spatz, whose blog, “Opening the Book,” an online guide to studying the weekly Torah portion, appears on the Jewish Study Center website.

The instructor, *Virginia Spatz* is former executive director of the JSC.

Four Sessions: JSC and Adas members \$50; non-members \$75



Session II: How to Give a Great D’var Torah

Tuesdays Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16 7:15-8:30PM

Nothing teaches you about the weekly parasha like presenting your own ideas to the congregation. Many congregations ask for members to give such d’var torah, commentary, because they want to see the unique perspectives that each of us can bring to that. But how do you get started? Beyond those notes at the bottom of the page, how do you dive in, structure your ideas, and build on what others have said? In this course, experienced lay scholars discuss different approaches to a d’var Torah, readily available sources, personal styles, and tricks of the trade. Coordinated and moderated by Sheldon Kimmel with guest instructors Norman Shore, Joyce Stern, Virginia Spatz and David Nemeth.

Sheldon Kimmel has taught for the Jewish Study Center and helped bring the Latke-Hamentasch symposium to the DC area.

Four Sessions: JSC and Adas members \$50; non-members \$75

Rabbis on Revenge

Tuesdays, March 9 and 16

7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

This year’s “Adas Israel Reads” program focuses on *Revenge: A Story of Hope*, the thrilling story of how journalist and Adas member Laura Blumenfeld tracked down the Palestinian terrorist who shot her father. This classic modern text of revenge becomes even more interesting when read in the context of traditional rabbinical teachings on revenge. Is it permitted? Forbidden? Mandatory?

The instructor, *Norman Shore* is a scholar and veteran teacher for the Jewish Study Center and elsewhere in the Washington Jewish community.

Two Sessions: JSC and Adas members \$30; non-members \$40.

Single session: \$15 members, \$20 non-members

Thursday evenings at Sixth and I Synagogue

Three Rabbis Walk Into a Synagogue. . . and debate the future of health care reform Thursday, February 25 7-9PM



Can an Orthodox, Conservative, and Reconstructionist rabbi find common ground on the issues raised by this year's far-reaching political debate on health care reform? Is there a "Jewish view" on fundamental questions such as universal access to health care, withdrawal of care at end of life, and choice on abortion?

What's ahead for the health care system? And . . . what about Joe Lieberman? Come hear some of our finest local representatives of the very different streams of Judaism bring their theological expertise to bear on the Big Issues. Bring your questions!

The moderator, *Joanne Kenen* is a journalist who specializes in health policy and edits the New Health Dialogue Blog at the New America Foundation.

Judaism and Islam-Mirrors and Echoes: Islam as Faith and Social Order

Thursday, March 4 7-9PM

The course will cover major theological concepts and issues within Islam and the way they have shaped Islam's political development. We will also look at the sociopolitical implications of these concepts for contemporary Islam.

The instructor, *Naiem A. Sherbiny* is the senior representative in the U.S. of the Cairo-based Ibn Khaldun Center for Development, and a board member of Library of Alexandria Foundation. Formerly a senior economist at the World Bank, he has taught at Berkeley, Wisconsin, Harvard, Georgetown, and American University at Cairo.

Judaism and Islam-Mirrors and Echoes: Tales from the Koran and Torah:

The Joseph Stories

Thursday, March 11 7-9PM

Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and many other familiar characters are central in the Koran as well as the Hebrew Bible. In this class the instructors, Afroze Mohammed and Stephanie Lowitt will trace the stories about Joseph, or Yusuf, through both scriptures, and learn how this always fascinating character is pivotal to both Jewish and Muslim traditions.

Afroze Mohammed is an independent management consultant who grew up in both Washington, DC and Islamabad, Pakistan and has a strong interest in interfaith understanding. Afroze has spoken on Islam to diverse religious groups. *Stephanie Lowitt* runs her own marketing and communications consulting business, Maestro Marketing. Born and raised in New York, Stephanie was educated in the conservative Jewish tradition. She and her family are members of Temple Sinai. Afroze and Stephanie have been close friends since they attended graduate school at the Yale School of Management.

Forum: Is There Free Speech In—And About-- the Middle East?

