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JEWISH LIFE & LEARNING

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AYEKA I DAILY LIVING

Through text study and guided discussions in a safe space, this workshop enhances the way you listen to others and relate to the world around you. By applying lessons learned, you will lead a holier, kinder, and more joyful life.

Instructor: Edna Levy / Location: JCC

Jan 18 - Mar 14 Wed 1:00 - 2:30pm No class 1/25

Instructor: David Horesh / Location: BIAV

Jan 18 - Mar 7 Wed 7:00 - 8:30pm

BOTH CLASSES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tuition: \$125

AYEKA II: RELATIONSHIPS

This 8-session seminar provides a guide and a safe space for taking steps toward becoming a more loving, patient, and giving human being--according to your path and at your own pace.

Instructor: Edna Levy

Jan 17 - Mar 6 Tue 12:15 - 1:45pm

Apr 4 - May 23 Wed 1:00 - 2:30pm

Tuition: \$125

AYEKA III: GOD

Instructor: Edna Levy

Apr 3 - May 22 Tue 12:15 - 1:45pm

Tuition: \$125

DIGGING INTO THE DETAILS OF JEWISH

OBSERVANCES

Do you have questions about Jewish ritual observances? We'll examine common practices, their histories, and their meanings while sharing our own experiences and perceptions. Please submit Jewish ritual questions to jillm@jewishkc.org.

Instructor: Marla Brockman

Jan 24 - Feb 7 Tue 12:00 - 1:30pm

Tuition: \$54

HEBREW GIMMEL - ADVANCED

For students who have a solid foundation of modern Hebrew and wish to enhance their knowledge of the language and its literature, application in the media, etc.

Instructor: Leah Nash

Dec 12 - May 21 Mon 6:30 - 7:30pm

Tuition: \$320

HITCHHIKERS GUIDE TO THE TORAH

If you ever encounter Torah like someone at a family reunion, unable to put names to faces or identify family connections, this course is for YOU. We'll trace the family tree from Adam to Moses and give you a concrete roadmap of people and places.

Instructor: Edna Levy

Feb 1 - Feb 22 Wed 10:30am - 12:00pm

Tuition: \$72

ISRAELI SOCIETY SEEN THROUGH ISRAELI

LITERATURE

A fascinating examination of post-1948 Israeli society depicted by its leading writers. Seer reflection of mythic Israel as well as poetry and prose that is challenging and self-critical. CLASSTAKES PLACE AT CONG BETH TORAH AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Instructor: Michal Cahlon

Jan 22 - Apr 1 Sun 11:10am - 12:40pm

Tuition: \$180

JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN WOMEN READ THE STORY

OF RUTH

The story of Ruth and Naomi is one of friendship and strength that is critical to both Christians and Jews. Join other women for an interfaith exploration of the text and sharing of religious perspectives.

Instructor: Edna Levy and Rev. Gail Greenwell

Apr 17 - May 1 Tue 7:00 - 8:30pm

Contact Edna Levy, 913-327-8004, for more information.

JEWISH DENOMINATIONS-JEWISH RESPONSE TO

MODERNITY

Michal Cahlon leads a text-based exploration of the development of Jewish denominations and the impact of gender, assimilation, Israel, and post-denominationalism on Jewish identity and religious expression in the past 300 years.

Instructor: Michal Cahlon

Jan 17 - Mar 20 Tue 7:00 - 8:30pm

Tuition: \$180

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JEWISH PERSONAL DISCOVERY PART 1

In the first of 2 FEED YOUR MIND sessions, JCC Executive Director Jacob Schreiber leads a text-based discussion of God not as Judge or Father, but as a creative source of life whose power is contained within each of us. Free/ bring lunch/please rsvp.

Instructor: Jacob Schreiber

Feb 9 Thu 12:00 - 1:15pm

JEWISH PERSONAL DISCOVERY PART II

Fear is a paralyzing emotion that we all carry. Based on the wisdom of late Rabbi and Zen Master Alan Lew, JCC Executive Director Jacob Schreiber helps participants identify and explore life-limiting apprehensions. Free/bring lunch/please rsvp.

Instructor: Jacob Schreiber

Feb 16 Thu 12:00 - 1:15pm

MELTON REVISITED

Loved Melton and wish you remembered more of what you learned? Whether it's been a year or a decade since you were a student, join other alumni for a FUN 4 week refresher of the Melton Yr 1 curriculum! Instructor: Marla Brockman and Edna Levy

Jan 23 - Feb 13 Mon 1:00 - 3:00pm

Tuition: \$120

MELTON REVISITED BETH SHALOM

Loved Melton and wish you remembered more of what you learned? Whether it's been a year or a decade since you were a student, join other alumni for a FUN 4 week review of the Melton Yr 1. At Beth Shalom/OPEN TO ANYONE.

