

Congregation Agudath Israel Adult Education Program



September 2008 through August 2009

Introduction

As CAI moves into our new building, we will be inaugurating the Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library and Sidney Feinstein Bet Midrash with a full and varied adult education program. We offer a wide range of courses designed to appeal to anyone with a curious and open mind:

From the intellectually rigorous Me'ah classes to fun film series and book clubs; from introductory Judaism and prayer explorations to in-depth text study; from spiritual discovery to interfaith dialogues.

In addition to the CAI courses, we are proud to be a site for some of the most stimulating and original adult education initiatives available currently:

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, an innovative adult learning program developed at the Hebrew University;

The Jewish Theological Seminary's Mitzvah Initiative, an exploration of the meaning and/or relevance Mitzvot in our daily lives;

Me'ah, an intensive two-year program created by Boston Hebrew College and Combined Jewish Philanthropies Commission on Jewish Continuity and Education; and

Limud, a series of courses developed by CAI alumna Jenny Labendz.

All of the classes are taught by our excellent Congregational staff, recognized subject experts, or fellow congregants with specialized knowledge/experience. Please note that the time frames for classes vary; some are ongoing; some are a full academic year; some are limited sessions; and some are just one semester – either Fall or Spring.

We need at least four people in order to provide a class. *No CAI member will be denied participation in CAI classes due to financial concerns. Please speak to Rabbi Silverstein about financial aid opportunities.*

We invite you to choose something from this brochure and join us for an exciting and involving year as we take advantage of our new adult learning center, make new friends, and expand our individual and group understanding of personally relevant issues and topics. If there is something else you would like to see included, please let us know.

We look forward to a great year!

Rabbi Alan Silverstein, Education Director Susan Werk, and Education Committee

CLASSES BY INSTRUCTOR/TOPIC

Paula Spack	Israeli Dancing	Cultural Arts	Mon 8:00 pm weekly begin Nov
Susan Werk	Melton Adult Mini-School – all years	Personal Religious Growth	Thurs 9:30 am and 7:00pm weekly Sep-Jun
	Lunch and Learn Book Club	Book Club	Thurs 11:45 am bi monthly Nov-Jun
	Rosh Hodesh Women's Group	Spirituality	Monthly varies
	Prophets, No Loss	Bible	Wed 7:45 pm weekly Nov-Dec
	Torah Portion Class	Text Study	Sat 9:00 am weekly
Guest speakers	Friday evening speakers	Specialized Study	Fri 8:30 pm monthly Sep-Apr
Other	The Big Read	Book Club/Community Outreach	
	Lunch and Learn Film Matinee Club	Cultural Arts	Thurs 11:30 am monthly Nov-Jun
	Mitzvah Initiative	Personal Religious Growth	Monthly beginning Spring 2009
	Selichot, Tikkun Leyl Shavuot	Specialized Study	Sep 20, May 28
	Me'ah – closed to new participants in 08-09	Jewish History	Tues 7:00-9:45 pm weekly
	Torah on Tap	Text Study	
	Hadassah Book Club	Book Club	

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Instructor	Class	Topic	Time/dates
Arnold Brenner	Talmud – Tractate Berakhot	Text Study	Sun 8:50 am weekly
	Talmud – Tractate Sanhedrin	Text Study	Sat, mincha, weekly
Cantor Joel Caplan	High Holiday Choir	Cultural Arts	Tues/Thurs Sep/Oct
	Kol Dodi! Adult Community Choir	Cultural Arts	Thurs 7:50-9:45 pm weekly Oct-Jun
	What Do our Prayers Mean	Prayer	Wed 7:45-8:30 pm Oct/Nov
	What Do our (Passover) Prayers Mean	Prayer	Wed 8:00-8:45 pm Mar/Apr
Nancy Caplan	Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah	Personal Religious Growth	Tues 9:15 am weekly begins Sep 16
	Texts and Coffee	Text Study	Tues 10:15-11:15 am weekly begins Sep 16
Greta Cohen	Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah	Personal Religious Growth	Wed evening, weekly
Karen Frank	Jewish Spiritual Direction	Spirituality	Mon 7:45-9:00 pm weekly Sep, monthly Oct-May
	Getting through "the Change"	Spirituality	Wed 7:45-9:00 pm weekly Nov
	Shabbat Meditation	Spirituality	
Rabbi Richard Hammerman	The Jewish Experience through Film	Cultural Arts	Thurs 7:45pm monthly Nov-Jun
	Rabbi's Book of the Month Club	Book Club	Wed 7:45 pm monthly Nov-Jun
Jenny Labendz	The Bible to the Rabbits: Intro to Midrash	Text Study	Tues weekly begins May 2009-Sep
Bonnie Rosenfeld	Book Club	Book Club	TBD
Rabbi Alan Silverstein	Melton Adult Mini-School – all years	Personal Religious Growth	Thurs 9:30 am and 7:00pm weekly Sep-Jun
	History of Modern Zionist Thought	Jewish History	Wed 9:20 am, weekly at JCC Whippary
	Biblical Book of Samuel	Bible	Wed 10:30 am, weekly at JCC Whippary
	Rabbi's Book of the Month Club	Book Club	Wed 7:45 pm monthly Nov-Jun
Rabbi Silverstein or Hammerman	Jewish Marriage Laws and Customs	Text Study	Thurs 7:00 pm weekly begins Oct 30
	Legal Ethics and Jewish Law	Text Study	Fri 7:45 am monthly
	Medical Ethics	Text Study	Fri 7:45 am monthly
Rabbi David Silverstein	Torah from Israel	Text Study	TBA

