

# Graduate Curriculum

## YEAR LONG GRADUATE CLASSES

### B'NAI SHALOM, WEST ORANGE

Israeli Literature: Window to Israeli Society  
From Sinai to Seinfeld: Jews and Their Jokes

### TEMPLE NER TAMID, BLOOMFIELD

Jewish Medical Ethics: 21st Century  
Bereshit II: The First Jewish Family

### B'NAI JESHURUN, SHORT HILLS

Sh'mot 1 & 2: From Slavery to Sinai  
Medical Ethics: 21st Century

### JCC METROWEST, WEST ORANGE

Gd and the Afterlife in Religious Thought  
Biblical Personalities in Midrash

*\*Students may register for one class for \$375*

## 90-MINUTE GRADUATE CLASSES

### 2 SEMESTERS

### ADATH SHALOM, MORRIS PLAINS

Semester 1: Social Justice: The Heart of Judaism  
Semester 2: Cairo Geneva

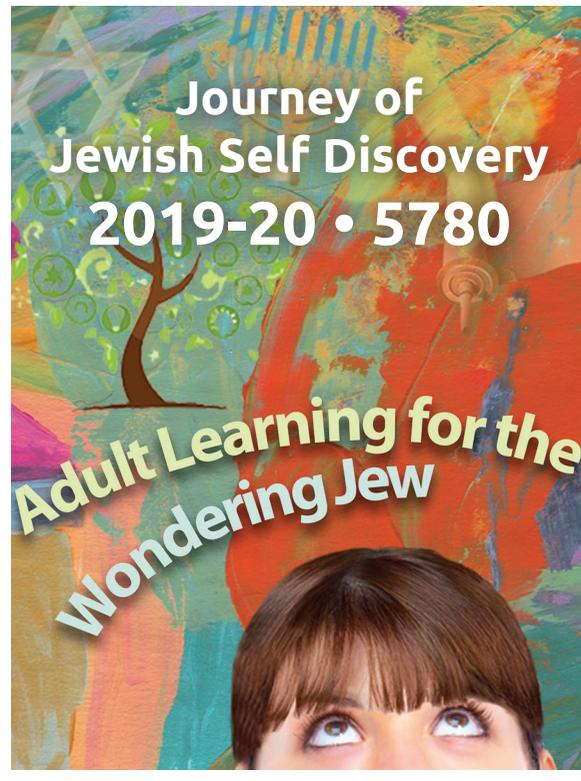
### BIRNBAUM JCC, BRIDGEWATER

Semester 1: Social Justice: The Heart of Judaism  
Semester 2: TBD

### SHAREY TEFILO-ISRAEL, SOUTH ORANGE

Semester 1: Jews in America: Insiders or Outsiders  
Semester 2: Jewish Denominations: Challenges of Modernity

*\*Students may register for one semester for \$300*



Melton School Partners



JCC MetroWest is a beneficiary agency of Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ. We strive to ensure access and meaningful participation by all members of the community.



## Why Melton?

I truly enjoyed discussing and learning how to relate to the parshas we read in class. It is amazing to see that the lesson in life continues to be relatable regardless of the period in time we are in. It was nice to learn with other moms.  
—Rachel Flusser

**The Melton School experience has allowed me a space to reflect and grow on Jewish beliefs, morals and practices and to bring that back to my personal and parenting life.**  
—Lindsey Dubman

Taken together, the 2 years were a wonderful experience, gave us an opportunity to know one another and to bond. The 2 years also motivated us to want more, and I am so thrilled that we will have a 3rd year. Were I to guess, this group will probably never want to disband. The truth is that the course turned us into wanting to be life-long learners.  
—Lois Larkey

**One of the best parts of this class is that my husband and I are taking this course together and often speak about some of the information learned during the week that follows or it may come in other discussions. This has been very enhancing for me.**  
—Sue Rosenthal

Through my continued Jewish studies, I feel that my knowledge of Judaism and my spirituality has made me really feel and revel in my Jewishness.  
—Dianna Chipkin

