

ADULT EDUCATION & PROGRAMS

Expand Your Horizons— Learn Something New!

by Deborah Pollack, VP of Adult Learning and Programs

As we approach the year 5780, I hope that one of your resolutions is to learn something new! Temple Beth Torah is hopping and it's easy to jump right in, so please look over what's coming up in September and October and PAY ATTENTION TO REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Bring your friends along and meet new ones. Please contact me at rp5dp@sbcglobal.net with any questions you may have about upcoming educational opportunities.

SEPTEMBER WHAT FIDDLER ON THE ROOF HAS TO TEACH US ABOUT JUDAISM

Rabbi Mike Lotker
Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
September 10 & 17

Although it may not be apparent on the surface, there is quite a bit of Jewish tradition, insight and depth in the music and story of Fiddler On The Roof. In this class, we will enjoy many of the scenes and songs from the movie and discuss such issues as our relationship with God, perspectives on the afterlife, superstitions, a reason for Jewish intelligence, Talmudic logic, the true meaning of "Mazel Tov," Jewish understanding of miracles, Jewish marriage customs and a lot more. It's even OK to sing along with the wonderful music!

OCTOBER ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH

Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller and Kathy Fink
Sundays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

October 13, November 17, 24, December 8, 15,
January 12, 26, February 2, 9, 23, March 1, 15, 22,
29, April 19, 26, May 3, May 17

Hebrew is the beautiful key that unlocks much of the spirituality of Judaism: the ability to pray fully, sing heartily, and chant the sacred Torah words from the scroll. This year, we invite you to expand your Hebrew skills, immerse in a deep understanding of liturgy, find new comfort and ability in worship and song, and...read from Torah!

Join our 18-week Adult B'nai Mitzvah class, which is equal parts building on Hebrew reading skills to include familiarity with Hebrew prayers, and learning key Hebrew words and spiritual ideas to unlock the meaning within prayers. Co-taught by Kathy Fink and Rabbi Lisa, this Sunday morning program will culminate in an Adult B'nai Mitzvah on Shabbat morning, May 30, which is Shavuot, the celebration of receiving Torah at Sinai. You will be reading Torah! If you have participated in an adult b'nai mitzvah in the past, you may always participate again! It is open to any Temple member who has completed Kathy's Hebrew class or is of equivalent proficiency. **This program is available only to Temple members.** There is a \$50 materials fee. Please register and pay in the Temple office by October 10.

SHABBAT BOOK DISCUSSION & POTLUCK LUNCH

Kaddish.com by Nathan Englander

Marilyn Baron, facilitator

Saturday, 12:30–2:00 p.m.

October 26

Larry is the secular son in a family of Orthodox Brooklyn Jews. When his father dies, it's his responsibility to recite the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead, every day for eleven months. To the horror and dismay of his sister, Larry refuses—imperiling the fate of his father's soul. To appease her, Larry hatches an ingenious if cynical plan, hiring a stranger through a website called kaddish.com to recite the prayer and shepherd his father's soul safely to rest.

Sharp, irreverent, and hilarious, Englander's tale of a son who makes a diabolical compromise ingeniously captures the tensions between tradition and modernity.

· Read the book and bring a non-meat item to contribute to the potluck.

STORY DISCUSSIONS

Deborah Pollack

Tuesday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

October 29

A Rose for Emily by William Faulkner. Download and print a copy of the story or pick it up in the TBT office.