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<p data-bbox="267 394 699 422">PERSONAL RELIGIOUS GROWTH</p> <p data-bbox="267 436 724 464">(Florence) Melton Adult Mini-School</p> <p data-bbox="267 478 987 873"><i>This innovative adult Jewish learning program provides the opportunity to achieve basic Jewish literacy in just two years, to learn the “whys” of everything Jewish. Students of varying backgrounds form a community of learners who explore Jewish texts and begin to understand how Judaism developed and what Judaism means to them. The pluralistic approach fosters an atmosphere of warmth, respect, and mutual understanding. Classes integrate Jewish history, law, beliefs, practices, ideas and terminology through the study of texts – from ancient to contemporary. The curriculum was developed and is constantly revised by a team of scholars at the Hebrew University. One may join any class; none are prerequisites for the others.</i></p> <p data-bbox="267 905 987 932">MELTON Year One – Thursday mornings 9:30 am– 11:30 am</p> <p data-bbox="316 940 954 1052"><i>“RHYTHMS”: What are the ideas, beliefs, and sources that shape Jewish life and practice, including the daily, weekly, monthly, annual life-cycle observances and customs?</i></p> <p data-bbox="316 1073 987 1184"><i>“PURPOSES”: Why do Jews believe what they do, and what are the theological concepts that unfold in the Bible, the Talmud, and other sacred texts – both ancient and contemporary?</i></p> <p data-bbox="267 1226 954 1253">MELTON Year Two – Thursday evenings 7:00 – 9:15 pm.</p> <p data-bbox="316 1262 987 1373"><i>“ETHICS”: An exploration of the Jewish ethical foundations dealing with issues such as justice, life and death, marriage and interpersonal relationships, medical and business ethics, and sexuality.</i></p> <p data-bbox="316 1394 987 1505"><i>“DRAMAS”: What are the events, trends, and movements that have shaped our people’s history and development throughout the ages? What are the import highlights and watersheds from biblical times until today?</i></p> <p data-bbox="267 1547 967 1604">MELTON Graduate Class – Thursday Mornings 9:30 am – 11:30 am</p> <p data-bbox="316 1612 987 1751"><i>“Biblical Text” - Looking at the biblical stories to develop an appreciation of how the text can speak to us today. Food for Curriculum: Hazon’s curriculum on Jews, Food, and Contemporary Life “Holocaust and Israel”</i></p>	<p data-bbox="1019 436 1321 520">Instructors: Rabbi Alan Silverstein and Education Director Susan Werk</p> <p data-bbox="1019 552 1230 579">Time: Thursdays</p> <p data-bbox="1019 611 1333 915">Dates: September 18, 25, October 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13, 20 December 4, 11, 18 January 8, 15, 22, 29 February 5, 12, 26 March 5, 12, 19,26 April 2, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21 June 4, 11</p> <p data-bbox="1019 947 1312 1010">Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center</p> <p data-bbox="1019 1041 1333 1098">Cost: \$550.00 Tuition plus \$50.00 book fee</p> <p data-bbox="1019 1108 1317 1199">JCC Members and Members of Melton Partner Organizations: \$550.00</p> <p data-bbox="1019 1209 1300 1266">CAI congregants will receive \$100 rebate</p> <p data-bbox="1019 1297 1341 1388">Registration & payment for all MELTON courses are to be sent to:</p> <p data-bbox="1019 1419 1341 1602">Rhonda Lillianthal, Florence Melton Adult Mini-School JCC MetroWest 760 Northfield Avenue West Orange, NJ 07052.</p> <p data-bbox="1019 1633 1341 1703">For more information, contact Rhonda Lillianthal 973-530-3519</p> <p data-bbox="1019 1724 1341 1780">rlillianthal@jccmetrowest.org</p>

