



Temple Sholom

ACADEMY OF JEWISH LEARNING

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Can you describe the thrill of discovery when you learn something new? At Temple Sholom we strive to capture that feeling whenever we learn together. For Jews, learning is a lifelong pursuit. We establish the habit as children and hone the skills through regular study. Temple Sholom offers adults a variety of ways to keep themselves intellectually fit and spiritually energized.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND



Temple Sholom is pleased to welcome **Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin** as its scholar-in-residence during the weekend of **November 17 – 19, 2017**

Rabbi Salkin is recognized as one of the most thoughtful Jewish writers and teachers of his generation. He has helped people of all ages find spiritual meaning in both the great and small moments in life. A noted author whose work has appeared in many publications, including the Wall Street Journal, Reader's Digest, and the Congressional Record, Rabbi Salkin is editor of *A Dream of Zion: American Jews Reflect on Why Israel Matters to Them*; and author of *Being God's Partner: How to Find the Hidden Link Between Spirituality and Your Work*; and *Righteous Gentiles in the Hebrew Bible: Ancient Role Models for Sacred Relationships*, among other books.

**“Fixing The Broken Hallelujah:
The Music of Leonard Cohen”**
Temple Sholom U – Spotlight Event
Friday, November 17, 2017

6:30pm: Service

7:30pm: Dinner & Presentation

The music of Leonard Cohen is rooted deeply in the Jewish tradition. How does his life and work bear testimony to Judaism and what Jews can say to the world today?

“The Gods Are Broken!”
Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 12:00pm
(Lunch & Learn Following Services)

The story of the young Abraham is the “primal trauma” of Jewish history, one critical to the development of a certain Jewish comfort with rebelliousness and one that, happening in every generation, has helped Jews develop a unique identity. Rabbi Salkin will show how the story continues to reverberate through the ages, even in its connection to the phenomenon of anti-Semitism.

“Where Are The Men?”
Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 7:30pm

Location TBD

It's the most-discussed phenomenon in American Jewish life today: the men are disappearing – from the pews, from the classrooms, from leadership. What can we do? Clue: find the “stuff” in the Torah that has men's names on it. The subject of *The Modern Men's Torah Commentary (Jewish Lights)*. Sponsored by the Temple Sholom Men's Club, this program is for men only.

**Putting God on the Guest List:
How to Reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of
Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Smashing
the idols of the 21st Century.**

Sunday, November 19, 2017, 10:15am - Noon
Bar and bat mitzvah is the most popular North American Jewish life cycle ceremony. But it has also been the victim of its own success. How can we spiritually “upgrade” bar and bat mitzvah? How can we restore value and meaning to this important moment in a young person's life? Based on Rabbi Salkin's well-known series of Bar and Bat Mitzvah books, published by Jewish Lights.

For Grade 4 – 7 students and their parents.

Registration and more details will be posted, closer to the date, at www.templesholom.ca or through the Temple office

EXPLORING JUDAISM AND ISRAEL

iENGAGE

Israel's Milestones and Their Meanings: The Legacy of the Past and the Challenge of the Future

April 3, 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15, 2018 at 7:30pm

With Rabbi Dan Moskovitz



Memory is a central element in defining modern Jewish identity. As we look to Israel's future, we need to engage anew with our past and explore its meanings and consequences. Through the consideration of major historic moments, this iEngage Project series

grapples with the different ideas and values that shape the meaning of modern Israel, Zionism, and Jewish identity today.

This innovative new course explores the pivotal events of 1947 and 1967 - following the 1917

Balfour Declaration - as key moments when Zionism unleashed new thinking about the meaning of Jewishness for generations to come. The course engages Jews in an open and pluralistic discussion about issues of Jewish identity, peoplehood, ethics, and theology, as they relate to nationhood, land, sovereignty, Jerusalem, occupation, and moral red lines.



TASTE OF JUDAISM

A Taste of Judaism... Are You Curious?

May 2, 9, 16, 2018, 7:30-9:00pm

With Rabbi Dan Moskovitz

Everyone is welcome to this free 3 session class for beginners - Jewish or not - that explores the topics of Jewish spirituality, ethics and community values.

LERNING HEBREW

BEGINNING ADULT HEBREW

Tuesdays 7:00-7:45pm, Sep 19-March 13

With Cantor Taussig

For Beginners with no prior Hebrew experience (or it's been so long you don't remember).

Materials & course fee:

Members \$75, non-members \$125

ADULT HEBREW II

Tuesdays 8:00-8:45pm, October 17 - March 13

with Cantor Taussig

Beyond the Letters and Vowels

Pre-requisite: Students must have full letter and vowel recognition.