Instructor: Marla Brockman and Edna Levy

Mar 5 - 26 Mon 1:00 - 3:00pm

Tuition: \$120

MELTON YR 1 AM UNIT 3 RITES OF PASSAGE

Gain insights into rituals associated with Jewish living and historical events that have molded our identity--marriage, divorce, death, afterlife, the Holocaust and establishment of the State of Israel.

Instructor: Marla Brockman and Edna Levy

Jan 31 - Apr 3 Tue 9:45am - 11:55pm

Tuition: \$180

MELTON YR 1 PM UNIT 3 RITES OF PASSAGE

Gain insights into rituals associated with Jewish living and historical events that have molded our identity--marriage, divorce, death, afterlife, the Holocaust and the birth of the State of Israel.

Instructor: Linda Cohen and Hazzan Rob Menes

Jan 31 - Apr 3 Tue 7:00 - 9:10pm

Tuition: \$180

MORE BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE

Back by popular demand! We'll read the tales of Delilah, Lilith, and Tamar, more bad girls of the Bible. We'll uncover what they did, how they did it, why they did it, and (seriously) what we can learn from their exploits.

Instructor: Edna Levy

Feb 13 - Mar 5 Mon 10:00 - 11:30am (no class 2/20)

Tuition: \$54

PORTRAIT OF A WOMAN

Join Rebbitzin Blumah Wineberg and an intimate group meeting monthly to explore the power of the woman and Torah's vision unleashing our private, public, family, career, spiritual, and complete selves.

Instructor: Rebbitzin Blumah Wineberg

Dec 1 - Jun 7 First Thursday of each month 7:00 - 9:00pm

Tuition: \$100; pro-rated for late joiners



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TUESDAYS WITH MOREY

Digging Through the Cairo Geniza

Rabbi Morey Schwartz shares current and often unexpected information and insights gained from the contemporary study of ancient writings found in the Cairo Geniza.

Instructor: Morey Schwartz

Location: Village Shalom

Mar 6 - Apr 3 Tue 8:30 - 10:00am

Tuition: \$75

Medicine in the Talmud

Rabbi Morey Schwartz guides students in a text-based study of Jewish perspectives on the value of human life, caring for and curing the body. Instructor: Morey Schwartz

Location: Village Shalom

May 1 - May 29 Tue 8:30 - 10:00am

Tuition: \$75

TWO JEWS, THREE OPINIONS

Join this ongoing group in which Rabbi Scott White facilitates mostly civil and always lively discussions about current events, how they relate to Jewish values, and what they mean to us as citizens of the world.

Instructor: Scott White

Jan 18 - Feb 22 Wed 12:00 - 1:15pm

Tuition: \$60

GREAT JEWISH LITERATURE MONTHLY CLUB

Join lit-lovers on the third Sunday of each month for an informal but highly focused discussion of carefully chosen selections. All can be read in one sitting prior to class. Call 913-327-8077 for schedule and reading list. No charge.

Facilitators: Diane Botwin and Audrey Asher

Jan 15 - June 17 Sun 10:30am - 12:00pm

KU OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

is pleased to begin offering courses at the Jewish Community Center of Kansas City. The Institute is part of KU Continuing Education and also enjoys support from the Bernard Osher Foundation in San Francisco. The Institute offers innovative, stimulating short courses for people age 50 and over that focus on the joy of learning. Instructors are carefully selected for their academic qualifications, a passion for the topic and a love of teaching to create a meaningful interactive experience. Courses generally meet weekly for two hours over a three-week period and require no homework, out-of-class preparation or testing. Visit www.Osher.ku.edu or call 877-404-5823 for cost and additional information.

GENIUS AS AN ABNORMALITY?

The unusual genius of people like Mozart and Einstein has left historians wondering where all that intelligence came from. The autistic animal scientist Dr. Temple Grandin contends the source is a rare brain abnormality. Other scientists agree. What additional historical figures have shown evidence of being "wired" differently? What have been the outcomes for society? Has this phenomenon surfaced in other species?

Norm Ledgin, author of *Asperger's and Self-Esteem*, recently republished in France, has discussed these issues before audiences from Boise to Biloxi. His findings have been quoted in scientific writings, movies and literature. He holds a master's degree in political science from Rutgers University.

Thursdays March 15, 22 & 29 2 - 4pm

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REAL TO REEL: HOW HISTORY IS PORTRAYED ON THE SILVER SCREEN

Hollywood has frequently used history to produce movies that have gone on to win an Oscar. Some of the greatest films that grabbed the gold will be subjected to historical analysis. Beginning with *Gone with the Wind*, the Best Picture in 1939, and ending with *The King's Speech*, the 2011 winner, the course will ask: Where did Hollywood get history right? Where did they get it wrong?

John Mack, Ph.D., teaches history online for the University system of Georgia and is an adjunct professor of history at Johnson County Community College.

Mondays April 16, 23 & 30

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