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PERSONAL RELIGIOUS GROWTH CON'T	
<p>Mitzvah Initiative Meetings</p> <p><i>CAI has been selected as a site for the MITZVAH INITIATIVE [MI] of the Jewish Theological Seminary.--- Rabbi Alan Silverstein will coordinate the creation of MI Groups, meeting one evening a month at rotating homes. The MI Groups will study together and share personal approaches to belief in God, feelings of belonging to Jewish community, as well as reasons for observing or not observing specific religious practices. Subsequently, the MI Groups will study and discuss and explore ONE MITZVAH per month, utilizing materials prepared by JTS. Groups will be launched for the Spring of 2009. For further details or to enroll, contact Rabbi Alan Silverstein at alsil@aol.com</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Time: TBD Dates: One evening per month, beginning Spring 2009 Location: Host homes Cost: No charge</p>
<p>Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah</p> <p><i>The goal of the class is not to teach conversational Hebrew or to teach you to lead services, but rather how to read the main Hebrew prayers of the Friday night and Saturday morning services and to sing them along with the congregation. You can take any or all of four semesters, covering:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Hebrew reading</i> 2) <i>Saturday morning prayers</i> 3) <i>Friday night prayers</i> 4) <i>Haftara, and preparation for an Adult Bar/Bat mitzvah service in the spring.</i> 	<p>Evening class Instructor: Greta Cohen Time: Wednesday evenings or TBD Dates: Weekly for 12 sessions per semester Location: 32 Loughheed Avenue, West Caldwell Cost: \$120 Member, \$240 Non-member per semester</p> <p>Morning class Instructor: Nancy Caplan Time: Tuesdays: 9:15 am Location: Sidney Feinstein Bet Midrash Dates: 1st semester begins September 16, weekly for 12 weeks; 2nd semester begins January 13 Cost: \$120 Member, \$240 non-Member per semester</p>

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BOOK CLUBS/STUDY	
<p>Lunch and Learn Book Club</p> <p><i>November 13 – The Red Tent by Anita Diamant - Retells the story of Dinah, which is found in the Biblical book of Genesis, Chapter 34. In the retelling of the story, Dinah finds her voice. The Red Tent is told entirely from her perspective and the point of view of the women around her.</i></p> <p><i>January 8 – The Book Thief by Markus Zusak - Death himself narrates the World War II-era story of Liesel Meminger from the time she is taken, at age nine, to live in Molching, Germany, with a foster family in a working-class neighborhood of tough kids, acid-tongued mothers, and loving fathers who earn their living by the work of their hands.</i></p> <p><i>March 5 - The Septembers of Shiraz by Dalia Sofer- About a Jewish family after the revolution in Iran</i></p> <p><i>April 30 - People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks - About a 500 year old Haggadah stolen from a museum in Sarajevo. Fiction based on a true story.</i></p> <p><i>June 4 - Out of the Shadow by Rose Cohen- An Autobiography of Rose Cohen, a Russian Jewish immigrant girl surviving on the Lower East Side. It was first published in 1918. Thomas Dublin, resurrected her story. At the tenement museum, she is mentioned in a short film.</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Susan Werk Time: Thursday 11:45 am -1:15 pm Dates: see list Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library Cost: no charge</p>
<p>Bonnie Rosenfeld’s Book Group</p>	<p>Instructor: Bonnie Rosenfeld Contact Bonnie at 973- 992-2066</p>
<p>Hadassah Book Club</p>	<p>For more information contact Paula Spack @ 973-.403-7641</p>

