

Akiba Class Schedule Winter 2010

SUNDAYS

2nd Term: January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 21; March 7, 14, 21

February 14 = Yom Limmud @ Beth Israel, February 28 = Purim Carnival



Class	Instructor	Location*
9:00 – 10:00 Invitation to Judaism	Rabbi Morgen	Zubowski A
10:00 – 11:00 How Conservative Judaism Differs	Rabbi Rosen	Stein Hall
Nuts & Bolts I	Rabbi Strauss	Zubowski B
Beginning Hebrew	Deborah Cutler	Zubowski A
Insights on the Torah	Rabbi Horwitz	Board Room
11:00 – 12:00 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Hebrew	Deborah Cutler	Zubowski A
What Should a Modern Jew Believe?	Rabbi Horwitz	Board Room

**Tentative locations. Check monitors for room locations.*

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR CLASSES:

Invitation to Judaism - This is a yearlong course geared especially for those thinking about conversion to Judaism. Major beliefs, holidays, life cycle and other practices will be discussed.

How Conservative Judaism Differs - Since it's founding, Conservative Judaism has defined itself through innovations concerning the role of women and gays, what is kosher and what is not, prayer, and so much more. Using the decisions of our movement's Law Committee, we will explore all the ways that Conservative Judaism differs from Orthodoxy.

Nuts & Bolts I - Reconstruct your understanding of Judaism. This is the first year of a two-year course which will survey Jewish beliefs, holidays and life-cycle events. It is designed to enrich your understanding of the Jewish way of life and thought. It will also serve as the first year of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah program.

Beginning Hebrew - Hebrew for the absolute beginner. Learn to recognize and read the aleph-bet, develop fluency in reading and jump into reading of Hebrew prayers in the Siddur.

Insights on the Torah - The Torah is the – well, the “Bible” – of the Jewish people. But its wisdom is often concealed amidst the stories that are told or the details of the rules and rituals. Rabbi Horwitz will bring the Torah's wisdom to life by examining closely selected passages of the Torah through the lenses of the great Jewish commentators.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Hebrew - For those participating in the Adult B'nai Mitzvah program, this course will teach you how to lead the prayers for Shabbat morning and to read your Torah and Haftarah portions.

What Should a Modern Jew Believe? - Since the Enlightenment many Jewish thinkers have re-examined traditional Jewish beliefs in order to make sense of them in the modern world. Rabbi Horwitz will survey some of the great writings of Abraham Joshua Heschel, Mordecai Kaplan, Arthur Green, Byron Sherwin, Eugene Borowitz, Neil Gillman, Louis Jacobs, and Elliot Dorff. If these names are not familiar to you, you may be surprised to learn what they say about Jewish Beliefs in the Modern World.