

Retracing Jewish Roots on the North Dakota Prairie

Stories and Lessons about Life, Family, and Faith with Rebecca Bender

Thursday, September 23, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Online video program with Rebecca Bender

Free and open to the public



Rebecca Bender and her son visited the remote North Dakota Jewish cemetery where her great-grandfather is buried. Her son asked about the Jewish immigrants who escaped Russian pogroms to become North Dakota farmers in 1905. With few answers, Bender retraced this history of Jewish pioneers on the Dakota prairies, ultimately leading to the publication of the book *Still* (North Dakota State University Press, 2019), co-authored with her father, Kenneth Bender. In this

program, Rebecca Bender will share inspiring stories she learned in the process of writing this book, which combines research with her father's memories. Not only is Bender's project remarkable, but it may inspire listeners to retrace their own family histories and find future guidance from stories of their past.



Rebecca Bender practiced law as a securities litigator in Minnesota for 18 years, after graduating from the University of Minnesota Law School. Her prose and poetry have appeared in the Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Paper

Brigade Daily (Jewish Book Council), and The Forward, and her poetry will be published in a forthcoming issue of North Dakota Quarterly.

Full details about this event available at link.stthomas.edu/Still. For questions, please email jpc@stthomas.edu. To make an accessibility request, please call Disability Resources at 651-962-6315 at least one week prior to the event.

Sponsored and organized by Jay Phillips Center for Interreligious Studies in collaboration with Campus Ministry and Mount Zion Temple.

Mount Zion is partnering with Hadar's Project Zug

Study in the traditional model, with a *chavruta*/partner. Choose your own partner or ask to be paired up with someone from Mount Zion or someone from around the country.



Pick one of many class options. *New class this Fall:* Four-part class on the Holocaust taught by Rabbi Yitz Greenberg.

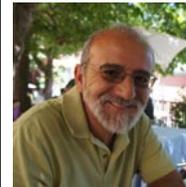
Registration opens after Yom Kippur. Deadline October 31. Courses begin November 7. As a Mount Zion member, pay only \$18/course.

From Pulpit to Stage: Liturgical Song (Piyyut) as Pop Song

Edwin Seroussi, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Wednesday, March 30, 7:30 pm at Mount Zion

Presented by the University of MN Center for Jewish Studies

Mount Zion is a co-sponsor of this event.



Jews engage in enthusiastic communal singing of Hebrew poems (*piyyut*) such as *Adon 'olam* (Lord of the Universe) during their synagogue services. What are the origins of these liturgical songs and their melodies? *Piyyut* is one the most ancient poetical traditions of any present-day religion.

Born in the Land of Israel during the Byzantine period (5th to 6th century CE) as an extension of the statutory prayers sanctioned by rabbinical authorities after the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem, *piyyut* became a backbone of Jewish prayer as well as a bone of contention regarding its status in modern worship. It also spread beyond formal synagogue rituals, to special religious events, family celebrations and now, to the entertainment stage in Israel. This presentation will trace the literary and musical journey of *piyyut* from its origins in Talmudic-times to its contemporary Israeli pop transmutations.

Edwin Seroussi is the Emanuel Alexandre Professor of Musicology at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Director of the Jewish Music Research Centre.

World Without Genocide Webinars

Open to the public: \$10 general public, \$5 students and seniors
Mount Zion is a co-sponsor of both events.

The Genocide of the American Indians: From 1492 to Today

Tuesday, October 12, 7:00-9:00 pm

Sen. Mary Kunesh, member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, will speak about the report of the task force on causes of the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, which identified historical trauma and colonization, racism, and sexual objectification of Indigenous women and girls. **Christine Stark**, author, advocate, and researcher, will talk about the physical and cultural genocide of the American Indian peoples.

Register by Sept. 21 at worldwithoutgenocide.org/1492

Birth, Sex, and Abuse:

Women and Children under Nazi Rule

Wednesday, December 15, 7:00-9:00 pm

Dr. Beverly Chalmers is an award-winning author and scholar. She will speak about the sexual assault of children, who were abused by the Nazis, by their rescuers, and by their peers, and the many forms of sexual abuse of Jewish women in concentration camps.

Register by Dec. 14 at worldwithoutgenocide.org/women

Learn Hebrew This Year!

Follow synagogue services, be more involved in your children's Jewish education, or simply enhance your own ties to Judaism.

Tuition (includes all materials): \$75 members/\$100 non-members (Minimum of five students).

