

Monday Evenings

"LTC" Leadership Training Course: Fostering New Jewish Leaders

Shir Hadash Professional Staff and Guests; 7 to 9 p.m.; fee: \$36. Ten Monday evenings throughout the year; dates TBD. Leaders are not born; they are made. At Shir Hadash, we encourage our members to take leadership roles in our community, at work, and elsewhere. This course is designed to give emerging leaders the necessary background, resources, and tools to lead not only our Jewish community but in every area of their lives. Some of the things the course will cover are ethical decision making; how to plan, inspire, and motivate; the functioning of our synagogue and Chicago Jewish community, resisting burnout; goal setting; time management; and envisioning the future. Class size is limited; please contact Rabbi Eitan Weiner-Kaplow to register.

Thursday Evenings

Mussar Study Group

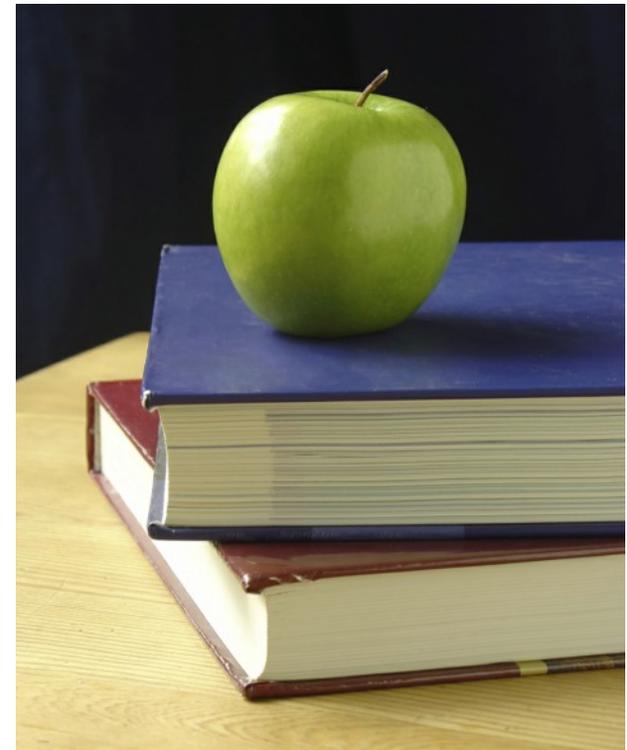
Coordinator Lynn Liebling; 7:30 p.m. Mussar is a centuries old Jewish body of teachings, a perspective, and a disciplined practice that provides distinctively Jewish answers to the sorts of questions any thinking person asks about life. The core text is *Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Spiritual Path of Mussar*, by Alan Morinis, Founder and Dean of the Mussar Institute. Topics and dates include: October 11: Order; November 8: Compassion; December 6: Gratitude; January 3, 2019: Equanimity; February 7: Honor; March 7: Faith.

Shir Hadash Adult Education

Shir Hadash offers a full slate of learning opportunities for the adult community. Are you:

- Thinking about furthering your Jewish knowledge or preparing for adult bar or bat mitzvah?
- Not Jewish but interested in learning more about Judaism?
- Thinking about converting to Judaism?

We offer a number of classes to meet your interests. Classes meet at a variety of times and days of the week to meet the needs of your schedule.



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Sundays During Religious School

Living Judaism: Introduction to Jewish Spirituality & Civilization

Sundays, 11:15 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.; Nov 4, 11, 18; Dec 2, 9, 16, 2018. Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3, 10, 2019; Instructor Rabbi Eitan Weiner-Kaplow. A survey of essential and fundamental concepts of Judaism—its roots, history, sacred texts, holidays, and life cycle celebration. This class is for everyone—from those with no Jewish background to those with a strong Jewish background.

Reconstructionism: American Judaism for the 21st Century

Sundays, 11:15 a.m. to 12:25 p.m., Oct. 7, 4, and 21; Instructor Rabbi Eitan Weiner-Kaplow. A three-session introduction to the finer points of our creative and innovative Reconstructionist Movement. Highly recommended to new members of Shir Hadash and parents of new students in our religious school as well as anyone wanting a refresher

Coming in 2019!

Shavuot Service and Study Evening
Saturday, June 8, 2019, 7:30 p.m. Shavuot is the holiday on which we celebrate the Jews receiving the Torah from God. We'll begin with a brief worship service and then continue with an evening of studying Torah and other Jewish subjects. Finally, we'll wrap up with wonderful refreshments including delicious cheesecake!

on Reconstructionist Judaism. Find out what makes Shir Hadash so special and unique in the Jewish community.

Torah Study/Modern Jewish Philosophy

Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Instructor Fred Andes. Are you interested what the Torah has to tell us as modern Jews? Spend some time with us looking at the upcoming week's Torah portion (in English, don't worry about your Hebrew) and, as we Jews do, taking it apart, digging deep inside, and trying to figure out what it meant to Jews back then and what it should mean to us now. Then, we'll take a look at modern Jewish philosophy.

Adult Hebrew Reading

Sundays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. beginning Oct. 15; Instructor Steve Lewin. This class will begin building your Hebrew vocabulary. After re-enforcing the alef-bet and building a basic vocabulary, we will learn prayers, beginning with Shabbat. Students will learn to read and understand the key prayers of the service including the Barechu, Shema/V'ahavta, Amidah, and Aleynu. We will also learn to chant the Torah blessings. Class will serve as the foundation for anyone exploring their own bar or bat mitzvah.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

We encourage our Jewish members who did not become Bar/Bat Mitzvah as a child to celebrate Bar or Bat Mitzvah as an adult. Most candidates will need to study in a one-to two-year course to prepare for leading a Shabbat service and reading from the Torah. Students can celebrate adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah as individuals or in small/large

groups. Year 1 consists of three classes: (1) Torah Study/Modern Jewish Philosophy, (2) Living Judaism, and (3) Adult Hebrew Reading. Year 2 classes focus on Hebrew Reading Proficiency, Service Leading Skills, Torah Study, and D'var Torah Skills.

Jewish Festivals for the Perplexed

Sundays during holiday focused Family Education days. Why do we eat latkes on Hanukkah? Why is Tu B'Shevat, a holiday for trees, in the middle of winter? Get the answers to these questions and many more as we explore the roots, development, and contemporary rituals for our Jewish holidays. We will also explore stories, foods, and activities that make the holidays fun for the whole family!

Thursday Afternoons

Lunch & Learn with the Rabbi
Thursdays, 1-2 p.m., at the synagogue. Join Shir Hadash members and friends for a refreshing and contemporary exploration of the weekly Torah portion, a selected book of the Bible, or a contemporary work of Jewish wisdom. Don't be surprised if archaeology, sociology, contemporary world affairs as well as law, medicine, and business ethics enter the lively conversation as we plumb the deeper meanings of Judaism's core text. Participants are encouraged to share their views, questions, and opinions.