Thursday, March 18 7-9PM

In some countries, the wrong kind of speech can land you in prison. In other places, speech is free, but communities strive to impose their own unofficial constraints on what can and cannot be said. Can we talk about the Middle East in a balanced way when the freedom to criticize varies so dramatically between countries? Do inhibitions and insecurities in the American Jewish community skew what "can be said" even in a free system? Our panel explores the challenges to free expression in Israel, in Arab lands, and in debates on the Israeli-Arab conflicts here at home.

The moderator, *Charles Feinberg* is associate rabbi at Adas Israel Congregation.

Any individual session: \$15 for Jewish Study Center members, \$20 for non-members.

Jewish Study Center proudly co-sponsors the following programs:

Other Lifelong Learning Classes on Tuesday evenings at Adas Israel—January 26-March 16

Exploring the *Mishnah*: A Social Science Perspective

Taught by Professor Calvin Goldscheider

Shades of Gray: Exploring Spiritual Dimensions of Aging through Jewish Literature

Taught by Dr. Carol Hausman

Jewish Composers: Jewish Music or Music by Jews?

Taught by Hazzan Jeffrey Weber

Making *Mishpacha*

Taught by Natalie Merkur Rose, LCSW-C, Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, and Rabbi Charles Feinberg

Justice and Jewish Thought

Taught by Rabbi Elizabeth Richman

Register online at www.adasisrael.org/registration or by phone, 202-362-4433, ext. 112.

Questions contact Marcia Miller, marcia.miller@adasisrael.org.

The Art of Story Telling with Noa Baum

March 12-13 2010

At Am Kolel Sanctuary and Renewal Center



Join us for a Shabbat of Stories, Inspiration and Community!

Friday Evening: 7 pm Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner, 8:30 pm, Short Performances by Noa Baum

Saturday Morning: 9:30 am Shabbat Service, 11 am, “Hidden Treasures: Your Story as a Gift-Part 1”

Saturday Afternoon: 12:30 pm Kiddush Lunch, 3 pm, “Hidden Treasures: Your Story as a Gift-Part 2”

Saturday Evening: 6 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm, More Story Telling with Noa Baum

For more information or to register contact:

Gilah Rosner at gilah@am-kolel.org or 301-349-2799 by March 1

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www.jewishstudycenter.org

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Registration Winter 2010

Classes at Adas Israel Synagogue			
Session	Date	# Attend/Fee	Cost
<u>Far Flung Jews: Jewish Cultures Around the Globe</u> Tuesdays 7:15-8:30PM	Jan 26, Feb 2 Feb 9, 16, 23 Mar 2, 9, 16	___ x \$100 series JSC, Adas members ___ x \$150 series non-members Single sessions: ___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ X \$20 non-members	
<u>Basic Judaism</u> Tuesdays 7:15-8:30PM	Jan 26, Feb 2 Feb 11, 16, 23 Mar 2, 9, 16	___ x \$100 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$150 non-members	
<u>How to Study Torah Online</u> Tuesdays 7:15-8:30PM	Jan 26, Feb 2 Feb 9, Feb 16	___ x \$50 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$75 non-members	
<u>How to Give a D'var Torah</u> Tuesdays 7:15-8:30PM	Feb 23, Mar 2 Mar 9, Mar 16	___ x \$50 JSC, Adas members ___ x \$75 non-members	
<u>Rabbis on Revenge</u> Tuesdays 7:15-8:30PM	March 9 March 16	___ x \$15 JSC, Adas members ___ X \$20 non-members	
<u>Latke-Hamentasch Debate</u> Wednesday 7:00-9:00PM	Wednesday February 17	___ x \$12 JSC, Adas Members ___ x \$18 non-members	

Classes at Sixth and I Synagogue			
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<u>Three Rabbis Discuss Health Care Reform</u>	Feb 25	___ \$15 JSC members ___ \$20 non-members	
<u>Judaism and Islam</u>	Mar 4	___ \$15 JSC members ___ \$20 non-members	
<u>Stories about Joseph: Koran and Torah</u>	Mar 11	___ \$15 JSC members ___ \$20 non-members	
<u>Forum on Free Speech</u>	Mar 18	___ \$15 JSC members ___ \$20 non-members	
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