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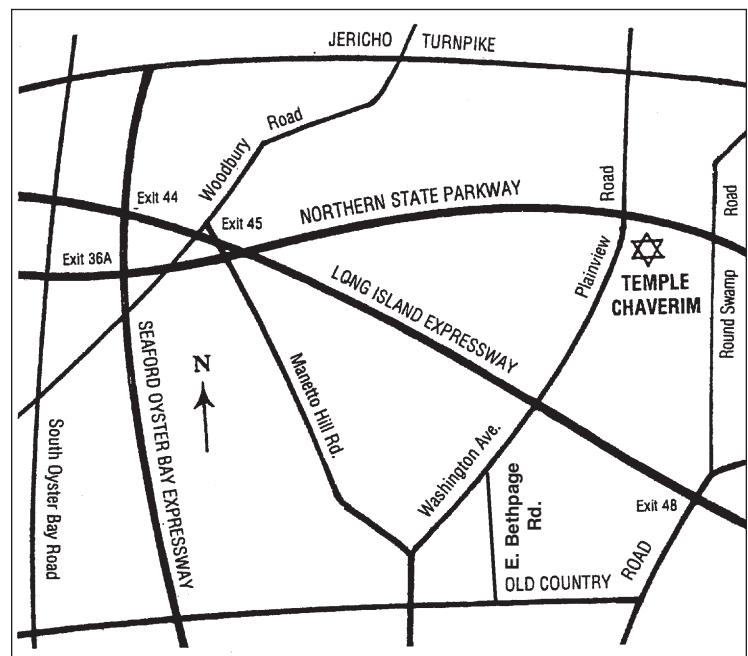
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PROGRAM 2007-2008 • ACADEMIC YEAR 5768

Fall Session: Temple Chaverim, 1050 Washington Avenue, Plainview NY, 367-6100
 In-person registration October 8, 2007 - 7:30 PM- 8:45 PM, followed by first lecture.
 Classes begin on October 15 running for eight weeks, 7:45 PM to 8:45 PM, preceding each lecture.

All Events on Monday Evenings

Lecture Date	Speaker	Title
October 8	David Solomon	"And raise up many students"; The Life, Times and Influence of Rabbi Akiva
October 15	Rabbi Joel Tessler	The Mitzvah To Hate Another Jew
October 22	Dr. Stephen Whitfield*	The Jewish Vote: Still Liberal after All These Years
October 29	Rabbi Michael Broyde	Ethics on the Battlefield
November 5	Jackie Horner	Jewish Catskills History
November 12	Ambassador Asher Naim	Saving the Lost Tribe: A Diplomat's Firsthand Account
November 19	Dr. Robert Stieglitz	Naval Enterprise in Ancient Israel
November 26	Dr. Allen Bennett*	Alternative Health Care – The Jewish Perspective
December 3	Irene Failenbogen	A Musical Celebration of Lights

Refreshments donated by ShopRite of Plainview

Winter Session: *Israeli Film – A Window on Contemporary Israeli Life* by Professor Thomas Friedmann*

Manetto Hill Jewish Center, 244 Manetto Hill Road, Plainview, NY Phone: 935-5454
 Programs at 8 PM starting Monday, January 7, 2008 for four weeks.
 Each lecture \$5, or \$15 for all four (if not registered for the Fall Session)

January 7	Divorce, Israeli Style
January 14	Israelis Under Attack
January 21	Parents and Children
January 28	Sabbath and Holy Days

* Back by popular demand

Fall Session Lectures

October 8 – David Solomon “And raise up many students”; The Life, Times and Influence of Rabbi Akiva

David Solomon has emerged in recent years as one of the most dynamic teachers and thinkers in the Jewish world. Best known for his *In One Hour* series, a catalogue of innovative and dynamic educational talks, each of which serve as basic introductions to a range of areas in Jewish studies, he provides fundamental, big-picture frameworks that immerse students in a total Jewish learning experience. David holds degrees in Anthropology, English Literature and Jewish Studies, as well as Media Broadcasting. He has delivered lectures and courses around the globe in a diverse range of topics, from Modern and Biblical Hebrew, to Kabbalah and Jewish History, from Anthropology of Religion to Conceptual Art. He is now based in Israel, but regularly travels internationally as a speaker and educator.

