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Jewish Study Center

Come learn with us before the High Holidays!



Sign Up for Classes

Tefillah, Teshuvah, Tzedakah

Yom Tov Challah Covers—Silk Painting

Film: My Terrorist

Tales from the Talmud

Exploring Kol Nidre ... and more!

*And everyone is invited to
join us for two special events (page 6)*

The September 11 Remembering and Healing Service

The Fifth Annual Creative Tashlich

Jewish Study Center & Washington DC Jewish Community Center (WDCJCC)

Co-Sponsored

Pre-High Holiday Learn-In

September 8 - 17, 2003

All classes meet at
WDCJCC
16th & Q Streets NW

Please pre-register to save your place and avoid the rush.

MONDAYS
SEPTEMBER 8 AND 15
(2 CLASSES)
7:00–8:15 PM
MEMBER: \$25
NON-MEMBER: \$30

Teshuvah: Setting Our Hearts in Order

This course is a chance to talk about the many aspects of teshuvah (repentance or return) and to prepare our hearts for the holidays—what teshuvah means to us and what it meant to the sages who shaped our tradition.

Roberta Boam is a psychotherapist, artist, and Jewish educator.

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The 1st Rosh Hashanah: The Day the World Was Conceived

According to tradition, the sixth day of creation was the first Rosh Hashanah. But what did the early rabbis believe happened before that? Was the Torah created before the world? We will look at rabbinic stories and concepts of the first six days and of the time before creation. Topics include the creation of language, repentance, miracles, demons and angels, and other little-examined aspects of the full plenitude of creation.

Norman Shore is a veteran teacher in the Washington Jewish community.

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 8
(SEE PART 2, YOM
KIPPUR, SEPTEMBER
15)
7:30–9:30 PM
MEMBER: \$25
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Tefillah Part 1 (Rosh Hashanah): Piercing the Fog

The vastness of the High Holiday liturgy can make it hard to get one's bearings. Study how the Rosh Hashanah prayer book is built upon the same deep structures that shape Jewish liturgy throughout the year. This class can be paired with the in-depth look at the Yom Kippur liturgy, Poetry of the Prayer Book.

Stan Dorn is a health policy analyst and veteran Study Center teacher.

MONDAYS
SEPTEMBER 8 AND 15
(2 CLASSES)
7:30–9:30 PM
MEMBER: \$40
NON-MEMBER: \$45

Yom Tov Challah Covers: A Silk Painting Workshop

In Judaism, there is an obligation to perform the mitzvot (commandments) in the most beautiful way possible. In this workshop, we will explore the art of silk painting on challah covers, using High Holiday imagery and texts to create works of art that will contribute to the beautification of the holiday period. Supplies will be sold in class.

Nili Chernikoff has studied at the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design in Jerusalem.

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 8
(SEE PART 2,
SEPTEMBER 15)
8:30–9:45 PM
MEMBER: \$15
NON-MEMBER: \$20

Tzedakah Part 1: Our Soul Investment

In a world with so many needs, how do you make your charity count? This will be a brief overview of the tzedakah basics through the sources.

Alan Caro is Assistant Executive Director of the Washington DCJCC.

Call Angela at (202) 777-3269 or email jewishsc@erols.com.

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 15
(SEE PART 1, ROSH
HASHANAH,
SEPTEMBER 8)
7:30–9:30 PM
MEMBER: \$25
NON-MEMBER: \$30

Tefillah Part 2 (Yom Kippur): Poetry of the Prayer Book

The Yom Kippur prayer book is filled with wonderful poetry compiled over many eras. This class will examine some of the poetry that suffuses the Yom Kippur liturgy as well as the Hebrew and Yiddish poems that have been written on its themes in modern times. Poems will be read in translation. The class can be paired with the Rosh Hashanah liturgy, Piercing the Fog.

Max Tiktin teaches Judaic Studies at George Washington University and is a member of Fabranken.