Materials & course fee:

Members \$75, non-members \$125

SPECIAL SHABBATS

EMERITI CLERGY SHABBAT

December 8-9, 2017

With Rabbi Philip Bregman & Cantor Arthur Guttman

The voices, the music that drew so many to Temple Sholom, back together for a very special Shabbat weekend.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

March 23-24, 2018

- Friday Night: "The meeting between Jewishness and Israeliness" with Rabbi Stacey Blank.
- Saturday Morning: Drash by Rabbi Stacey Blank.
- Saturday - Women's Seder: Led by Rabbi Carey Brown & Rabbi Stacey Blank.

WISE AGING GROUP - Dates and Details to be Announced Soon



Those of us in our sixties and seventies can count ourselves part of an extraordinary, history-making generation—pioneers in understanding and making the most of this "third chapter" stage of life. These healthy years of aging are not the end; they are full of potential for learning and growth. The Wise Aging program provides new resources and support to live the later years with spirit, resilience, and wisdom.

Participants are guided through reflective work that enables them to come to new understandings about their lives, their selves, and their values. Learning modalities include text study based on active listening, exercises, reflection, and journaling. Topics include: exploring this stage of life; becoming one's authentic self; a life review; relationship with one's body; revitalizing and nourishing healthy relationships, cultivating qualities of soul; practicing forgiveness; learning to live with loss, change, and death; creating relevant rituals, cultivating wisdom, and leaving a legacy. Contact the office to register your interest.

VISITING AT TEMPLE SHOLOM

PROPHETIC VISIONS OF INTER-RELIGIOUS PEACE

Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 10:00am



Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan, Ph.D. Rabbi Kaplan will draw upon her many years of work in inter-religious studies and her love for the prophet Zechariah who is traditionally read on Sukkot, as she join us to deliver the drasha for our Saturday Morning worship.

HOW DID A MUSLIM ARAB TURN INTO A PRO-ISRAEL ACTIVIST?

Friday, October 27 at 8:15pm



Yahya Mahamed is a young Israeli Arab born in Umm Al Fahm, an Arab city in northern Israel. Yahya had a typical Arab upbringing. He was indoctrinated from childhood to hate Jews and deny Israel's statehood. He began having regular interactions with "everyday" Israelis which challenged the negative views he had been encouraged to develop. Yahya realized Israel's struggle for co-existence and desire for a peaceful future despite being surrounded by many strategic threats. After realizing that he had been intentionally misled, Yahya decided to do everything within his power to combat the negative stereotypes and demonization of Israel. Not long afterwards, he joined *StandWithUs* as an educator, sharing his experience and the truth about Israel to international groups. Yahya will speak to our congregation as part of our Shabbat evening.

REMEMBRANCES - JEWISH MUSIC OF HANUKKAH FOR VIOLIN AND PIANO

Sunday, December 17, 2018 at 4:00pm



Rebecca Cherry Concert
Rebecca grew up at Temple Shalom and now she is back with a Hanukkah Concert for the ages. Join Rebecca and musical friends on a journey through the music of Hanukkah. She will lead us through an exciting musical experience full of lush and winding melodies. This music, for Violin and Piano, will transport you to Israel, Europe and North America. Composers include Bloch, Bruch, Williams, Akron and more.

IMPRINT: HOLOCAUST TRAUMA FROM THE THIRD GENERATION

Sunday February 4, 2018 at 7:00pm

Claire Sicherman will read from her book *Imprint*, a profound and courageous exploration of trauma, family, and the importance of breaking silence and telling stories. Temple member Dr. Abby Wener Herlin (UBC, Department of Language and Literacy Education) will moderate and lead a conversation and Q & A period with the author.

VISITING ISRAELI RABBI

Friday, March 23 & Saturday, March 24, 2018



Rabbi Stacey Blank is the rabbi of Congregation *Tzur Hadassah* our sister Reform Congregation in Israel, outside of Jerusalem. Rabbi Blank is known for her work with children and young families and for leading an inspiring and growing reform community in the heart of Israel. Rabbi Blank made aliyah in 2005 and lives in Jerusalem with her husband Tamir and three children; she will join us for our very special Sisterhood Shabbat Weekend as our Israeli Rabbi in Residence.

LITURGIST IN RESIDENCE: ALDEN SOLOVY

Friday-Saturday, April 13 -15, 2018



Temple Shalom welcomes Liturgist-in-Residence Alden Solovy for a special Shabbat weekend. Alden will help us explore together themes of modern Jewish prayer. He will also bring a unique flavor of prayer and Israel to our Shabbat services, reading from his vast writings, including his latest book, *This Grateful Heart: Psalms and Prayers for a New Day*. Join us for inspiration and celebration, with a focus on deepening our connections to prayer.