October 15 – Rabbi Joel Tessler The Mitzvah To Hate Another Jew

Rabbi Joel Tessler holds a B.A. in history from Yeshiva College, a M.S.W. from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work and Ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1982. Rabbi Tessler is a past Vice President of the Rabbinical Council of America, and a member of its Executive Board. He is the senior rabbi of Beth Shalom Congregation in Potomac, Maryland where he has served for twenty-four years. Rabbi Tessler has done extensive work with the elderly, adolescents and families. He is the author of the paper *The Rabbi's Role as Caregiver* which appears in the anthology *The Rabbinate – A Calling and Vocation*. Rabbi Tessler was also co-host, with his wife Aviva, of a weekly radio show *Torah Talk with the Tesslers*.

October 22 – Dr. Stephen J. Whitfield The Jewish Vote: Still Liberal after All These Years

Stephen J. Whitfield holds the Max Richter Chair in American Civilization at Brandeis University, where he also chairs the Department of American Studies. He is the author of eight books, including most recently, *The Culture of the Cold War* and *In Search of American Jewish Culture*. He is the editor of *A Companion to 20th-Century America*. Professor Whitfield has also taught abroad, serving as a Fulbright visiting professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and as Allianz visiting professor at the University of Munich.

October 29 – Rabbi Michael J. Broyde Ethics on the Battlefield

Michael J. Broyde is Professor of Law at Emory University School of Law and the Academic Director of the Law and Religion Program at Emory University. His prime areas of interest are Law and Religion, Jewish Law and Ethics, and Family Law. He received a Juris Doctor from New York University and published a note in the *Law Review*. Professor Broyde is ordained as a rabbi by Yeshiva University, and is a member of the Beth Din of America's largest Jewish law court. He has published extensively on various aspects of law and religion and Jewish law, including his most recent book, *Marriage, Divorce and the Abandoned Wife in Jewish Law: A Conceptual Understanding of the Aguna Problem in America*.

November 5 – Jackie Horner Jewish Catskills History

Jackie Horner, actress, has had featured roles in several movies from the 1940s and is an integral part and expert on the history of the Jewish Catskills. The 1987 movie, *Dirty Dancing*, on which she collaborated, reflects her own personal history. A dynamic speaker, Jackie will share vignettes about many famous Jewish entertainers who had their start in the Catskills and her experiences working with them. Jackie is married to Lou Goldstein, who many will fondly recall as “Mr. Simon Sez” from Grossinger’s.

November 12 – Ambassador Asher Naim (Retired) Saving the Lost Tribe: A Diplomat's Firsthand Account

Immigrant, student, soldier, and diplomat, Ambassador Asher Naim shares his personal and professional knowledge, experience and insights with audiences around the world. Ambassador Naim immigrated to Palestine from Tripoli, Libya in 1944. He is a graduate of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, with a Master of Jurisprudence. As a veteran of Israel's Diplomatic Service, he has left his mark in all the embassies in which he served, including Japan, Kenya, Uganda, U.S., Finland, Ethiopia, U.N. and South Korea. Asher Naim was the Ambassador of Israel to Ethiopia (1990-91) at the time of “Operation Solomon”, the historic airlift of Ethiopian Jews fleeing the turmoil of internal war that plagued Ethiopia. Since retiring from the Foreign Service in September 1995, with the rank of Ambassador, Mr. Naim continues his activities on behalf of the immigrant community of Ethiopia, its absorption and integration in Israel society, on a voluntary basis. He is Chairman of Israel-Korea Friendship Association, which works for closer relations between the two countries in the field of education, and promotion of economic and scientific ties. Ambassador Naim is also a Fellow at the Abba Eban Center for Diplomacy, Truman Institute for Peace, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

November 19 – Dr. Robert Stieglitz Naval Enterprises in Ancient Israel

Dr. Robert Stieglitz is the director of the undergraduate programs in Ancient & Medieval Civilizations, and Archaeology, at Rutgers University-Newark, N.J. He received his B.A. degree from The City College of New York, CUNY, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Brandeis University. He has conducted archaeological studies in Greece and Israel and throughout the Mediterranean world, focusing on ancient harbors and maritime activity. He is the author of four books and monographs and over one hundred and twenty articles on the ancient Near East and various Mediterranean studies. His most recent book, published in 2006, was on the excavations of Tel Tanninim (Krokodeilon polis), Israel.

November 26 – Allen J. Bennett, M.D. Alternative Health Care – The Jewish Perspective

Dr. Allen J. Bennett is in the private practice of Internal Medicine, Hematology, Medical Oncology and Geriatrics in NYC, and serves on the faculties of the Albert Einstein and Mount Sinai Schools of Medicine. Currently president and immediate past chairman of the Board of Governors of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists, Dr. Bennett is chairman of the Committee on Bioethical Issues of the Medical Society of the State of New York, a member of the Medical Advisory Committee on the Coordinating Council on Bikur Cholim of Greater New York, a member of the Committee on Medical Ethics of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, a member of the Education Committee of the NYS Chapter of the American College of Physicians, and a member of the New York Department of Health/Medical Society of the State of New York Ad Hoc Committee on DNR.

