

Lifelong Learning

★ New Offerings at Touro

Jewish Baking Class
with Touro Member Patricia Luria
Sunday Mornings | 11:30am

January 25; February 22; March 15; April 19
A hands-on class for anyone who would like to learn how to bake traditional Jewish treats in an approachable, uncomplicated way! Over a series of 4 classes, we will learn to make bagels, bialys, rugelach, and Israeli chocolate hazelnut swirl cookies (café cookies). Recipes, samples, and lots of opportunities for practice will be provided. *Space is limited!*

Understanding the Book of Judges
with Rabbi Todd Silverman
Thursday Evenings | 6:30pm
February 26; March 5, 12, 19

Our Israelite ancestors traversed the desert...bid farewell to Moses as the epic story of Torah drew to a close...crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land...and then what? Come explore the Book of Judges and examine the sacred stories and episodes from a period of Jewish history and narrative marked by cycles of disobedience, oppression, and deliverance from myriad dangers, as well as the humanity and heroic actions of some of Judaism's most interesting leaders.

Exploring Death and Dying in Judaism
with Touro Synagogue Clergy and Community Leaders
Wednesday Evenings | 7pm
March 18, 25; April 1, 15

There is no experience more universal or yet more mysterious than dying. During this multi-week course, we will explore the ways that Judaism encounters death, from a logistical and spiritual perspective. Issues such as Jewish law around care for a body through burial, Jewish mourning rituals, Jewish theologies on the afterlife, and the creation of ethical wills will all be included.

Register Online!



Scan the QR code to register for courses online or visit TouroSynagogue.com/Learning

INTERSTELLAR FAITH

Jewish Themes and Values in Science Fiction and Fantasy with Rabbi Lily Kowalski

Wednesday Evenings | 7:00pm
November 5, December 10, January 14

Dive deep into the Jewish DNA of your favorite sci-fi and fantasy stories, guiding us through the Jewish themes and values woven throughout these beloved stories. We'll zip across galaxies, history, and the multiverse, bringing together the most ancient parts of Judaism with the infinite possibilities of what could lie in our futures. Exploring questions of identity, ethics, and spirituality, no fandom is off-limits—we'll explore Star Trek AND Star Wars, Harry Potter AND Lord of the Rings, Marvel AND DC, and more! No PhD in either Jewish studies or science fiction (or science fact) required—just curiosity and an appreciation for great tales, universal themes, and wonder. Jump into the unknown, suspend your disbelief, and be prepared to be amazed!

Cohort Experiences

Hebrew Reading for Adults
with Touro Member Diane Zimmerman
Sunday Mornings | 10:00am
Dec 7, 14; Jan 11, 25; Feb 1, 22; Mar 1, 8, 15, 22

Ever sit in the sanctuary and wish you felt more comfortable reading the Hebrew words of our prayers? Or perhaps you took a Hebrew class as a child or even more recently but want to refresh or relearn Hebrew decoding? Or perhaps you have felt intimidated to put the Hebrew letters on the page into sounds? Come join our class! Our Adult Hebrew Learners will learn to recognize the letters of the Hebrew Alef Bet, become comfortable decoding Hebrew words and learn to apply this knowledge to words found in our prayer books. *Regular attendance and practice are encouraged! Space is limited.*

Embracing Judaism: Conversion at Touro
with Touro Synagogue Clergy
Registration for the 25/26 Cohort is Open!
Tuesday Evenings on Zoom | 7:00pm
Nov 4, 11, 25; Dec 2, 9; Jan 6, 13, 27; Feb 3, 10

Embracing Judaism is our annual program at Touro for those who are not Jewish, but after spending some time participating in Jewish life, are considering choosing Judaism for their religious identity. If you have ever wondered if Judaism could be your spiritual home, this program is a great next step! Embracing Judaism includes formal and experiential classes, cohort building, engagement in communal Jewish life, and meetings with clergy.



Ongoing Series at Touro

Touro Synagogue Book Club
with Rabbi Katie Bauman
Select Evenings | 7:00pm
Come ready for insightful discussions and meaningful connections. *Refreshments provided.*
Next Discussion: Monday, November 10
Reading: October 7: 100 Human Stories by Lee Yaron - guided by Touro Member Dr. Ilana Horwitz

Jewish Ethics Series: Judaism in the Modern Technological Age
with Touro Member Sara Gershen
Select Wednesday Evenings | 7:00pm
First Session | A Jewish Conversation About AI: November 12
Is AI changing what it means to be human? Artificial Intelligence (AI) is here. It is in our web searches, our social media algorithms, our homes, and in the palms of our hands. It may even be in our synagogues. What do Jewish teachings have to say about the current use of AI? And what do they say about defining our humanity compared to machines that can mimic it? We will use the Identity/Crisis Podcast Episode, "Staying Human in the Age of AI", to help guide our discussion. Please join us for the first part of this multipart series on Jewish thought on AI. *(Future Dates: January 14; March 11)*

Lunch and Learn for Prime Timers
with Rabbi Katie Bauman
Select Thursday Afternoons | 12:00pm
Upcoming Sessions: November 13; January 22; March 26
The most pressing news stories of our day challenge us as human beings and as Jews. Each session will focus on a story from the recent news cycle, viewed through a Jewish historical, cultural, and ethical lens.

Shabbat Shiur: Sacred Text Study
with Touro Synagogue Clergy
Weekly on Shabbat Mornings | 9:00am
Enjoy bagels and coffee, and engage in sacred text study with our clergy. We will engage with the Torah portion of the week, ideas that help us prepare for upcoming holidays, and foundational texts of our tradition.

Parenting Through a Jewish Lens
with Rabbi Katie Bauman
Select Sunday Mornings | TBD
Raising Jewish children is a unique challenge, especially in today's world, and especially if parenting through a Jewish lens is unfamiliar because of being raised in a different faith or without thick Jewish communal experiences. On select Sunday mornings, we will gather with other parents of Jewish children to unpack the most complex aspects of this commitment and to explore ways we can enrich our own understandings of and connectivity to Jewish tradition.