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BOOK CLUBS/STUDY continued	
<p>Rabbi's Book-of-the-Month</p> <p>November 5: <i>Rabbi Harold Schulweis, Conscience: The Duty to Obey and the Duty to Disobey</i></p> <p>December 3: . <i>Rabbi Michael Cook, Modern Jews Engage in the New Testament - a Jewish understanding of Christianity</i></p> <p>January 7: <i>Rabbi Neil Gillman, Doing Jewish Theology: God, Torah and Israel</i></p> <p>February 4: <i>Rabbi Avi Weiss, Spiritual Activism: A Jewish Guide to Leadership and Repairing the World</i></p> <p>March 4: <i>Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, Righteous Gentiles in the Hebrew Bible</i></p> <p>April 1: <i>Rabbi Reuven Firestone, Who Are The Real Chosen People: The Meaning of Chosenness in Judaism ,Christianity, and Islam</i></p> <p>May 6: <i>Rabbi Arthur Green, Ehyeh: A Kabbalah for Tomorrow</i></p> <p>June 3: <i>Rabbi Elliott Dorff, The Jewish Approach to Repairing the World [Tikkun Olam]</i></p> <p>Note: Participants may attend individual sessions. Additionally, the books will be available for purchase at the synagogue office for a discounted price in advance of each session.</p>	<p>Instructor: Rabbi Alan Silverstein and/or Rabbi Richard Hammerman</p> <p>Time: Wednesdays 7:45 pm</p> <p>Dates: Begins Nov 5</p> <p>Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library</p> <p>Cost: No charge</p>
<p>(The) Big Read</p> <p><i>The borough of Caldwell will be participating in a national program entitled "The Big Read." CAI will join with other organizations, churches and schools in reading and discussing "The Shawl" by Cynthia Ozick, a renowned American Jewish writer.</i></p>	<p>Instructor:</p> <p>Time: TBD</p> <p>Dates: March-May 2009</p> <p>Location: TBD</p> <p>Cost:</p>

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CULTURAL ARTS	
<p>High Holiday Choir</p> <p><i>Directed by Cantor Caplan; conducted by Allan Finkelstein. Performs during services on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.</i></p> <p><i>Enhance your connection to God through the majesty of Jewish choral prayer! About 25 adults and teenagers sing with the choir. You don't have to be able to read Hebrew, and you don't have to be able to read music notes, but it helps. You do need to be able to sing on key, and to keep to your part when other singers are singing theirs. Recordings are available to help you learn your part.</i></p>	<p>Director: Canto Joel Caplan; Conductor: Allan Finkelstein</p> <p>Time: Tuesday and Thursday evenings</p> <p>Dates: Sep 2 through Oct 7</p> <p>Location: TBA</p> <p>Cost: No charge</p> <p><i>If interested, contact Cantor Joel Caplan @ 973-226-3600, Ext. 16</i></p>
<p>Kol Dodi Adult Community Choir</p> <p><i>Directed by Cantor Caplan, along with Cantor Riki Lippitz of South Orange.</i></p> <p><i>Over 40 singers prepare Jewish choral music in Hebrew, English, Yiddish and Ladino, in styles ranging from Israeli pop to classic synagogue music to Klezmer to Leonard Bernstein. The choir gives about 5 performances a year. You don't have to be able to read Hebrew, and you don't have to be able to read music notes, but it helps. You do need to be able to sing on key, and to keep to your part when other singers are singing theirs. Recordings are available to help you learn your part.</i></p> <p><i>Want to "try out" the choir first? There will be an "Open Sing" on Sunday, September 14 in the afternoon, at the West Orange JCC. Contact Cantor Caplan!</i></p>	<p>Directors: Cantors Joel Caplan and Riki Lippitz</p> <p>Time: Thursdays 7:50 – 9:45 pm</p> <p>Dates: Weekly, begins October 30</p> <p>Location: West Orange JCC, 760 Northfield Avenue,</p> <p>Cost: \$60 per semester</p> <p>For more information contact Cantor Joel Caplan @ 973-226-3600, Ext. 16</p>
<p>Israeli Dancing</p> <p><i>Learn the latest Israeli Dance moves. Beginners and Experts welcome. Dance the old, learn the new. Requests are always welcome. A fun way to exercise and connect to Israeli culture. Bring a friend.</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Paula Spack</p> <p>Time: Mondays: 8:00 pm</p> <p>Dates: Begins in November</p> <p>Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library</p> <p>Cost: \$5.00 per session</p>