December 3 – Irene Failenbogen A Musical Celebration of Lights

Irene Failenbogen, a native of Buenos Aires, has been singing professionally since her debut in a critically-acclaimed role in the Argentinean national production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* in the early 1990's. During this time, she earned a degree in Body Expression from the National School of Dance in Buenos Aires, and she began her career as a cantor. Irene then came to New York to expand her artistic vision and established a career as an Argentinean-Jewish singer-songwriter. Combining her talents as a singer, writer, and lecturer, Irene has performed "Soy de Argentina" with pianist Alex Wu. It tells her story as an Argentinean-Jewish woman searching for identity in today's world. Several years ago, Irene started concentrating on her own music. The result has been the CD entitled, *"Dusting Off"*, a compilation of original songs that combine progressive and soulful music with meaningful lyrics. At the present time, she is performing her music to sold-out concerts in the New York area.

Winter Session:

January 7, 14, 21, 28 – Professor Thomas Friedmann Israeli Films – A Window on Contemporary Israeli Life

This series will consist of a series of short Israeli films. Each session will deal with a different facet of Israeli life. There will be an introduction before each film and a discussion afterwards.

January 7: Divorce, Israeli Style
January 14: Israelis Under Attack
January 21: Parents and Children
January 28: Sabbath and Holy Days

Tom Friedmann has published a novel, *Damaged Goods*, a collection of stories, *Hero Azriel*, and two English textbooks. He has lectured widely on humor, literature and culture, at colleges, temples, JCCs, and other organizations, including many presentations at New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut Elderhostels. Friedmann is a tenured Professor of English at Onondaga Community College of SUNY and also teaches scriptwriting at Syracuse University's Department of Visual and Performing Arts. Three of his scripts have been made into films, including one on children of Holocaust survivors, which is part of the permanent collection at Harvard. His recently completed script (with Lester Friedman), *Prisoners of Freedom: An American Holocaust Story*, a dramatic documentary based on the Fort Ontario refugees, has been shown on Time Warner cable and been the recipient of a number of awards at national and international film festivals. His other honors include awards for fiction, from New Jersey State Council of the Arts, SUNY Faculty Grants, and PEN Women.

Fall Session Classes:

Each class listed below meets for 8 weeks from 7:45 to 8:45 on consecutive Monday evenings from October 15 through December 3 at Temple Chaverim. Register for one course only. You may use the form on the attached flap to register by mail or you can register in person on October 8th (7:45 to 8:45 p.m.) or 15th before classes.

Course # 1 • JUDAISM AT THE MOVIES

Instructor: Rabbi Raphael Adler, Woodbury Jewish Center

You are invited to a cinematic excursion into the fascinating world of our People, history, traditions, and "mishagas" as seen through the lens of film and television clips and commentary. A picture is worth a thousand words and moving pictures record the stories, struggles and search for identity of our People from David to Larry David. Many of the films and shows we will screen will be familiar and some will be new to you, but all will paint pictures of the timeless tale of our people. You will laugh and cry and experience every magical emotion as we share an unforgettable and stirring series together. Our sessions will depict Hollywood's portrayal of celebrations and sorrow, Holocaust and Israel, rabbis and gangsters, Hasidim and athletes, animation and comedy, Yiddish and Ladino and more than you can imagine!

Course # 2 • BEING JEWISH: WHY WE DID WHAT WE DID – WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Instructor: Rabbi Jeffrey R. Astrachan, Temple Beth Elohim

Please note that this course will be taught from a liberal Jewish perspective.

Oct. 15: Why Religion? Why Judaism?

Oct. 22: The Nature of God

Oct. 29: The Torah: Revelation or Just A Good Idea?

Nov. 05: Prayers, Symbols, and Worship Rituals

Nov. 12: Customs, Ceremonies, Laws - Part I

Nov. 19: Customs, Ceremonies, Laws - Part II

Nov. 26: The Sweetness of Shabbat

Dec. 03: Doing Jewish: A How-To Guide for the Perplexed

Course # 3 • SEX – THE JEWISH POSITION

Instructor: Rabbi Moses A. Birnbaum, Plainview Jewish Center

How have Judaism and the Jewish People viewed human sexuality over the course of our long history? Some of the answers may surprise you. Join Rabbi Birnbaum as he presents a broad survey of the practices, laws, mores, attitudes, rituals, customs and folklore touching upon this central aspect of life.

