

The Herbert Tarr North Shore Institute for Adult Jewish Education

Jewish Studies & Lectures 2014 / 5775 Fall Program

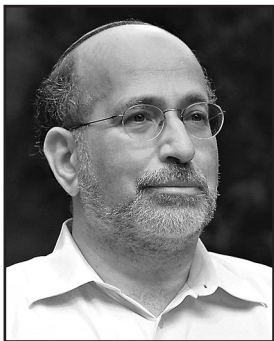
at Temple Sinai

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014 at Temple Sinai

Meet and Greet – 7:00 PM Lecture – 7:30 PM

RABBI JOSEPH TELUSHKIN

Award-Winning Author • Widely Acclaimed Authority on Judaism and Ethics



On Being a Mensch in a Morally Complicated World

Joseph Telushkin, an American Rabbi, lecturer and bestselling author, was named by Talk Magazine as one of the 50 best speakers in the United States. He is one of America's leading ethicists and his reputation extends well beyond the Jewish community. In *A Code of Jewish Ethics*, Rabbi Telushkin has combed the whole spectrum of Judaism's sacred writings to give us a manual on how to lead a decent, kind, and honest life in a morally complicated world. He speaks to the major ethical issues of our time and offers wise and easily accessible teachings, providing fresh inspiration and guidance.

One thing is certain: you will walk out of Telushkin's speech different than when you walked in.

A TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE MEYER

HAVA NAGILA (The Movie)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

7:30 PM

Temple Beth Sholom, Roslyn Heights

**PLEASE NOTE:
CHANGE OF VENUE
FOR THIS SESSION**

An uplifting documentary on the song we all know –

HAVA NAGILA!

The documentary features interviews with Harry Belafonte, Leonard Nimoy, Connie Francis, Glen Campbell and Regina Spector. Come explore Jewish history, identity and cross-cultural connections that can only be achieved through music – exemplifying Florence's love of music and traditions all in one!



COURSES IN JEWISH STUDIES

Beginning Monday, November 10th, 7:30 to 9:00 PM

Please select one 3-week course

Classes Monday, November 10th, 17th, and 24th at 7:30 PM

Please note: NO CLASS Monday, November 3rd

Course # 1

Title: Examining the Matriarchs

Instructor: Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg
Community Reform Temple

The texts of Genesis introduce us to the Mothers of Israel, yet careful examination does not paint a flattering picture. How can we best understand these complicated women?

Course # 2

Title: Halakhah and Morality: Traditional Rubrics of Adjusting the Law in the Ethical Context

Instructor: Rabbi Martin Cohen
Shelter Rock Jewish Center

Judaism presents an ancient code of law and custom to modern-day Jews, but this legacy is occasionally out of sync with modern values or ethical standards. The rabbis of late antiquity, for whom the law too was a legacy from ancient times, developed different rubrics for dealing with instances of inconsonance between morality and law. In the course of these three classes, I will explore five of those rubrics and suggest ways that adopting and adapting them could be a useful way of revising Jewish law within the context of fidelity to our ancient traditions.

Course # 3

Title: Revisiting Interfaith Marriages

Instructor: Rabbi Irwin Huberman
Congregation Tifereth Israel

Statistics tell us that a significant number of young people within the New York area are marrying non-Jewish partners. Judaism has traditionally held that intermarriage signals the end of the line for a Jewish family. Is this true today? Are there ways to embrace interfaith families while strengthening Judaism and ensuring its continuity? This course will draw on articles and Talmudic sources to facilitate a conversation regarding the history and future of intermarriage within Judaism.

Course # 4

Title: Three Talmudic Vignettes

Instructor: Rabbi Alan Lucas
Temple Beth Sholom

A study of some strange stories from the Talmud and what they might mean for us today.

Course # 5

Title: Jewish Superstition and Practice: From the Womb to Tomb

Instructor: Rabbi Michael Stanger
Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation

Why are rituals practiced at birth (a circumcision for a baby boy, a red bandle tied on their crib), why are there certain practices at a wedding ceremony (stepping on a glass, etc.) and at a graveside (reciting kaddish, placing rocks on headstones), etc.? Do these practices help or “protect” us? What is Jewish law, custom, and superstition and how do they all differ?

Course # 6

Title: Our Story and the Story of Our Ancestors

Instructor: Rabbi Michael White and Rabbi Andrew Gordon
Temple Sinai

The lives and stories of the patriarchs and matriarchs are some of the most exciting in the entire Torah. Together, we will explore the weekly Torah portion, Parashat Ha-Shavuah, and look at both modern and medieval commentaries to comprehend the experiences that they lived through. Not only will we understand who they were and what they experienced, but we will allow the Torah to make meaning to our lives as well.

