



THE COURSE

The Madeleine Haas Russell Institute of Jewish Learning

Congregation Emanu-El

2009-2010/5770 Syllabus 2.0

Tuesday nights 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Fall Trimester: Structure of Sacred Time

October 13	Jewish Calendar Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe <i>Jewish Home, pgs. 14-74; Settings of Silver, pgs. 79-85</i>
October 20	An evening with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner
October 27	The Sabbath Rabbi Sydney B. Mintz <i>Jewish Home, pgs. 3-13; Settings of Silver, pgs. 124-136</i>
November 3	Death is a Destination Rabbi Ryan Bauer <i>Jewish Home, pgs. 159-208; Settings of Silver, pgs. 93-98; 110-123</i>
November 10	Marriage and Divorce Rabbi Ryan Bauer <i>Jewish Home, pgs. 121-158; Settings of Silver, pgs. 89-93</i>
November 17	Family and B'nei Mitzvah Rabbi Sydney B. Mintz <i>Jewish Home, pgs. 111-120; Settings of Silver, pgs. 86-87</i>
November 24	Birth/Conversion is a Beginning Rabbi Sydney B. Mintz <i>Jewish Home, pgs. 101-107; Settings of Silver, pgs. 85-86</i>
December 1	The World To Come: Now or Then? Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan <i>Settings of Silver, pgs. 113-119</i>
December 4	The Course Shabbat Dinner (Shabbat Services: 5:30 or 7:30 pm Dinner: 6:45)

Winter Trimester: Space and Place

January 12	An Evening with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner
January 19	The Many Names of God Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe <i>Settings of Silver, pgs. 37-52</i>
January 26	The Siddur Rabbi Ryan Bauer <i>Settings of Silver, pg. 99</i>
February 2	“Many Paths to Torah” Reform Judaism Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe <i>Settings of Silver, pgs. 336-349; 425-435</i>
February 9	The Synagogue and Music Cantor Roslyn Barak and Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan <i>Settings of Silver, pgs. 99-110</i>
February 16	My Heart Turns to the East: Jerusalem Rabbi Ryan Bauer <i>Settings of Silver, pgs. 380-406</i>
February 23	Public and Private Prayer Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan <i>Settings of Silver, pgs. 99-109</i>
March 2	Jewish History Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan <i>Settings of Silver, pgs. 185-312</i>
March 5	The Course Shabbat Dinner (Shabbat Services: 5:30 or 7:30 pm Dinner: 6:45)

Spring Trimester: Peoplehood

- March 23 **The Hagaddah** Rabbi Lawrence Kushner
Settings of Silver, pgs. 153-184, Jewish Home, pgs. 57-74
- April 6 **Mitzvah Consciousness** Rabbi Wolf-Prusan
Settings of Silver, pgs. 37-65
- April 13 **Anti-Semitism** Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe
Settings of Silver, pgs. 358-379
- April 20 **The Holocaust and Its Implications** Rabbi Wolf-Prusan
Settings of Silver, pgs. 358-379
- April 27 **Israel (Yom Ha'Atzmaut is April 18)** Rabbi Ryan Bauer
Settings of Silver, pgs. 380-406
- May 4 **Jewish Diversity and Identity** Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe
Settings of Silver, pgs. 428-439
- May 11 **The Modern Jewish Family** Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan
Settings of Silver, pgs. 407-427
- May 21 The Course Shabbat Dinner
(Shabbat Services: 5:30 or 7:30 pm Dinner: 6:45)
- May 25 **Choosing Judaism: From Abraham Until Today "The Tribe"** Rabbis Ryan Bauer and
Peretz Wolf-Prusan
Settings of Silver, pgs.87-88

Reading List:

Kushner, Lawrence. **Eyes Remade for Wonder**. Jewish Lights Publishing: Vermont.

Syme, Daniel B., **The Jewish Home**, URJ Press

Wyllen, M., S. **Setting of Silver: An Introduction to Judaism**. Second Edition. Paulist Press: New York, Mahwah, and N.J.