

Melton Students

Speak Out

“I thoroughly enjoyed the passionate exchange of ideas between people of varying ages, from varying backgrounds, in varying stages of life...two meaningful hours with amazing, spiritual instructors!”




“No one should feel intimidated to take this class...all questions, beliefs, and thoughts are welcome. You don't need a background to engage in text study.”



“Melton allowed me to provide my children with a role model of lifelong learning. They saw me discovering new and exciting ways of viewing my own religion.”




**the florence melton
adult mini-school**
A Project of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

invites you to begin a

Journey of Jewish Self Discovery



*Give us two hours a week...
We'll give you 5771 years!*

JOIN THE GREAT JEWISH CONVERSATION!

Connect to the



And we will connect you to your
Jewish past, present, and future.

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School is an innovative adult Jewish learning program that provides the opportunity to achieve basic Jewish literacy in just two years. 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.

As Melton students say, Melton is...

- Learning from one another while exploring original source texts, both ancient and modern
- Learning the “whys” of everything Jewish from inspired teachers in a relaxed but focused environment
- Discussing various perspectives in a non-judgmental environment









The Curriculum

The curriculum was developed and is constantly revised by a team of scholars at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Classes integrate Jewish history, law, beliefs, practices, ideas and terminology through the study of texts—from ancient to contemporary. Instructors are experienced educators, trained to teach adults representing all segments of the Jewish community.



The Program

Classes meet once a week for 30 weeks, beginning in the fall. Each session consists of two one-hour classes, with a short break. Although there are no prerequisites, exams, or grades, participants are asked to make a serious commitment to regular study. Students register for one year at a time, and those who complete the full two-year program earn a Certificate of Jewish Learning from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Graduates are eligible to continue their study in our Post Melton program, which offers a wide array of topics taught by dynamic and knowledgeable instructors.



Courses

MELTON Year One

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?

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?

MELTON Year Two

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.

DRAMAS

What are the events, trends, and movements that have shaped our people's history and development throughout the ages? What are the important highlights and watersheds from biblical times until today?

Melton School Season:

October 2010 – June 2011

For more information, contact the Melton office at
973-530-3519 or
Rhonda Lillianthal (rlillianthal@jccmetrowest.org).

Melton Adult Mini-School • Registration Form 5771

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Synagogue Affiliation, if any _____

Yes! Please register me for:

MELTON YEAR ONE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Morning • 9:30 – 11:30am | Cooperman JCC, West Orange |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Morning • 9:00 – 11:00am | Shomrei Emunah, Montclair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Morning • 10:00 – 12:00pm | B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Morning • 9:30 – 11:30am | Agudath Israel, West Caldwell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Evening • 7:00 – 9:00pm | Adath Shalom, Morris Plains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Morning • 10:00 – 11:00am ** | Mt. Freedom Jewish Center, Randolph |

MELTON YEAR TWO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Morning • 9:30 – 11:30am | Adath Shalom, Morris Plains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Morning • 10:00 – 12:00pm | B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Evening • 7:00 – 9:00pm | Agudath Israel, West Caldwell |

MELTON GRADUATE CLASS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Morning • 9:30 – 11:30am | Cooperman JCC, West Orange |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Morning • 9:30 – 11:30am | Agudath Israel, West Caldwell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Morning • 9:30 – 11:30am | Cooperman JCC, West Orange |

***FOUNDATIONS OF JEWISH LIVING** – A special curriculum designed for parents of young children. It meets for only 20 weeks. (cost is \$325 members and \$375 non-members)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Mornings • 9:30 – 11:00am | Agudath Israel, West Caldwell |
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**This class will only meet for one hour and will cover the Rhythms curriculum. The other half of the year-one curriculum (Purposes) will be taught next year. (cost is \$325 members and \$375 non-members)

The Melton program is heavily subsidized. The actual cost of a Melton education is approximately \$1,000 per student. Any contribution over the cost of class will be a tax deductible contribution and would be greatly appreciated.

TUITION:

(including materials and 60 hours of instruction)

JCC Members & Members of Melton	
Partner Organizations	\$625
Non-Members:	\$675

Donation: _____

Total: _____

PAYMENT METHOD

- Check enclosed (payable to JCC MetroWest)
 Visa Master Card American Express

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Please return this form and payment to:

Rhonda Lillianthal • Florence Melton Adult Mini-School
JCC MetroWest • 760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052

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