ABOUT HERBERT TARR

Twenty years ago, the North Shore Institute for Adult Jewish Education was renamed to memorialize Rabbi Herbert Tarr, the bestselling author and humorist whose warmth, wit and wisdom were exemplified in his critically acclaimed novels, (*Conversion of Chaplain Cohen, Heaven Help Us!, So Help Me God, A Woman of Spirit, etc.*) reached both Jew and non-Jew, enhancing their appreciation and understanding of Judaism. Rabbi Tarr was the quintessential Jew and truly believed that all Jews should respect and be responsible for one another – be they Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist or Reform. This Institute, now comprising 18 synagogues and the Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center, abides by this philosophy. We are honored to fulfill Rabbi Herbert Tarr's legacy.



Our program offers a diverse spectrum of courses designed to broaden your knowledge and understanding of our rich heritage.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF FLORENCE MEYER

The establishment of the Herbert Tarr North Shore Institute for Jewish Education, in memory of her brother, Rabbi Tarr, might be considered Florence's greatest accomplishment by members of the Jewish community. Florence, however, considered her family of four children, their spouses and ten grandchildren her greatest achievement – devoting much time and love in bequeathing her family a wealth of Jewish tradition, education and love of Judaism.

Florence Targovnik Meyer grew up in Borough Park, Brooklyn, where her parents moved for the best Jewish education for their children. She attended City College of NY earning a B.S. and Masters in Education. She met and married Ernest Meyer whose dental office was in the neighborhood of Grover Cleveland High School, her first teaching position. Ernie and Florence raised four children, all of whom attended religious school through High School at Temple Beth Sholom. Florence reveled in hosting Jewish holidays in her home where guests were always thrilled to participate in her Passover Seders and lavish Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur holiday meals.



Florence's temple activities began with Sisterhood. She served as Vice-President of Membership, Education, Social Action and Israel Affairs Chair for many years. She ran the Israeli Gift Shop for the TBS Israel Expo selling only items made in Israel. Passionate about Israel, Florence traveled there many times for family Bar Mitzvah trips and on solidarity missions. As a member of the TBS Board of Trustees, she co-chaired many Cantor's Concerts, sang in the temple choir and took advantage of the plethora of educational opportunities within the synagogue. She was honored by TBS as a "Kallah Torah."

As a lifetime member of Hadassah and a board member, she initiated the "Imah in Perpetuity" in memory of her mother. She worked at the Jewish Museum in Manhattan and served as the Jewish representative at Molloy College on panels discussing different religions. She received the "Lomday Torah Lishmach" award from the Jewish Theological Seminary Women's League Institute for completing 10 years of study—an effort of pure joy in spite of Manhattan traffic.

Following the loss of her brother and husband twenty years ago, Florence gave new meaning to her life by renaming the North Shore Institute for Adult Jewish Education. Her goals of memorializing her brother and enhancing appreciation and understanding of Judaism have been achieved. Her wish was to have her children and friends carry on this labor of love.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY BY MAIL

Please complete form below by October 6, 2014
& mail with a \$30.00 registration fee for each
individual, made payable to:

Herbert Tarr North Shore Institute

**Mail to: Herbert Tarr North Shore Institute
c/o Temple Sinai
425 Roslyn Road, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577**

*The \$30.00 registration fee includes one class (3 sessions)
PLUS keynote lecture and closing program.*

*For those not registering for a Jewish Studies course, there will
be a donation of \$10.00 per person, payable at the door.*

There is no charge for students.

1st COURSE CHOICE

Last Name		First Name	
Street Address		Town	Zip
Phone Number		Congregation	
E-mail			

Please fill in Course No. _____

ALTERNATE COURSE CHOICE

Last Name		First Name	
Street Address		Town	Zip
Phone Number		Congregation	
E-mail			

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* We reserve the right to cancel any course due to insufficient registration.
See www.herberttarr.org for additional registration forms.

Directions to Temple Sinai

425 Roslyn Road
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
(516) 621-6800

Heading East: L.I. Expressway to Exit 37 (Willis Ave). Follow
LIE Service Road east to Roslyn Road. Right turn (south) onto Roslyn Rd.
Heading West: L.I. Expressway to Exit 39 (Glen Cove Rd). Follow
LIE Service Road 3 traffic lights to Roslyn Rd. Left turn (south) onto
Roslyn Rd.

Northern State Parkway to Exit 29 (Roslyn Road). Head South. Temple is
on the left.

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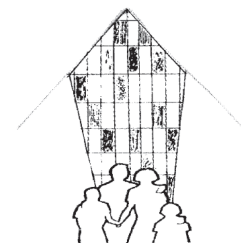
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*Gather the people, the men,
women, and children, and the
strangers in your communities, that
they may hear and learn...*
Deuteronomy 32:12