



# JOURNEY OF JEWISH DISCOVERY WITH CONGREGATION B'NAI SHALOM

BUILDING A JEWISH COMMUNITY THROUGH  
COLLABORATIVE LEARNING



## Timeless Tales, Modern Sensibilities: A Deep Look at the Books of Esther and Ruth



**WITH RABBI ROBERT TOBIN**  
**SUNDAYS | 10:00 AM - 11:30AM**  
**OCT 15, 22, 29 | DEC 10, 17 | JAN 7, 14**  
**FEB 4, 25 | MAR 3, 24, 31 | APR 7**  
**\$325 INCLUDES COURSE MATERIALS**



Discover contemporary meaning in timeless texts during this thirteen-lesson course on the stories in the Scrolls of Esther and Ruth. Explore themes of Jewish identity, gender, God's role in human affairs, and comedy. Delve into the lives of these two heroic women who changed the course of history, leaving a legacy that influences our lives today.



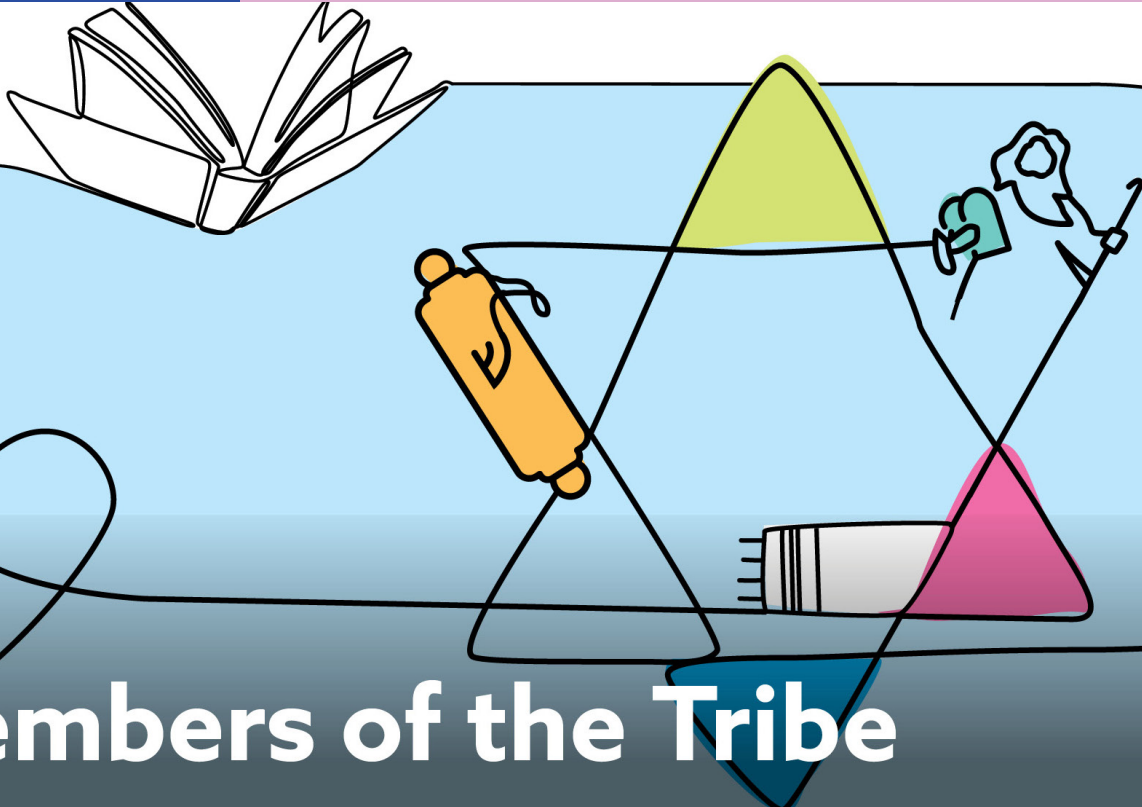
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# JOURNEY OF JEWISH DISCOVERY WITH TEMPLE SHAREY TEFILO-ISRAEL

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## Members of the Tribe



**WITH RABBI DAN COHEN**

**WEDNESDAYS | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**OCT 18 | NOV 1, 15 | DEC 6, 20 | JAN 3, 17, 31 | FEB 7**

**\$180 INCLUDES COURSE MATERIALS**

**On-Zoom**

In this short nine-session quest, we'll dive deep into a fundamental, challenging question: "What is the overarching purpose of living Jewishly?" We'll discuss the responsibilities, pressures, and misconceptions that come with being called "the Chosen People." Together, we'll learn the meanings behind rituals like kashrut, symbols like mezuzah, and why Israel matters so much. A deeper understanding of "the Tribe" informs and enriches both the nation's collective actions as well as individual responses to life's big questions.



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**FEB 21 | MAR 6, 20 | APR 3, 17 | MAY 1, 15, 29 | JUNE 5**

**\$180 INCLUDES COURSE MATERIALS**

**On-Zoom**

In this nine-session exploratory course, we'll dive into the BIG questions around God and God's relationship to Humankind. We'll examine the many different understandings of God, free will, and mitzvot expressed by Jewish philosophers, rabbis, leaders past and present—and you. We'll explore the divine, the prophetic, and even the supernatural, as we amplify and dissect your deepest God-questions. Just do not expect to leave with any final answers.