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<p>(The) Jewish Experience through Film <i>Viewing and then discussing the following Jewish content films</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><i>November 20</i></td> <td>2,000 Year Old Man</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>December 18</i></td> <td>The Frisco Kid</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>January 15</i></td> <td>Sophie's Choice</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>February 19</i></td> <td>Yentl</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>March 19</i></td> <td>Crossing Delancy</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>April 23</i></td> <td>Exodus</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>May 21</i></td> <td>O' Jerusalem</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>June 18</i></td> <td>The Chosen</td> </tr> </table>	<i>November 20</i>	2,000 Year Old Man	<i>December 18</i>	The Frisco Kid	<i>January 15</i>	Sophie's Choice	<i>February 19</i>	Yentl	<i>March 19</i>	Crossing Delancy	<i>April 23</i>	Exodus	<i>May 21</i>	O' Jerusalem	<i>June 18</i>	The Chosen	<p>Instructor: Rabbi Richard Hammerman Time: Thursdays 7:45 pm Dates: See list Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library Cost: \$40 or \$5.00 per film</p>
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<p>Lunch and Learn Matinee Film Club <i>See films above</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Time: Thursdays 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Dates: See list above Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library Cost: \$40 or \$5.00 per film</p>																
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<p>Prophets, No Loss <i>Learn about the men and women who are called Prophets in the Hebrew Bible, TANACH. No previous knowledge is necessary. An engaging class filled with unpredictable drama.</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Susan Werk Time: Wednesday 7:45 pm Dates: November 12, 19 December 3, 10, 17 Location: Sidney Feinstein Bet Midrash Cost: \$25.00</p>																
<p>The Biblical Book of Samuel <i>The rise of the Israelite kingship of Saul and David and Solomon - for details contact Rabbi Silverstein at aisil@aol.com</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Rabbi Alan Silverstein Time: Wednesday 9:20am Dates: Weekly, begins Sep 12; 12 sessions/semester Location: JCC Whippany Cost:</p>																

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TEXT STUDY (TORAH AND TALMUD)	
<p>Texts and Coffee</p> <p><i>Come learn in a relaxed environment as we look at readings from the Torah, Haftarah, and more. Learn where various Jewish traditions come from as pointed out in the text and discuss what the passages mean to Judaism, how they relate to our culture, and what the relevance is today. Whether you had Jewish day school upbringing, or have little knowledge of Judaism, you will always find something to bring away from this class. Ability to read Hebrew is helpful, but not necessary.</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Nancy Caplan Time: Tuesdays: 10:15-11:15 am Dates: Begins September 16 Location: Sidney Feinstein Bet Midrash Cost: \$120 Member; \$240 Non-member</p>
<p>Torah Portion Class</p> <p><i>Lively and insightful discussion of the weekly Torah portion. Each week the torah portion is discussed in English and related to our everyday lives. No prior knowledge needed to share and learn. Each week is a self-contained unit; therefore you may join in without prior sessions.</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Susan Werk Time: Saturdays 9 am Dates: Ongoing Location: Sidney Feinstein Bet Midrash Cost: No Charge</p>
<p>Mishnah and Minyan - Tractate Kiddushim</p> <p><i>Jewish marriage law and customs</i></p> <p><i>Will meet 20 times over the course of the year.</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Rabbi Silverstein or Hammerman Time: Thursdays 7:00pm Dates: Weekly, beg Oct 30 Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library Cost: No Charge</p>
<p>Legal Ethics and Jewish Law</p> <p><i>Periodic breakfast study groups - details to follow</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Rabbi Silverstein or Hammerman Time: Fridays at 7:45 am Dates: Monthly Location: TBD Cost: No Charge</p>
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<p>Torah on Tap: Sponsored by Men's Club</p> <p><i>An opportunity to get together for discussion with Jeremy Gerber, CAI Rabbinic Intern, for discussion of relevant topics in a social setting</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Jeremy Gerber, CAI Rabbinic Intern Time: TBD Dates: TBD Location: TBD Cost: No charge</p>