To register, go to mzion.org.



Beginning Adult Hebrew

Taught by Siana Goodwin

This class focuses on learning the aleph-bet, the building blocks of written Hebrew. Students will learn to recognize letters, and begin basic reading, including parts of the Shabbat prayer book.

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm – Zoom
September 29 – December 15 (no class November 24)

Sundays, 10:00-11:00 am – in person at Mount Zion
October 3 – December 19 (no class November 28)

Steps to Hebrew Literacy

Sundays, Sept 26 - Dec 19, 7-8:00 pm via Zoom

This class is for those who are familiar with the letters and sounds of Hebrew and have some practice with reading Hebrew. The class will focus on developing more facility with reading texts from the Tanakh, understanding the language, and developing skills for continued study.

For more information, contact Siana Goodwin at sgoodwin2@comcast.net.

Beginning Adult Hebrew, Part II

Taught by Siana Goodwin

This class is a continuation of the fall Beginning Hebrew class, and is also appropriate for those who would like to review and polish their basic Hebrew. The focus is on building reading facility, primarily using the prayer book.

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm – Zoom
January 5 - March 9

Sundays, 10:00-11:00 am – in person at Mount Zion
January 9 - March 20 (no class February 20)

“The golden key to Jewish education is the Hebrew Language.”

-- Hayyim Nahman Bialik,
 Things Known by Heart, 1935.

A Taste of Honey: An Introduction to Judaism

Mondays, October 4 - December 20, 7-8:30 pm

Member: \$36, Public: \$75

Rabbi Esther Adler

This course provides students with a basic understanding of Jewish practice and belief. Topics include Jewish history, life cycle, Shabbat, theology, home observance and more! For anyone interested in learning more about Judaism and/or thinking about conversion.



Building a Jewish Home, Creating a Jewish Family

Mondays, January 10, 17, 31 7-8:30 pm

Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker

\$36 members/\$50 public per person



What does it mean to have a “Jewish” home? This three-part class is for couples or single heads of households, who want an open and structured way to reflect. The emphasis of the class will be on making choices that are right for you after study and discussion on key questions of Jewish life. Examples: What Jewish values will we emphasize? What books and periodicals and art will be in our home? What rituals will we incorporate? What will Shabbat look like in our home?

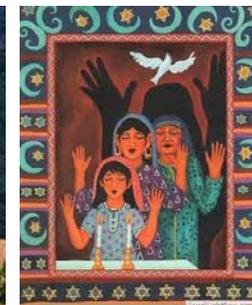
A Mount Zion Journey to Santa Fe, New Mexico

Join Cantor Spilker for a travel adventure to learn about **New Mexico's Conversos and Crypto-Jews**
June 19-24, 2022

For adults and serious learners of all ages!

in partnership with **ROAD SCHOLAR**

Experience the best of the Southwest through in-depth presentations with local experts about New Mexico's Conversos and Crypto-Jews and about Santa Fe history and culture. Enjoy field trips to an array of significant historical and cultural sites. Learn about Georgia O'Keeffe, explore world-renowned Museum Hill, and observe a traditional Native American ceremonial dance.



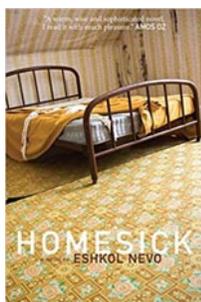
Pricing and enrollment information is available at mzion.org. Priority will go to those who registered for the past trip and for Mount Zion members. Questions? Please contact Cantor Spilker at rspilker@mzion.org or 651-698-3881, ext. 111.

Israel Book Club

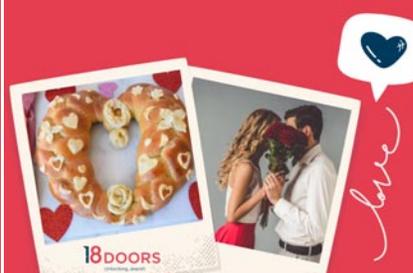
The Mount Zion Israel Book Club meets every other month to discuss books by Israeli authors, set in Israel. We read fiction by Amos Oz, David Grossman, etc, and non-fiction: biographies, memoirs of kibbutz life, life in the military; high-tech, water. The group seeks to understand the life and the land of Israel through its own literature. All are welcome. Questions, call/text Jonathan Eisenthal at 651-260-6263, or email at johnnyirondale@gmail.com

Monday, September 12, 7:00 pm
Homesick by Eshkol Nevo

Moving from character to character, perspective to perspective, Homesick is a complex and moving portrait of parallel lives and failing love in a time of permanent war. Eshkol Nevo is one of the finest novelists working in Israel today.