"Prayer Drash: Fire of God"

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Friday, April 13, 2018 at 8:15pm

Alden will teach from this week's challenging Torah portion, Shmini, with a "Prayer Drash," his unique style of blending prayer and poetry with commentary to deepen our connection with the text.

"The Art and the Act of Prayer"

Shabbat Lunch n' Learn

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Noon

After Shabbat services, we'll discuss and deepen our understanding of prayer – with an emphasis on the modern meanings, connections and challenges of a robust prayer life – using Alden's innovative 'Conceptual Map of Prayer.'

THE JEWS OF INDIA: CANTOR AVIVA MARER Sephardi-style Shabbat service with visiting Cantor Aviva Marer



Friday, June 8, 2018 at 6:30pm

Followed by a Shabbat Dinner and Presentation on The Jews of India
Giving Thanks: The Malida Ceremony of the Bene Israel Jews of India. Imagine a world where Anti-Semitism does not exist. An ancient civilization where Jews live peacefully as a minority surrounded by other faiths. Can you even picture it? This is the story of the Jews of India. A descendent of Bhavaji Koletkar, Cantor Aviva Marer (nee Kolet) will take us through the ancient Malida ceremony of the Bene Israel Jews of India.

TEMPLE SHOLOM SCHOOL - SUNDAY MORNING PARENT LEARNING

HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT ANTI-SEMITISM October 22, 2017

Rabbi Bregman will share his years of experience on this subject, most recently as director of HillelBC where he helps students who are confronted with overt and subversive Anti-Semitism on a regular basis.

PUTTING GOD ON THE GUEST LIST *Restoring the Sacred to the Bnai Mitzvah Experience* November 19, 2017

Rabbi Jeff Salkin is an internationally acclaimed Rabbi and scholar. He is the author of numerous books for teens and parents about bringing meaning to the B'nai Mitzvah experience. This session is for all Grade 4-7 families, parents and children together. Parents of younger children are welcome to observe while their children are in classes.

HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT CHRISTMAS November 27, 2017

It not easy being a Jewish child when everywhere around you our society is celebrating Christmas with gifts, lights, songs and parties. Rabbi Dan will help us

talk about how to navigate these encounters and also how to make the holiday season meaningful in families that celebrate both Christmas and Chanukah.

HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT GOD February 4, 2018

Even parents who tell their children that they can ask them about "anything" often change the subject when children ask about God. And they do ask. Rabbi Brown will lead an open and accessible conversation about the seemingly inaccessible. Come with your own questions, s that maybe we stand a chance of answering those of our children.

HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT DEATH April 8, 2018

Children growing up today are well aware of the reality of death. We cannot protect them from the tragedies of life, but we can exercise considerable influence by modeling healthy attitudes. Rabbi Dan will lead a discussion and share materials to help you hep your children make sense of death at an age-appropriate level.

TWO VIEWS FROM THE SYLVIA - November 8 -12, 2017

At the Waterfront Theater, Granville Island

Two Views from The Sylvia is an exciting new musical theatre production by Kol Halev Performance Society in which Temple Sholom members play key roles. This original play tells the story of the iconic Sylvia Hotel and its historic connection to our local Jewish community and city. It will appeal to a wide audience with interests involving Vancouver's colourful history, the legendary Joe Fortes, and Jewish Vancouver's early contributions and challenges.

Producing, performing and assisting with the production are Sue Cohene (Producer), Advah Soudack

(as Sylvia), Joyce Gordon (Assistant Producer and cast), Anna-Mae Wiesenthal (cast) and Gwen Epstein (Production Team). Marcy Babins and Michael Schwartz collaborate in their roles at the Jewish Museum, which is creating a historical photo pre-show for the production.

Kol Halev is also excited to be working with esteemed actor Tom Pickett (playing Joe Fortes), Chris King (Director), Shelley Stewart Hunt (choreographer) and Arielle Ballance (Musical Director), to name a few of the talented directors and performers.



LIMMUD VANCOUVER - April 14-15, 2018

Keynote Educator: **Alden Solovy**

 Limmud Vancouver is part of a global phenomenon that began in Great Britain in 1980 and has spreading over the past three decades across the Jewish world. More than 60 Jewish communities from Bulgaria to Brazil now hold *Limmud* events. *Limmud Vancouver* is an independent, pan-denominational, volunteer organization dedicated to the creation of engaging opportunities to

experience and celebrate Jewish learning and culture. Be part of the global *Limmud* phenomenon. *Limmud* has one goal: to take you one step further on your own Jewish journey. *Limmud* is a dynamic, pluralistic gathering for Jewish learning. Seminars, lectures, workshops, and discussions focus on an enormous range of topics, from social and political trends within Jewish communities and around the world, to Israeli culture; from Jewish cooking to traditional texts, Yiddish theater, dance and music.

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