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<p>Talmud Class – Tractate Berakhot</p> <p><i>Lively interactive and insightful discussion of Talmud, in English. No prior knowledge needed to share and learn.</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Dr. Arnold Brenner Time: Sundays 8:40am Dates: Ongoing Location: Sidney Feinstein Bet Midrash Cost: No Charge</p>
<p>Talmud Class – Tractate Sanhedrin</p> <p><i>Lively interactive and insightful discussion of Talmud, in English. No prior knowledge needed to share and learn. Topic: The rabbis perspective on the world to come and resurrection.</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Dr. Arnold Brenner Time: Saturday Mincha, candle lighting time Dates: Ongoing Location: Sidney Feinstein Bet Midrash Cost: No Charge</p>
<p>Pirkei Avot</p> <p><i>Weekly discussion between Mincha and early Shabbat Service</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Derek Fields Time: Fridays between Mincha and early Shabbat service Dates: weekly Location: Sidney Feinstein Bet Midrash Cost: No Charge</p>
<p>Limud - the Bible to the Rabbis: An Introduction to Midrash</p> <p><i>How did the Rabbis read the Bible? What is midrash? What are its techniques? How is it expressed? What does it reflect about the minds of the rabbis and the nature of the rabbinic project? This 10-session course will explore these questions and simultaneously familiarize students with the classical rabbinic midrashim and how to read them. Students will purchase a reader that provides the texts for the course as well as additional materials for future self- or havruta-study, and several scholarly articles to supplement our text study. Beginner and advanced levels will be accommodated.</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Jenny Labendz Time: Tuesdays Dates: Begins May 5, 2009, 19 sessions Location: Sidney Feinstein Bet Midrash Cost: TBD</p>
<p>Torah From Israel</p> <p><i>Rabbi David Silverstein [son of Rabbi Alan and Rita Silverstein][will be living in Modiin, Israel and providing electronic "Torah from Israel" to CAI. This will include an array of emails, MP3 files, and lectures on SKYPE. Further details will follow. Recommendations for topics and electronic format are encouraged. Please communicate these suggestions to Rabbi Alan Silverstein alsil@aol.com</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Rabbi David Silverstein Time: TBD Dates: TBD Location: TBD Cost: No Charge</p>

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<p>Rosh Hodesh Women's Group</p> <p><i>Join in the beautiful custom of Jewish women ushering in the Hebrew month with prayer and study. No prior knowledge of Hebrew or Torah needed, just the desire to learn and share with your fellow congregants.</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="261 598 1024 1024"> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Location/home</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Elul/Homecoming</td> <td>Tuesday, September 16</td> <td>Synagogue</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tishri</td> <td>Thursday, October 2</td> <td>Susie Bruch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheshvan</td> <td>Monday, October 27</td> <td>Iris Bashi</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kislev</td> <td>Monday, December 1</td> <td>Andrea Kessler</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shevat/Tevet</td> <td>Monday, January 26</td> <td>Abby Kanter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adar</td> <td>Wednesday, February 25</td> <td>Jilana Dellal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nisan</td> <td>Wednesday, March 25</td> <td>Women's Seder Synagogue</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Iyar</td> <td>Monday, April 27</td> <td>TBD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sivan</td> <td>Tuesday, May 26</td> <td>Gail Black</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Month	Date	Location/home	Elul/Homecoming	Tuesday, September 16	Synagogue	Tishri	Thursday, October 2	Susie Bruch	Cheshvan	Monday, October 27	Iris Bashi	Kislev	Monday, December 1	Andrea Kessler	Shevat/Tevet	Monday, January 26	Abby Kanter	Adar	Wednesday, February 25	Jilana Dellal	Nisan	Wednesday, March 25	Women's Seder Synagogue	Iyar	Monday, April 27	TBD	Sivan	Tuesday, May 26	Gail Black	<p>Instructor: Susan Werk Time: 7:45pm – see list for days Dates: see list Location: Host homes – see list Cost: No charge</p>
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<p>Jewish Spiritual Direction</p> <p><i>Jewish Spiritual Direction is a process of finding spiritual companions in order to enrich and enliven one's spiritual search. Together we will explore what it is to deepen our relationships with God or Nature or the Universe. We will find ways to make our lives more meaningful and more intentional. (4 sessions)</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Karen Frank, CAI Congregational Nurse Time: Mondays: 7:45 – 9:00 pm Dates: Sep 8, 15, 22, then monthly Oct 6, Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6 May 4 Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library</p>																														
<p>Getting through “the Change” spiritually, emotionally and physically</p> <p><i>Discussion with our Congregational nurse, Karen Frank, about how to smoothly navigate through perimenopause and menopause while feeling vital and healthy.</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Karen Frank, Congregational Nurse Time: Wednesday: 7:45 – 9:00 pm Dates: November 12, 19, 26 Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library Cost: \$10.00</p>																														

