

forgiveness, creation of spiritual wills, etc.

Contrary to the title, this class is for adults of all ages. We are all creating our futures.

HALACHA

TALMUD SHOW & TELL

Date: Saturday afternoon October 17, Tisch following Kiddush

Leader: led by rabbinical student Susan Shamash

Place: Or Shalom sanctuary

Come see a page of Talmud and watch Susan unpack it and all its treasures!

MORE TALMUD

Dates: 1st Sunday of every month, beginning Nov 1

Leader: Susan Shamash

Place: Or Shalom

Registration: programs@orshalom.ca or call Or Shalom at 604-872-1614

Required text: Judith Abrams, *A Beginner's Guide to the Steinsaltz Talmud*

Here is an invitation to learn a little Talmud together with other eager learners. No prior experience necessary.

The subject is Ona'ah - oppression/vexing/wrong-doing both in business (overcharging/under-

paying) and in speech (taunting/hurting someone's feelings). The text will take us to some wild places (the oven of Akhnai, excommunication of a sage, and the use of supernatural powers) and to some familiar ones (watering down the wine, mixing old grocery stock with new).

GEMILUT CHESED

BIKUR CHOLIM - VISITING THE SICK

Date: November 21, Tisch following Kiddush

Leaders: led by Sally Thorne and Mary Adlersberg

Place: Or Shalom sanctuary

Based on their considerable professional experience, Mary and Sally will help us to understand some of the complexities of being present with community members navigating the challenges of serious illness. We offer this conversation in the spirit of conscious community, aspiring to hold one another with ever more sensitivity and grace.

GREETING THE MOURNER

Time: TBA

Leader: Rabbi Hannah

Place: Or Shalom sanctuary

Moed Katan, Gemara bet is a small section of Talmud text containing a multiplicity of sensitivities as the Rabbis struggle to balance the vulnerability of the mourner with the importance of that small degree to which the mourner remains responsible to his or her community. We are offered a window into the Rabbis' deeply considered process of imagining a social order and a heaven on earth.

No knowledge of Aramaic or Hebrew required; no background in Talmud required.

ADULT EDUCATION

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VANCOUVER'S EAST SIDE SHUL

710 East 10th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V5T2A7



COMMUNITY BUILDING

SHARING OUR STORIES

Dates: September 28, 29, 30, October 1, 8-9:30PM

Leader: Rabbi Hannah

Place: Rabbi Hannah's sukkah

Registration: to register for the evening of your choice go to www.orshalom.ca

As Rabbi Hannah gets to know Or Shalom members she will host four consecutive evenings in her sukkah dedicated to small group sharing of our spiritual and life stories.

Note that groups will be capped at ten participants.

More evenings will be opened after Sukkot, as determined by interest.

WOMEN'S MORNING MINYAN

Date: November 17. Time TBA

Sponsor: Temple Shalom Sisterhood

Place: Temple Shalom, 7190 Oak Street

Or Shalom will share in welcoming founder of Women of the Wall Anat Hoffman.

TORAH STUDY

Taste of GIRLS IN TROUBLE:

TAMAR at the Crossroads

Dates: Two consecutive Tuesday evenings, November 10 & 17, 7:30-9PM

Leader: Rabbi Hannah

Place: Or Shalom

Registration: programs@orshalom.ca or call Or Shalom at 604-872-1614

In the spirit of keeping Torah vibrantly alive, Rabbi Hannah is piloting a curriculum on Biblical women. We will follow a particular character's story in the Torah utilizing rabbinic interpretations, visual depictions, and

a song from the song cycle "Girls in Trouble" by contemporary storyteller and songwriter Alycia Jo Rabins.

Toward the end of each class, participants will be invited to create their own interpretations of the character being studied, in the form of contemporary midrash or visual midrash.

The first Biblical woman we will look at is Tamar. During winter and spring at least two more characters will be presented, dedicating two sessions to each Girl in Trouble.

MODES OF PRAYER

Taste of DAVENING LAB

Date: Tuesday evening December 1, 7:30-9:30PM

Leader: Rabbi Hannah

Place: the Or Shalom sanctuary

Registration: email Rabbi Hannah at rabbihannah@orshalom.ca to register and to discuss individualized assignment or call Or Shalom at 604-872-2624

Rabbi Hannah offers an experimental environment for liturgical "play." Our prayer leaders and any considering stepping forward to lead prayer or read from sacred text at Or Shalom are invited to come practice and improvise as we investigate how to create inspirational prayer experiences for our community.

Daveners, singers, performers of spoken word, Torah readers, musicians, drummers, meditation leaders, dancers - all welcome.

Note: Pre-registration will allow each participant to come prepared with a personally tailored assignment, material we will respond to and build upon in class.

The Davening Lab will be repeated, based upon interest.

CHANTING AND CHOCOLATE

Dates: Last Sunday evening of every month, 7:30-9 PM

Leaders: Lorne Mallin and friends

Place: Or Shalom sanctuary

Lorne and a band of singers, musicians and percussionists offer this monthly opportunity to sing from the heart and rest in the silent resonance of sacred song. All are invited to explore the practice of Hebrew chanting as a form of meditation and ecstatic prayer as we express devotion and build community.

No knowledge of Hebrew or prior chant experience is necessary.

Afterwards we always enjoy Lorne's triple chocolate brownies...

Suggested donation: \$10. Proceeds from this program support the education and wellbeing of orphans in Uganda.

LIFE CYCLE

Taste of SPIRITUAL ELDERING

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 7:30-9 PM

Leader: Rabbi Hannah

Place: Or Shalom

Registration: programs@orshalom.ca or call Or Shalom at 604-872-1614

Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi taught that we can shape ourselves into the kind of elders we want to be. This workshop introduces his "Saging" work, asking us to confront our fears about growing old and begin to plan toward an elderhood of inner richness and spiritual growth.

In this taste-of class we will work on Life-Time Maps.

Based on this 1½ hour class, we can decide what steps we wish to take to further affirm that the prospect of dying is a great impetus for living fully. Future classes might include the healing of memories, testimonials to teachers, gifts of CONTINUED ON BACK