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# JOURNEY OF JEWISH DISCOVERY WITH TEMPLE NER TAMID

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## Social Justice: The Heart of Judaism in Theory and Practice



**WITH RABBI MARC KATZ**

**WEDNESDAYS | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**OCT 25 | NOV 1, 8, 15, 29 | DEC 6, 13, 20 | JAN 10, 17, 24, 31**

**FEB 7, 21, 28 | MAR 6, 13, 20, 27 | APR 3, 10, 17 | MAY 1, 8**

**\$325 Includes Course Materials**



Confronting wrongs and instigating systemic change is no small order — but it's an essential Jewish pursuit. This course highlights the Jewish call to action and provides a practical approach for achieving lasting change. Beyond acts of kindness, proponents of social justice aim to bend the arc of history toward alleviating the ills of society. Drawing from classic and modern texts, the course explores the communal connection that compels us to support the most vulnerable. While serious issues such as poverty, climate change and systemic racism may seem insurmountable, this course helps us step back and discover opportunities and strategies for local and global progress, providing a framework for taking a stand on issues of concern within one's own community. Prepare to feel the reward of putting the core tenets of Judaism into practice.



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**WITH RABBI DAVID VAISBERG**

**WEDNESDAYS | 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

**FEB 21, 28 | MAR 20, 27 | APR 3 | MAY 1**

**\$180** Includes Course Materials



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**WITH RABBI MOSHE RUDIN**

**THURSDAYS | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

(INCLUDES 30 MINUTES CURRENT EVENTS)

**OCT 12, 19, 26 | NOV 2, 9, 16, 30 | DEC 7**

**\$180 (\$150 with 4-part series registration)**



In this exploratory course, we'll dive into the BIG questions around God and God's relationship to Humankind. We'll examine the many different understandings of God, free will, and mitzvot expressed by Jewish philosophers, rabbis, leaders past and present—and you. We'll explore the divine, the prophetic, and even the supernatural, as we amplify and dissect your deepest God-questions. Just do not expect to leave with any final answers.



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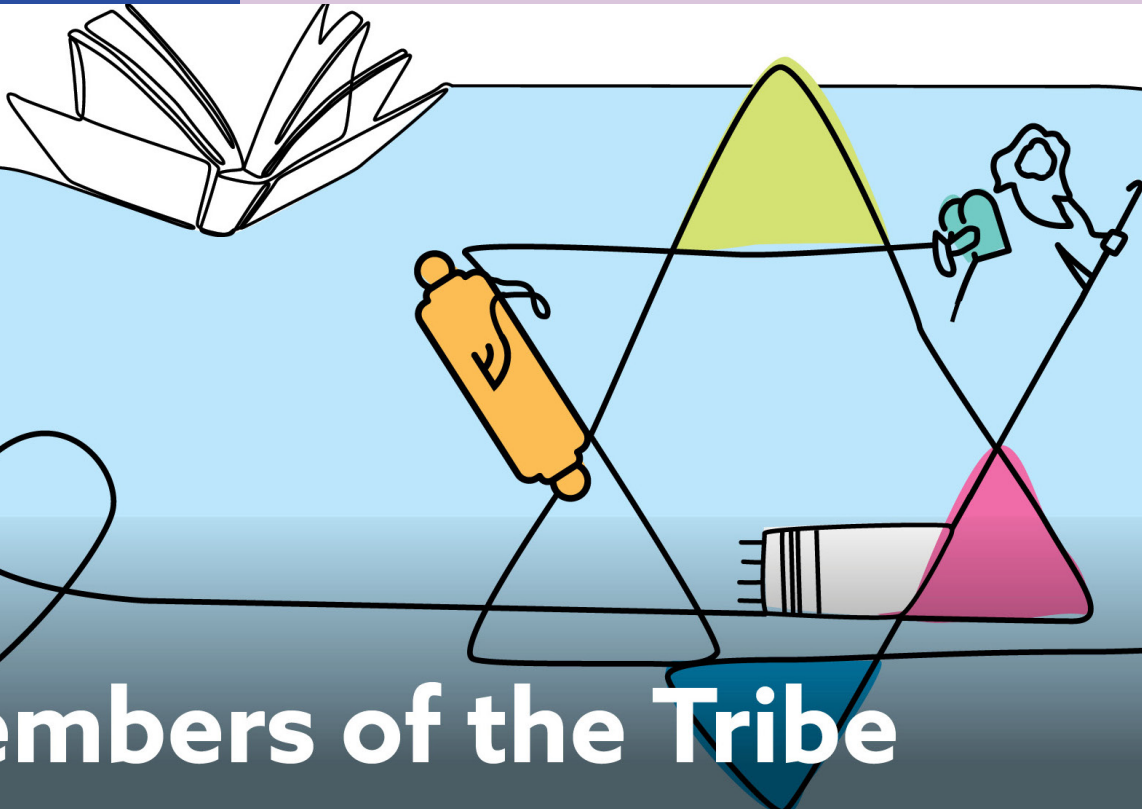
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**WITH RABBI MOSHE RUDIN**

