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**Beth Sholom B'nai Israel**  
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**Manchester, CT 06040**

Course No.	Title	Fee	No. of People	Total Cost
3012	The Beauty, Power and Meaning of Psalms			
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Member       Non-Member

\*Chai Mitzvah candidates are eligible for a 50% discount on registration fees for Continuing Education courses and lectures

Chai Mitzvah Candidate

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## THE BEAUTY, POWER, AND MEANING OF PSALMS

3 Monday evenings, Feb. 22, Mar. 1, and 8. Snow date Mar. 15.

8:00 - 9:15 p.m.

When former President Bill Clinton faced severe political problems, he said he found solace in Psalms 25, 27, 90, 103, and 139. What did he find in these psalms? Every morning the service ends with a psalm. What connection is there between Psalm 48 and Monday? The Rabbis ask us to recite Psalm 145 three times daily. Why? These are a few of the questions that will be discussed.

Instructor: Rabbi Richard Plavin

\***Fee:** Members, \$25.00; Non-members, \$40.00.

Course #3012

## PLUMBING THE DEPTHS OF TORAH

Third Shabbat of each month: Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, and Feb. 20.

Examine the weekly parsha while sipping coffee or tea and enjoying some pastries. The commentaries in our *Etz Hayim Chumash* will be reviewed and insights will be shared.

Instructor: Rabbi Richard Plavin.

**No fee**, but registration will be appreciated to ensure enough pastries.

Course #3013

## BASIC HEBREW READING

12 Monday evenings: Oct. 26, 2009 – Jan. 18, 2010 (except 12/28)

7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Learn to read the Alef-Bet, with the goal of developing your ability to decode written Hebrew words using the vocabulary of Jewish life, ritual, study, and tradition. Text: *Aleph isn't Tough, Book 1*, by Linda Motzkin.

Instructor: Cantor Anita Schubert

\***Fee:** Members, \$60.00; Non-members, \$71.00.

**Text:** \$17.00

Course #3014

## HEBREW OF THE BIBLE AND SIDUR

10 Monday afternoons, Nov. 16 - Feb. 15, excluding Dec. 28.

4:45 - 6:00 p.m.

This is the crucial next step in mastering Hebrew after learning to read.

Instructor: Rabbi Richard Plavin

\***Fee:** Members: \$45.00; Non-members: \$74.00  
**Text and CD fee:** \$35

Course #3016

## LUNCH AND LEARN

Thursdays, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3, and 17.

12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.

Bring a salad or sandwich. Coffee, tea or soda will be supplied. The shared lunch hour will include discussions of the wisdom of the Rabbis in *Pirkei Avot* (The Ethics of the Fathers). This volume of the Talmud has been a favorite for spurring diverse thoughts for millennia.

Instructor: Rabbi Richard Plavin;

\***Fee:** \$7.00

Course #3015

## ISRAELI DANCE CHUG

6 Sunday evenings: January 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Mar. 7, 2010.

7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Learn the basic dances and steps

7:45 - 8:15 p.m. Learn intermediate-level dances

8:15 - 9:00 p.m. Open dancing:--Let Cantor Anita know your favorites so she can have the recorded music available

Instructor: Cantor Anita Schubert

\***Fee:** Members: \$30.00; Non-members, \$40.00.  
Free: Children under the age of 12.

Course #3017

## DR. JONATHAN ELUKIN SERIES

### “Jewish Identities: Ancient, Medieval, and Modern”

3 Monday evenings, Jan. 4, 11, and 18, 2010; snow date, Jan. 25, 2010. 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Dr. Jonathan Elukin is Associate Professor of History at Trinity College. He teaches courses on medieval history, the Crusades, book history, and Jewish studies. He received his undergraduate degree and Ph.D. from Princeton U. and an M.A. from the Jewish Theological Seminary. He recently published *Living Together, Living Apart: Rethinking Jewish-Christian Relations in the Middle Ages* (Princeton Press, 2007). He is currently working on a book about images of Jews in European history as well as a book on Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*. He has taught at Princeton, Georgetown, and Catholic Universities.

Jan. 4 - Evolution of Jewish Identity in the Ancient World

Jan. 11 - Jewish Identities in the Medieval World

Jan. 18 - What is Modern Jewish Identity?

\*Fee: Members, \$25.00; Non-members, \$45.00.

Course #3018

## TORAH STUDY SHABBAT

Apr. 17, 2010

Speaker: Rahel Musleah

Topic to be Announced

Rahel Musleah is an award-winning journalist whose articles have appeared in the New York Times, Family Circle, Jewish Woman, and numerous other Journals. She has received Simon Rockower Awards for Excellence in Jewish Journalism from the American Jewish Press Association in different categories since 1966. She is also the author of a number of books.

Rahel was born in Calcutta, India, the seventh generation of a Calcutta Jewish family that traces its roots to 17<sup>th</sup> Century Baghdad. Besides her many talents, which also include multi-media song, story and slide programs on the Jews of India and Iraq, she is also a cantorial soloist, Judaica teacher and Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutor.

Further details will be forthcoming.

## MOVIE NIGHTS

Saturday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.

*The Year My Parents Went on Vacation*

This is a sweet and somber film that is the tale of a 12-year-old boy, an extreme soccer lover, in Brazil in 1970 at a time when the country struggled under a military dictatorship. His parents, left-wing political dissidents, drop him off at the home of his grandfather, who has just unexpectedly died. They disappear, unknowingly leaving him to fend for himself.

Saturday Evening, Dec. 5, 2009

Movie to be announced

Saturday Evening, Jan. 23, 2010

Movie to be announced

Saturday Evening, Mar. 13, 2010

Movie to be announced

## OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

### JUDAISM ON ONE FOOT

Location: Vernon Continuing Education, Rockville High School, 70 Loveland Hill Rd., Vernon/Rockville, CT

Wednesday evenings, 6 weeks, starting Oct. 14. 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Jews comprise approximately .021% of the world population. Yet, Judaism has given birth to two of the world's major religions, Christianity and Islam. To help people understand this ancient/modern faith, the beliefs, practices, holy days, and life milestones of Judaism will be explored in this course. No previous knowledge of Judaism is required. Readings will be suggested and discussions held in class.

Instructor: Rabbi Richard Plavin

Fee: \$54 fee for residents of Vernon and Manchester; \$60 fee for residents of all other towns. Registration begins on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 8:00 am. Register by calling 870-6060, or on line at: [www.vrabe.org](http://www.vrabe.org). Make checks payable to Vernon Continuing Education and send to the address listed above.

**Sunday, Nov. 8** - The Jewish Historical Society is sponsoring a trip to New York City's Lower East Side, including the recently renovated Eldridge Street Synagogue and other historical sites. The total cost, excluding lunch, will be \$60 per person. JCC Members and Jewish Historical Society Members will be \$55 per person. There may be a pick-up in Manchester at 8:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets and further details will be forthcoming.

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