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 15
8:30–9:45 PM
MEMBER: \$15
NON-MEMBER: \$20

Tzedakah Part 2: Investing Our Time

The classical meaning of "tzedakah" is giving money. But is there a related obligation to volunteer our time to mend the many ills we see all around us? This class will look at how Jewish tradition and sources can be a guide in deciding how we can help meet the challenge of Tikkun Olam--repairing the world.

Minna Scherlinder Morse is the Washington Director of AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps.

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 15
8:30–9:45 PM
MEMBER: \$15
NON-MEMBER: \$20

Speech and Ethics: Tales from the Talmud

Examine what the rabbis of the Talmud say about verbal wrong-doing—a significant aspect of what we are to atone for on Yom Kippur—and the potentially disastrous consequences of embarrassing someone publicly or spreading falsehoods.

Gilah Langner is a rabbi and co-editor of the journal *Kerem*.

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 9
7:00–9:00 PM
MEMBER: \$10
NON-MEMBER: \$15
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Terrorism and Teshuvah

Film: *My Terrorist*, an award-winning documentary film (Israel, 2000), tells the gripping story of a former El Al flight attendant, who struggles with the biggest decision of her life. She must decide whether to write a letter in support of parole for the terrorist who held her at gunpoint during a hijacking attempt 23 years earlier.

Discussion: Join a post-film discussion with Laura Blumenfeld, author of *Revenge: A Story of Hope* (Simon & Schuster, 2002), and her father, Rabbi David Blumenfeld, victim of a terrorist shooting in Jerusalem. The book will be for sale in paperback.



TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 16
7:00–8:15 PM
MEMBER: \$15
NON-MEMBER: \$20

Spirituality of the Sukkah

Study the laws and customs of the Sukkah and how building one contributes to the journey of meditation, prayer, and introspection that many mistakenly believe ends with Yom Kippur.

Shalom Flank is a technology commercialization consultant and a leader of Zoo Minyan.

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NON-MEMBER: \$20

The Book of Jonah: Text, Tradition, and Popular Culture

The Gershwin brothers' lyrics about the Book of Jonah tell us that "It ain't necessarily so!" Without seeking to prove or disprove this particular assertion, the class explores the text of the Book of Jonah—read in the afternoon Yom Kippur service—and the many ways it has entered into both highbrow and middlebrow popular culture, along with its importance in Jewish tradition and function in the Yom Kippur liturgy.



Rabbi Benjamin W. Mintz, ordained at Yeshiva University, is Professor of Law at Catholic University and 1997 recipient of the Foundation for Jewish Studies Master Teacher Award.

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Short Stories: "Second Blood" and "Naming the Wind"

Many contemporary authors have addressed the ancient and modern themes and issues that surround Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This class will read and discuss "Second Blood" and "Naming the Wind"—two short stories. Copies will be available for pickup at the Washington DCJCC front desk after August 19th.

Jean Graubart is Director of the Anna and Leo Smilow Center for Jewish Living and Learning at the Washington DCJCC.

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 16
7:00–9:30 PM
MEMBER: \$30
NON-MEMBER: \$35

Recipes for a Sweet Year

Learn to make the traditional round challah in the WDCJCC kitchen. While the challah dough is rising, learn to make a honey cake! Freeze the results, and serve them at home. Supplies are provided, but bring a cookie sheet on which to carry your challah home.

Jessica Nemeth is a favorite challah-baking teacher for the Jewish Study Center and a member of the Adas Israel Traditional Minyan.

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L'eilah l'eilah: Onward and Upward



Learn or review High Holiday melodies to uplift the soul and spirit.

Cantor Aaron Marcus is the founder of the Keshet Chorale, the Washington DCJCC chorus.

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SEPTEMBER 16
8:30–9:45 PM
MEMBER: \$15
NON-MEMBER: \$20

Exploring Kol Nidre

Every year we enter Yom Kippur by chanting the ancient formula for annulling all vows. Look beyond the emotional power of this ritual to its strange, enigmatic text; its evolution over the centuries; and the reasons for its enduring popularity.

Amy Schwartz is a writer and a member of Adas Israel, where she davens with the Traditional Minyan.

