

Lifelong Learning Opportunities

Our lifelong learning programs continue to offer something for everyone. The innovative framework for the curriculum includes: entry points like Adult Hebrew for beginners and Shabbat Shiur Sacred Study; in-depth examinations of Jewish topics and ongoing dialogue through book clubs and our continuing series on Jewish Ethics of AI. There are also goal-oriented classes in which you can work toward an Adult B'nei Mitzvah or a process of conversion. To learn more about our adult programming, please visit tourosynagogue.com/contact to reach out to **Co-chairs Jeffrey Fingerman or Liz Gottfried.**

Ongoing Series at Touro

Jewish Ethics Series:
Judaism in the Modern Technological Age
 with **Touro Member Sara Gershen**
 Select Wednesday Evenings | 7:30pm

Next Session: March 11
 Examine how our Jewish ethics can inform our interaction with rapidly evolving and accessible technologies. Topics will include: the ethical implications of artificial intelligence (AI), the use of technology within sacred spaces and customs, and the privacy and environmental concerns that accompany technological advances.

Lunch and Learn for Prime Timers
 with **Rabbi Katie Bauman**
 Select Thursday Afternoons | 12:00pm

Upcoming Session: 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 explore the Torah portion of the week, ideas that help us prepare for upcoming holidays, and foundational texts of our tradition.

★ New Offering at Touro

Exploring Death and Dying in Judaism
 with **Touro Synagogue Clergy**
 and **Community Leaders**

Wednesday Evenings | March 4, 11, 18 | 6:15pm
 Sunday Morning | March 22 | 10:00am

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.

Session 1 | March 4
Why Do We Die?

Session 2 | March 11
How Do We Mourn?

Session 3 | March 18
What Comes Next?

Session 4 | March 22
Caring for the Deceased

Looking Ahead to Summer!

Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Special Exhibition and Workshop
 with **Artist Naomi Lifschitz Grant**
 Sunday, May 17 - Sunday, May 24
 See page 15, and stay tuned for more details!



Register Online!

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

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

A Spiritual and Creative Journey Through the Texts of Shavuot with Artist Naomi Lifschitz Grant

Exhibition on Display at Touro
 Sunday, May 17 - Sunday, May 24
 More Details to Follow

In the months following the events of October 7, Naomi Lifschitz Grant's artistic focus turned toward the unfolding war in Israel and Gaza. The urgency and anguish of this moment compelled her to seek deeper grounding in the ethical, historical, and spiritual dimensions of the conflict. In the summer of 2024, she received a travel grant from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke to attend a seminar at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Immersed in Jewish texts, philosophy, ethics, and history, she engaged directly with scholars, thinkers, and the lived complexities of the Israeli-Palestinian reality. This experience became a catalyst for new creative work, offering both intellectual rigor and emotional resonance as she grappled with the ethical questions of the war through the lens of religious teaching.

This exhibition invites viewers into a contemplative space, one where ancient moral teachings and contemporary conflict meet, and where art becomes a site for questioning, witnessing, and imagining ethical possibilities.



Leviticus 19:17-18 (2025)
 Acrylic ink on Bristol Board



Deuteronomy 32:5-Haazinu (2025)
 Acrylic ink on Bristol Board

From Text to Image:
A Shavuot Ink-Wash Workshop
 with **Artist Naomi Lifschitz Grant**

Thursday, May 21, 7:00pm
 More Details and RSVP to Follow

Shavuot celebrates both the first barley harvest and the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, the pivotal moment when the people of Israel accepted God's law. One of the central biblical texts read on this holiday is The Book of Ruth. In this workshop, we will explore these sacred texts through the visual arts. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with selected passages and create ink-wash paintings inspired by the themes, characters, and imagery found within these holy texts. *Stay tuned for more details and link to RSVP.*

Background: Red Cotton (2021)
 Acrylic on Canvas