Course # 4 • LIFE CYCLES

Instructor: Rabbi Marvin Demant, Oyster Bay Jewish Center

Oct 15: Brit Milah

Oct 22: Pidyon Ha-Ben

Oct 29: Baby Naming

Nov 05: Conversion

Nov 12: Bar & Bat Mitzvah

Nov 19: The Jewish Marriage

Nov 26: Death & Mourning, Part I

Dec 03: Death & Mourning, Part II

Course # 5 • DISPELLING THE FEARS ABOUT JUDAISM

Instructor: Rebbetzin Judith Demant, Oyster Bay Jewish Center

Join in a broad group discussion on a wide range of topics to make you feel more comfortable in the Jewish skin you are in.

Course # 6 • THE HISTORY OF JEWISH MUSIC: A SURVEY FROM BIBLE TO BROZA

Instructor: Cantor Bradley Hyman, Temple Chaverim

This eight-part course will take us through the earliest forms of Jewish music, from origins in our scriptures, from our first written examples of music for liturgy, from our beginnings in music for the cantor and choir, from our first influences of secular life and popular flavor in Jewish music, from our first hints of musical revolution, from the music of our Jewish Spiritual Homeland (Israel), and ultimately leading us to what we have in today's Jewish world. We will attempt to define "Jewish Music" and predict where it will take us moving forward.

Course # 7 • FOR THE SAKE OF HEAVEN: GREAT CONTROVERSIES IN THE HISTORY OF JUDAISM

Instructor: Rabbi Reuven Mann, Congregation Rinat Yisrael

The history of the Jewish people has been framed by major controversies on matters of crucial significance to the understanding and practice of Judaism. "Machloket" (dispute) for the sake of Heaven is regarded as the hallmark of Jewish piety. As we examine our past we must ask: has every machloket been for the sake of heaven? We will seek to review some major disputes by examining the ideas, philosophies and concerns of the protagonists. Hopefully, we will emerge with a better understanding of the religious climate of contemporary Jewish life.

Topics will include:

- Rambam and His Critics: The Maimonidean Controversy
- Kabbalah and Its Critics
- Shabbtai Tzvi and the Problem of False Messiahs
- Hasidim and Mitnagdim: The Role of the Vilna Gaon
- Zionism and Its Jewish Opponents
- Religious Zionism
- Christian Zionism: An Examination of its Foundations and Motives
- The Jewish Response to Christian Zionism

Course # 8 • BEITZAH – THE EGG THE TALMUDIC TRACTATE DEALING WITH YOM TOV AND ITS PRACTICE

Instructor: Rabbi Rafi Rank, Midway Jewish Center

For the Talmud scholars of last year, and the budding scholars of this year, comes yet another foray into the rabbinic mind and imagination. This time the focus will be on Yom Tov or the festivals such as *Pesah*, *Shavu'ot* and *Sukkot*. How are they different from *Shabbat*? What is permitted and what isn't? And as always, *Beitzah* will lead us into a host of tangential topics on the essence of Judaism as we live it in the contemporary world. You don't need to know Hebrew for this course, but it would be helpful. Although it is a "beginners" course, Talmud is a challenge so come prepared to think. All students will be expected to purchase the Schottenstein edition of the Talmud Beitzah Ch 1-5; Folios 2a-40b which has both the original Hebrew/Aramaic text and an English translation with commentary.

Course # 9 • BEGINNERS HEBREW

Instructor: Cila Klingher, Solomon Schechter Day School of Nassau County

Come learn how to read Hebrew the Sephardic way along with its vocabulary words which will help you pray with Kavannah (sincerity). At the end of the course you will feel comfortable at any daily and Shabbat services held throughout the world and in your very own community.

*Required Text: Men's Club Shalom Aleichem (available for purchase through the IAJS)

Course # 10 • CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Instructor: Rabbi Jacob Gil, Hebrew Academy of Nassau County

Requirements are a familiarity with very basic Hebrew vocabulary, an ability to read Hebrew, and a desire to formulate and express ideas in this beautiful language. Text to be announced.

Course # 11 • CIRCLE AND LINE PARTY DANCES FOR THE WEDDING OR BNAI MITZVAH

Instructor: Ilana Cohn

This course is for anyone interested in learning the dance steps to the "simcha" medley played at most Bnai Mitzvah and wedding celebrations. The dances will be geared for beginner and advanced beginner and may be adjusted as necessary to the level of the participants.