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PRAYER	
<p>What Do Our Prayers Mean?</p> <p><i>Master a basic prayerbook (siddur) vocabulary of around 100 words and use them to translate a number of our most commonly recited Hebrew prayers. (4 sessions)</i></p>	<p>PRAYER</p> <p>Instructor: Cantor Joel Caplan Time: Wednesdays 7:45 – 8:30 pm Dates: October 29 and November 5, 12 & 19 Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library Cost: \$20.00</p>
<p>What Do Our Passover Prayers Mean?</p> <p><i>Master a basic prayerbook (siddur) vocabulary of around 100 words and use them to translate a number of our most commonly recited Passover prayers. (4 sessions)</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Cantor Joel Caplan Time: Wednesdays: 8:00-8:45 pm. Dates: March 11, 18 and 25, and April 1 Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library Cost: \$20.00</p>
<p>What's new about "SIDDUR HADASH"- Agudath's "new" Shabbat and Festival Prayerbook?</p> <p><i>CAI will be adopting a new primary prayerbook (siddur) for Shabbat and Festival services. This course will ask and answer What's wrong with the "old prayerbook?" Why change? What are the advantages of "Siddur Hadash" compared to the "Silverman Siddur"? What enhancements are offered by the numerous alternative Siddurim that will be provided as well? This course will look at specific prayers to add meaning to your prayer service</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Rabbi Richard Hammerman Time: Thursdays 8:00 pm, Dates: October 23, 30, November 6, 13 Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library Cost: \$20.00</p>
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	
<p>(The) Big Read</p> <p><i>The borough of Caldwell will be participating in a national program entitled "The Big Read." CAI will join with other organizations, churches and schools in reading and discussing "The Shawl" by Cynthia Ozick, a renowned American Jewish writer.</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Time: TBD Dates: March-May 2009 Location: TBD Cost:</p>

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SPECIALIZED STUDY	
<p>Special Events</p> <p><i>Saturday, September 20th – Selichot Program - DVD – Conversations of the High Holidays</i></p> <p><i>Selichot is the special service on the Saturday evening immediately prior to Rosh HaShanah. Join us for a stimulating program that will put you in the right frame of mind for the High Holidays. We will watch and discuss a DVD presenting great Conservative Educators discussing religious issues facing modern Jews.</i></p> <p><i>Thursday, May 28th Tikkun Leyl Shavuot</i></p> <p><i>Shavuot is known as the time when the torah was given to the Jewish people. In honor of that momentous event, we spend the evening studying into the wee hours. Join us for this exciting learning opportunity.</i></p>	
<p>Shabbat evening speakers</p> <p><i>Friday, September 12 – Rabbi Tamar Applebaum</i> <i>Friday, October 31 – Susie Dvoskin, Special needs for Bar/ Bat Mitzvah in Israel</i> <i>Friday, November 21 - TBA</i> <i>Friday, January 23rd - TBA</i> <i>Friday, March 6 - TBA</i> <i>Friday, April 3 - TBA</i></p>	
<p>Hebrew for Travelers</p> <p><i>If you are interested in a short course prior to traveling to Israel, please contact Randi Brokman. at (973)226-3600 ext. 19 rbrokman@agudath.org</i></p>	
JEWISH HISTORY	
<p>A History of Modern Zionist Thought: In honor of Israel's 60th Anniversary</p> <p><i>Utilizing Arthur Hertzberg's book The Zionist Idea - for details contact Rabbi Silverstein at alsil@aol.com</i></p>	<p>Instructor: Rabbi Alan Silverstein Time: Wednesdays 9:20am. Dates: Weekly, begins Sep 12; 12 sessions per semester Location: JCC Whippany Cost:</p>