Call Angela at (202) 777-3269 or email jewishsc@erols.com.

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
PART 1: 7:30–8:30 PM
PART 2: 8:30–9:30 PM
FREE

Rosh Hashanah and Tefillah

Part I - A Fresh Start—Themes of Rosh Hashanah: Take this opportunity to contemplate Jewish concepts and perspectives of Rosh Hashanah and to engage your mind in observance.

Part II - Tefillah (prayer): Examine the prayers and how to use them to re-establish a relationship with G-d.

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 17
PART 1: 7:30–8:30 PM
PART 2: 8:30–9:30 PM
FREE

Yom Kippur and Teshuvah

Part I - Resolutions—Themes of Yom Kippur: Confront the past year, contemplate Jewish concepts, and prepare for the New Year —focus on resolution.

Part II - Teshuvah: Examine the aspects of teshuvah in both its senses—repentance and return.

Rabbi Tzvi Teitelbaum continues his regular free study sessions at the Washington DCJCC, with these four discussions on High Holiday themes.

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Hebrew Prayer Review

Now is the time to brush up so you won't get completely lost! Using the High Holiday machzor (prayer book), we will review the prayers to be able to follow the services in Hebrew.

Aliza Lotatti teaches Hebrew at the Washington DCJCC and other local schools.



Please Join Us

Free to the Public

Tashlich: Cast Your Sins Away

Fifth Annual Creative Tashlich

Co-sponsored with WJWP, WDCJCC Judaics Department, Sarah's Sisters,
and the Jewish Living and Learning Department of the JCC of Greater Washington

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

6:30 pm

Rock Creek Park

Meet in the parking lot behind Ohr Kodesh Synagogue

8402 Freyman Drive

Chevy Chase, MD

Traditionally held in the afternoon on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Tashlich is a symbolic ritual of casting away our sins. It is customary to gather alongside a stream or river to pray and then to throw bread crumbs into the moving water. In a contemporary manner, we will mark the transition to the New Year using rose petals to cast away our regrets and affirm our renewed hopes and prayers.

Facilitated by Guila Franklin Siegel
Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation



Remembering & Healing Service

Gather with Us

September 11, 2003

at 7:15 pm

WDCJCC, 16th & Q Streets NW

This has been, again, a most difficult year. We invite you to connect as a community and to gain strength as we enter a new and hopefully peaceful year.

Through songs, prayers, and poems, we will be enriched and comforted.
All are welcome as our voices reach for Shalom.

Led by Cantor Sue Roemer
Cantor Emeritus, Temple Beth Ami

Pre-register to save your place. Call Angela at DCJCC: (202) 777-3269 or email jewishsc@erols.com.



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Getting to the Washington DC Jewish Community Center 1529 16th Street NW at Q Street



Parking. Limited parking at WDCJCC lot, adjacent to the JCC, for charge; must validate tickets at front desk. Colonial parking lot, 1616 P Street (two blocks from JCC), \$5.00.



Metro. Take the Red Line to Dupont Circle. Exit at Q Street (north entrance to the Metro). Walk east, crossing over Connecticut Avenue. The Center is located four blocks away, at the corner of 16th & Q Streets, NW.



Shuttle Bus Service. From the Metro, the free WDCJCC shuttle service runs between the Q Street (north) entrance of the Dupont Circle Metro and the Center. The white van departs every 15 minutes, beginning at the Metro, from 6:30-10:30 pm, Monday to Thursday.

Come Learn with Us!



The best of the tradition in an informal setting...

The Jewish Study Center is an independent non-profit center for adult Jewish education in the Washington, DC, area. Founded in 1978, it has established a reputation for quality teaching and learning in an open, participatory environment. More than 70 courses and activities, several sites, and three semesters yearly provide study opportunities for hundreds of adults. Engage with traditional texts and topics, contemporary Jewish culture and concerns, and faculty from across the community! We welcome teachers and students of all backgrounds.

Catch our fall courses at the Jewish Study Center

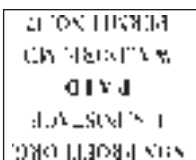
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