**THURSDAYS | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

(INCLUDES 30 MINUTES CURRENT EVENTS)

**DEC 14, 21 | JAN 11, 15, 18, 25 | FEB 1, 8**

**\$180 (\$150 with 4-part series registration)**



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## Between the Lines: From Text to Life



**WITH RABBI MOSHE RUDIN**

**THURSDAYS | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

(INCLUDES 30 MINUTES CURRENT EVENTS)

**FEB 22 | MAR 7, 14, 21, 28 | APR 4, 8, 11**

**\$180 (\$150 with 4-part series registration)**



Jewish texts have informed Jewish thought and practice for over 3,000 years. But how do we connect to words written so long ago? What do they reveal today? And how do they inspire action? In this course, we will examine the many ways that we bring the words of our texts into our daily lives. We'll look at the hints and clues in the letters of sacred Jewish texts: the Torah, the Prophets, the Talmud (no previous Hebrew knowledge required). We'll exam structure and authorship. We'll discuss the commentary of yesterday, and where we stand today.



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## Pray It Forward: God, Gratitude, and Gathering Together

**WITH RABBI MOSHE RUDIN**  
**THURSDAYS | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
(INCLUDES 30 MINUTES CURRENT EVENTS)

**MAY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | JUNE 6, 20**

**\$180** (\$150 with 4-part series registration)

Register for all 4 courses in this series fee is \$600 (Save \$120)



Follow the development of prayer, from the Tabernacle in the wilderness of Sinai, to the Temple in Jerusalem, to the Synagogue of today. Explore concepts behind prayer and blessings, as well as the power of meditation, as we link our past, present, and future, to the immediate and the transcendent. This is a journey of the soul — start today.



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## The Jewish State: Examining the Jewish Identities of Israelis



**WITH RABBI MATTHEW D. GEWIRTZ**

**THURSDAYS | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**OCT 5, 12, 19 | NOV 16, 30 | DEC 14, 21 | JAN 11**

**FEB 1, 15, 29 | MAR 7, 14, 21 | APR 4, 11, 18**

**MAY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | JUN 6**

**\$325**



This course seeks to uncover the diverse and complex faces of Jewish Israeli identity. The course provides a historic overview of the early Zionist vision, the emergence of the New Jew, and the institutions that shaped the country, providing insights into how Israeli society today reflects the dreams, aspirations, and endeavors of those who settled the Land of Israel.



# JOURNEY OF JEWISH DISCOVERY AT JCC METROWEST

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## Exploring a Forgotten World: A Social History of Medieval Jewry as Revealed in the Cairo Genizah



**WITH RABBI STEVE BAYAR**

FOUNDER OF JSURGE

**FRIDAYS | 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

(INCLUDES 30 MINUTES CURRENT EVENTS)

**OCT 13, 20, 27 | NOV 3, 10, 17 | DEC 1, 8, 15**

**JAN 5, 12, 19, 26 | FEB 2**

**\$325**



Enjoy a front-row seat to the drama, gossip, legal transactions, and other daily intrigues of Jewish life—in the Middle Ages. This course brings to life an exotic era in Jewish history, revealing the inner thoughts of real-life characters through the Cairo Genizah, a collection of 400,000 worn-out scraps, text fragments, and documents buried for centuries. Interpreting textual evidence yields new insights into the daily interactions and behaviors of Jewish men, women and families living along the Mediterranean more than 1,000 years ago—and at root, how similar they are to our own family dynamics, business ventures and communal concerns today. Join us for a historical journey of intrigue and adventure!



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## Rhythms of Jewish Living



### SUSAN WERK

Education Director at Congregation Agudath Israel, Caldwell NJ

**TUESDAYS | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**  
**\$395**

There is a syncopation in Jewish life that marks the passing of time for the Jewish people as a community, as families, and as individuals. Discover the meaning and importance of these rituals, practices, and moments as you take a 25-lesson journey through the year-cycle, lifecycle, traditions, and practices that bind us together. Explore not just the what's and how's of Jewish living, but the why's that go with them.

In- Person

**OCT 24, 31 | NOV 7, 14, 21, 28 | DEC 5, 12, 19**  
**JAN 9, 16, 23 | FEB 6, 13, 20 | MAR 5, 12, 19**  
**APR 2, 9, 16 | MAY 7, 14, 21 | JUN 4**

In- Person



## Purposes of Jewish Living



### RHONDA LILLIANTHAL

Director, Center for Jewish Life, JCC MetroWest.

**TUESDAYS | 11:10 AM – 12:10 AM**  
**\$395**

Come face-to-face with Jewish texts and discover the profound intentions that have been a part of Judaism and Jewish living from ancient times to the present day. This 25-lesson course studies the moments that have shaped our collective experience, defining who we are as a people. Journey into the heart of Jewish thought and listen to the influential voices of our ancestors, modern philosophers, theologians, and rabbis throughout the generations.

**Registration for both courses is \$495**  
(scholarship provided by donor)



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