

Congregation Neve Shalom

Lifelong Learning

Adult Education Programs



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5770
(2009-2010)**

*2001 Winner of the Solomon Schechter Silver Award
for Synagogue Excellence in Adult Education*

*2003 Winner of the Solomon Schechter Gold Award
for Synagogue Excellence in Performing Arts*

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Rabbi Gerald Zelizer

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Hazzan Sheldon Levin**

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**Executive Director:
Jayne Sklon**

JTS SPEAKERS

GUEST LECTURERS from the JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (JTS)

Feb. 21 DAVID MARCUS
**Did the Exodus From Egypt
Really Happen?**

Apr. 11 SHULY RUBIN
SCHWARTZ

Conservative Judaism of the 60's, 70's & 80's

On several Sunday mornings, guest professors from the Jewish Theological Seminary will be speaking and answering questions in the area of their expertise.

This class is co-sponsored by our Men's Club.

There is a \$5 fee per lecture.

If you have registered for any other classes there is no charge.



MONTHLY COURSE

GATEWAYS: ONE HEART-TWO HOMES: ISRAEL AND THE SACRED IDENTITY OF AMERICAN JEWS

Priscilla Glinn Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 am
Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 21, May 5 (No January session)

The goal is to help participants think through and clarify what Israel means to them. In each session, participants will learn about, discuss, and evaluate a different approach to answering the core question: Why, as an American Jew, should I have a relationship with Israel? Each session will include readings, experiential group activities, and group discussion.

*This class is co-sponsored by our local
Hadassah chapters.*

WINTER-SPRING COURSES

THE TANACH (BIBLE) AND US PART II

Rabbi Zelizer 10am
Beginning Jan. 10 other dates to be announced

Rabbi Zelizer will continue discussions of content of the TANACH and beyond.

SEX IN THE TEXT

Hazzan Sheldon Levin
Sunday 11:00am-noon
Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 21, Mar. 7, 14, 21

We will have fascinating and lively discussions on topics including sexual subtexts of Biblical stories, Rabbinic guidelines for how often to have intercourse, recent debates about homosexuality and other sensitive subjects. There will be some text study and all texts will be translated into English. You will be amazed at the things you never learned in Hebrew School and what Judaism has to teach on important matters of our everyday lives.

This course is partially sponsored by the Wieder family in memory of Maier Wieder.

INTRO TO LITURGY: AN ON-LINE COURSE

Michele Rosenfield Anytime
Beginning 1st week of February

Using materials prepared in conjunction with JTS faculty, this course will introduce the structures of Jewish prayer, the structure of the Jewish prayer service and the themes, theology and historical development of key prayers included in Shabbat morning worship. *Knowledge of Hebrew is useful but not required as translations will be provided, but a basic ability to read Hebrew is advised.*

This class will be taught completely online, with an optional introductory session on using the software, will be led by Michele Rosenfield. An on-line class means that you can access the course materials whenever and wherever it is most convenient for you. No special equipment or software is needed other than a computer with internet access.

For more information on what is involved in an online course, contact Michele at mr399@optonline.net. The teacher will be happy to help beginning computer users so that everyone can participate in this new on-line learning.



All dates are subject to change. Those who register and pay in advance will be informed of any changes.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Donald and Ruth Kahn

BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT Sun., January 24 9:30 am

Jewish authors of recent books will talk about their texts, sign books you can purchase, and answer questions. Refreshments start at 9:30 am, followed by presentations at 10 am. *Free and open to the public.*



TU B'SHVAT SEDER & DINNER *

Fri., Jan. 29 7:15 pm Songs, prayers, readings and special foods for dinner
There will be a fee for the dinner. The Seder immediately follows the 6:30pm Friday Evening Service.

WORLD WIDE WRAP Sun., Feb. 7 8:30 am

*Learn to put on Tefillin and some background and kavanot.
Refreshments will be served.*



CONCERT: Made In Metuchen

Sun., Feb. 21 7pm

*Featuring Cantors who grew up at Neve Shalom
Cantors Paula Pepperstone, Bruce Rockman and Anna West Ott
and our current students and members.*

Scholar-In-Residence: Dr. Ron Wolfson

Fri., Mar. 5 8pm, Sat., Mar. 6 9:30 am & noon

Dr. Wolfson, of the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, will give a D'var Torah during services and an extended talk after lunch. His talk titles are listed on the next page.*

ISRAEL SEGAL LECTURE

Sun., Apr. 18, 10 am Dr. Julian Zelizer

*Professor of History and Public Affairs, Princeton University,
author of "Arsenal of Democracy: The Politics of National Security-From World War II to the War on Terrorism"
Beyond the Israel Lobby: American Jews and the Politics of National Security Since 1967*