Join Our Year of Firsts!



If you're engaged or part of a newly-married, interfaith couple (intercultural, dual faith, Jew-ish, etc.), 18Doors is offering Our Year of Firsts—a great program that offers you the opportunity to

explore all things Jewish in an intimate space with your partner and connect with unique couples just like you. In this year-long program, you'll meet once a month with other interfaith couples to discuss celebrating Jewish holidays, sharing cultural traditions and your future Jew-ish lives together. They're offering a \$50 discount (with the code 50OFF) to the next 10 couples who sign up. Read more at: 18doors.org/our-year-of-firsts



Our Bodies, Our Souls

25th Annual Jewish Retreat for Women

Friday Evening to Saturday Evening
Save the Date: January 21-22, 2022

11th Annual

Men's Retreat

Save the Date: Friday-Sunday, June 10-12, 2021



Mindful Torah:

Engaging the Better Angels of Our Nature

A Mussar Vaad for those with previous Mussar experience

Facilitated by Margie Abrahamson, Co-sponsored by Hineni

Wednesdays, 11:00 am-12:30 pm, October 13, 27;

November 10, 24; December 8, 22 - [via Zoom](#)

Cost: \$54 plus any free will offering.

Financial support is available from our clergy.

We will be using materials prepared by Rabbi Mark Margolius.

Margie has been practicing and studying Mussar for the past eight years. She looks forward to bringing her learning and joy to the members of this va'ad!

What is Mussar?

Mussar may best be described as “Jewish spiritual ethics” and has been practiced for centuries by people who sought to cultivate and strengthen the qualities of the inner mensch. This is the seventh year that Mussar has been offered at Mount Zion. Come join in small group study as we explore Jewish teachings on humility, patience, honor, and trust and discover how we can improve these qualities in our own life. Conversations will be in a safe, supportive, exciting, and collaborative environment. We believe that these sessions will work for those familiar with Mussar and those just starting. There are no pre-requisites nor is Hebrew required.

We will plan entry level Mussar classes in the future. If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Spilker, aspilker@mzion.org.



Visit our website: www.ttsp.org/hineni/current-offereings for details and registration for these and other courses as they are added.

At present, all courses will be available on Zoom. As it becomes safe to do so, we will move to in-person as appropriate.

There are no financial barriers to participation.

How can a good and powerful God allow suffering in our world? The Problem of Theodicy

with Rabbi David Thomas

Five Wednesdays, Nov. 3-Dec. 8, 7:00-8:30 pm

\$100 for the series

Co-sponsored with Bet Shalom, Mount Zion, Shir Tikvah

Text, Language and Context:

Reading Biblical Narratives – Elijah Stories

with Dr. David Rischall

Wednesdays, Oct. 6-27, 7:00-8:15 pm

Cost for the series: \$60

This course requires a basic ability to read Hebrew. Some knowledge of Hebrew vocabulary is a plus.

Modern Hebrew for Adults - Two Levels Available

with Susie Chalom (On Zoom - link provided upon registration).

To find out which level is right for you, visit our website and use our short placement tool.

Beyond Beginners

Thursdays, Oct 5-Jan 18, 7:00 – 9:00 pm (14 sessions)

Tuition: \$350+ plus the purchase of the textbook (\$80-\$90), if you do not already own it.

Beginning Intermediate

Tuesdays, Oct 5-Jan 20, 7:00 – 9:00 pm (13 sessions)

Tuition: \$325+ plus the purchase of the textbook (\$80-\$90), if you do not already own it.

Torah and Mindfulness through the Lens of Hasidic Masters

with Sara Lynn Newberger

Tuesdays, 8:30 – 9:45 am

Access the depth and richness of Hasidic spirituality presented in contemporary terms. Drop-in; no experience necessary. No cost; donations welcome.

Pirke Avot: Ancient Rabbinic Wisdom for Today's World

with Sara Lynn Newberger

Fridays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Come study this ancient work with much to say to our lives today. Drop-in; no experience necessary. No cost; donations welcome.

ENGAGE! An Evening of Jewish Learning

Jan. 29, 7:00 PM

First-rate teachers, wonder learning, wide-ranging topics – from cerebral to hands on.