**Here are my thoughts as to why I continue to take Melton classes. First of all, I love learning, and there is so much to learn. Even more than that is the spiritual feeling that I get after each session. When it's over, I really don't want to go out and do my usual chores - I want to go home, sit down, and breathe. It's wonderful.**  
—Phyllis Mankoff

**We are committed to offering diverse pathways and opportunities for individuals to connect to Judaism - Heart, Mind and Soul.**



## Give us two hours a week ... we'll give you 5780 years!

A remarkable journey of heart and mind

## JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS!

# The Curriculum

Engaging and eye-opening, 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 Core Program

Classes meet once a week for 25 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 who complete the full two-year program earn a **Certificate of Jewish Learning from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**.

**Melton School Season:  
October 2019–June 2020**

*Note: Some classes begin in September*

# Courses

## FOUNDATIONS:

A rich learning experience for parents to help them transmit Jewish knowledge & values to their children.

## CORE CLASSES:

### RHYTHMS

This course examines a wide variety of Jewish sources to discover deeper meanings underlying holidays, lifecycle observances, and Jewish practice.

### PURPOSES

What do Jews believe and why? Explore both ancient and modern responses to many major issues of Jewish thought and theology.

### CROSSROADS

Merges the concepts of history and memory in order to better understand how each has shaped Jewish life today.

### ETHICS

This course explores the wisdom of ancient and modern rabbis, scholars and thinkers, and offers multiple Jewish approaches to conducting our lives. Business, interpersonal, and medical ethical dilemmas will be explored.

## MELTON GRADUATE SCHOOL:

Graduates of the two-year core curriculum are eligible to continue their studies in our Melton Graduate School, which offers a wide array of topics taught by dynamic and knowledgeable instructors. **See reverse side of this brochure for a list of graduate classes offered this year.**

**For more information please contact:**

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# Melton School • Registration Form 5780

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Synagogue Affiliation, if any \_\_\_\_\_

## Yes! Please register me for:

### MELTON FOUNDATIONS OF JEWISH FAMILY LIVING (MEMBER/GUEST \$220)

- Sunday, 9:45–11:15am Temple B'nai Or, Morristown
- Sunday, 9:00–10:30am Temple Har Shalom, Warren
- Tuesday, 7:30–9:00pm Temple Beth Shalom, Livingston

### MELTON CORE CLASS: RHYTHMS & PURPOSES (MEMBER \$700/GUEST \$750)

- Wednesday, 7:00–9:00pm Leon & Toby Cooperman JCC, West Orange

### MELTON CORE CLASS: CROSSROADS & ETHICS \*\*PLEASE CALL FOR PRICING

- Sunday, 9:45am–11:45am Congregation Adath Shalom, Morris Plains\*\*

### MELTON GRADUATE SCHOOL (MEMBER \$700/GUEST \$750; \*90 MINUTE CLASS - \$550)

- Sunday, 10:00am–12:15pm Congregation B'nai Shalom, West Orange
- Tuesday, 9:15–10:45am Birnbaum JCC, Bridgewater\*
- Wednesday, 10:30am–12:45pm Temple Ner Tamid, Bloomfield
- Wednesday, 10:30am–12:00pm Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, South Orange\*
- Thursday, 9:30–11:00am Congregation Adath Shalom, Morris Plains\*
- Thursday, 10:00am–12:15pm Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills
- Friday, 9:30–11:30am Leon & Toby Cooperman JCC, West Orange

The Melton program is heavily subsidized.  
The actual cost is approximately \$1,000 per student.

## TUITION

JCC Member/Member of School Partners	\$700
Non-Member	\$750
*Melton Graduate 90-minute classes	\$550
Foundations (member/non-member)	\$220
I would like to pay the partially tax deductible non-subsidized cost	\$1000

Tax deductible donation amount \_\_\_\_\_  
(used for scholarship funds):

**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:**

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