SUSY SCHWARTZ CONCERT Sun., April 25, 3:00 pm

Debbie Friedman, one of America's leading Jewish Composers & Performers

SHAVUOT EVENING Tues., May 18 8:00 pm

Confirmation Services and special adult study programs

*** Dinner and Luncheon fees must be paid in advance and cannot be placed on your synagogue bill.**

The Claudie and Gilbert Hayat
SHABBAT GUEST SPEAKERS

**Friday evenings 8 pm Services or
Saturday mornings during Services and after Lunch**

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Rabbi Gil Bashe

Presenter at the 2009 Jewish Storyteller Festival

**Storytelling and Spirituality:
How Stories Bring Us
Closer to God**

Friday, February 19, 2010

Scott Lasensky

Senior Research Associate,

U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C

**Negotiating Arab-Israeli Peace:
American Leadership In The Mideast**

Friday and Saturday

March 5-6, 2010*

Scholar-In-Residence

Dr. Ron Wolfson

*Chair, Jewish Education Department,
American Jewish University*

Friday: God's To-Do List

Sat. am: Building Good Tents:

**Envisioning the Synagogue
of the 21st Century**

Sat. after lunch:

**Seven Questions You're
Asked in Heaven: Reviewing
& Renewing Your Life**



**Our Scholar In
Residence
Dr. Ron Wolfson**

Dr. Ron Wolfson is a visionary educator and pioneer in the field of Jewish family education. Ron authored *The*

Art of Jewish Living series of books and was the founding director of the Whizin Institute for Jewish Family Education at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. Over the years, he has visited hundreds of synagogues across North America as a consultant, teacher, and scholar in residence widely recognized for his passionate, insightful and often humorous presentations. His enthusiasm for bringing faith alive in homes and synagogues has shaped his work in the community.

* *There will be a dinner on Friday at 6:45pm and a lunch on Saturday, both catered by Lox, Stock & Deli. **Dinner and Luncheon fees must be paid in advance and cannot be placed on your synagogue bill.***

One does not need to attend the meals to participate in the services or program.

Saturday, April 17, 2010

Rabbi Steven Wernick

Executive Director and CEO of

United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism

**The Future of
Conservative Judaism**

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Lifelong Learning at Neve Shalom

As the **winner of the Silver Solomon Schechter Award** for Adult Education in 2001 and the **Gold Award for Excellence in Performing Arts** among all Conservative Synagogues, we are a model of the excellent and varied programs a congregation can offer. We hope that you will take advantage of our many courses, mini-classes, discussions and special events.

If you have **questions, comments or suggestions** for future courses or teachers, please **contact Hazzan Sheldon Levin, Adult Education Director at 732-548-2238 ext. 14** (e-mail: can2r11@aol.com) or Adult Education co-chairs: Sam Grafton or Robert Moss. We hope that you will join the many Lifelong Learners of Congregation Neve Shalom.

The Adult Education programs are sponsored by generous grants from Congregation Neve Shalom, Gilbert and Claudie Hayat Family Endowment, Donald and Ruth Kahn Book and Author Event Fund, The Maier Wieder Memorial Fund and The Scholar In Residence Fund.

Benefactors for the Scholar In Residence Event this year include:

Kenneth and Carol Bernstein, Flora Cowen, Lena Feld, Morton and Sandra Fields, Millie Fishbein, Cathy Geardino-Salamon, Priscilla Glinn, Joy and Sam Grafton, Barbra Reed and Michael Kesler, Michael and Frayda Kleiman, Robert and Sandra Moss and Avraham Shkedi.

The annual Scholar-in-Residence Event is sponsored this year by the Scholar-in-Residence Fund, the Ohev Shalom Endowment and the Gilbert and Claudie Hayat Endowment. We hope that additional supporters will contribute to the Scholar-in-Residence Fund so that we can continue this program into the future.

The Segal Family, in memory of Israel Segal, sponsors an annual guest lecture.

For further endowment opportunities speak with Rabbi Zelizer or Hazzan Levin.

NEVE SHALOM ADULT EDUCATION SPRING 2010 REGISTRATION

Name person #1 _____

Name person #2 _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Neve Shalom Member Non-Member

Person **SPRING COURSES**

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Tanach & Us II: Rabbi Zelizer

JTS Speakers: Drs. Marcus & Schwartz

Sex In The Text: Hazzan Levin

Intro To Liturgy: Michele Rosenfield

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah: Hazzan Levin

Gateways Study: Priscilla Glinn

Fees: Members: \$25 per person per semester **Non-Members:** \$35 per person per semester
(Entitles each person to attend any or all courses including the Rabbi's class)

If you can do so, please be a sponsor of our Scholar-in-Residence Programs. A tax deductible contribution of \$250 per couple (\$125 for a single person) will list your name(s) in the program booklets and entitles you to attend ALL Adult Ed. courses without additional fees this year.

Sponsors of Scholar-in-Residence \$ _____ (\$125 per person/\$250 per couple)

Total Due SPRING Semester: \$ _____ (\$25 members, \$35 non-members)

Total Amount Paid \$ _____

Make check payable to: NEVE SHALOM ADULT ED

Please mail or bring this form and the fees on or before the first class to:

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*Classes and dates are subject to change;
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so we can inform you of any changes.*