Course	Details/Logistics
JEWISH HISTORY continued	
<p>Me'ah Year Two – NOTE: This class is open only to those who participated in Year One. We will offer Year One in the 2009-2010 year.</p> <p>The Me'ah program hosted at CAI continues with the second year of the intensive two-year adult learning program created by Hebrew College and Combined Jewish Philanthropies Commission on Jewish Continuity and Education. For approximately 100 (<i>me'ah</i> means "100" in Hebrew) hours over two years, students explore core Jewish texts and grapple with concepts representing the historical, cultural and political movements from four eras — biblical, rabbinic, and this year, medieval and modern.</p> <p>The high caliber of instruction, equivalent to university level courses, is specifically geared to adult learners. Instructors are accomplished scholars in Judaics, with advanced degrees, communication skills, and the ability to adapt their own strengths and approaches both to the Me'ah curriculum and to a range of learning styles.</p>	<p>Instructors: Medieval: Eugene Korn and Modern: Alisa Braun Time: Tuesday evenings 7-9:45 pm</p> <p>Dates September 16, 23; October 7, 28; November 4, 11, 18, 25; December 9, 23; January 20, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 3, 17, 24, 31; April 21, 28; May 5, 12 (if needed)</p> <p>Location: Toby Shapiro Adult Conference Center and Library</p>
Me'ah Instructors bios:	
<p>Eugene Korn is a scholar and teacher in the areas of Jewish philosophy, law and ethics, and Jewish-Christian relations. He was ordained by the Israeli Rabbinate and earned a doctorate in philosophy from Columbia University. Dr. Korn is presently North American Director of Center for Jewish-Christian Understanding and Cooperation in Israel, where he lectures in Jewish thought, theology and interfaith relations. He is also editor of <i>Meorot: A Forum of Modern Orthodox Discourse</i>. He has taught at Columbia and Yeshiva Universities and was previously the Judaic Scholar at the JCC and Federation of MetroWest (NJ) and Director of Leadership Education and Development at the Shalom Hartman Institute of Jerusalem</p> <p>Alisa Braun comes to Me'ah from the University of California, Davis where she was Academic Coordinator of the Jewish Studies program and taught courses on modern Jewish literature, history, and film. She has a PhD from the Department of English at the University of Michigan. Her research focuses on Jewish writers in America and the institution of patronage. Other areas of interest include Yiddish language and culture, writing and the marketplace, and visual culture and Jewish identity. Alisa has both studied and taught in the Uriel Weinreich Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture. Her publications include: "Foreign Voices, American Texts: Translations" (co-authored with Tracy Cummings), in <i>Making American Literatures</i>. Eds. Anne Ruggles Gere and Peter Shaheen, and "(Re)Constructing a Tradition of Yiddish Women's Poetry."</p>	

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Morning	8:40-9:20am Talmud study (Tractate Berakhot); ongoing		9:15am Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class year 2; Oct-May
			10:15-11:15am Texts and coffee; Oct-May
Afternoon			
Evening		7:45-9:00pm Jewish Spiritual Direction; 3 sessions in Sep, then monthly-May	7:00-9:45pm Me'ah; Sep-May
		8:00pm Israeli Dancing; weekly Nov-Jun	7:00-9:20pm From the Bible to the Rabbis: An Introduction to Midrash; May-Sep
			High Holiday Choir, Sep/Oct

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:20am A History of Modern Zionist Thought at JCC, weekly begins Sep	9:30-11:30am Melton (year 1 curriculum) ; weekly Sep-Jun	7:45am Legal Ethics and Jewish Law monthly	9:00am Torah portion study ; Sep-Jun
10:30am The Biblical Book of Samuel weekly begins Sep	9:30-11:30am Melton (year 3 curriculum) ; weekly Sep-Jun	7:45am Medical Ethics and Jewish Law monthly	9:30-11:00am Shabbat Meditation ; monthly Sep-Jun
	11:30am-1:30pm Lunch and Learn Matinee Film Club ; monthly Nov-Jun		
	11:45am-1:15pm Lunch and Learn Book Club ; bimonthly Nov-Jun		
Evening Adult Bar/ Bat Mitzvah class year 1 ; Oct-May	7:00-9:15pm Melton (year 2 curriculum) ; weekly Sep-Jun	Early service Pirkei Avot ; ongoing	Mincha (candle lighting time) Talmud study (Tractate Sanhedrin) ; ongoing
7:45-9:00pm Prophets, No Loss ; Nov-Dec	7:00pm Mishnah and Minyan: Kiddushim Jewish Marriage Laws and Customs weekly begins Oct 30	8:30pm Friday night speakers ; monthly Sep-Apr	
7:45-9:00pm Rabbi's Book-of-the-Month Club ; Nov-Jun	7:45 pm The Jewish Experience through Film ; monthly Nov-Jun		
7:45-8:30pm What Do our Prayers Mean? 4 sessions in Oct/Nov	7:50-9:45pm Kol Dodi Adult Community Choir , weekly Oct-Jun		
8:00-8:45pm What Do our Passover Prayers Mean? 4 sessions in Mar/Apr	High Holiday Choir , Sep/Oct		
7:45-9:00pm Getting through "the change" spiritually, emotionally, and physically ; weekly in Nov	8:00pm What's new about "SIDDUR HA-DASH"- our "new" Prayerbook? 4 weeks, Oct-Nov		

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