

Hebrew

Modern Hebrew With Ilan Vitenberg

JCC East Bay, Berkeley

Tuition options: \$250 / \$200 / \$150

Beginning

Tuesdays, October 2 - December 4

6:45 - 8:00 pm

Continuing

Thursdays, October 4 - December 13

6:45 - 8:00 pm

Advanced

Thursdays, October 4 - December 13

8:15 - 9:30 pm

Modern Hebrew With Orna Morad

Congregation Beth Am, Los Altos Hills

Tuition options

Wed & Thu (10 sessions) : \$250 / \$200 / \$150

Tue (11 sessions): \$275 / \$220 / \$165

Level B

Tue, Oct 2 - Dec 18 | 7:30 - 8:45 pm

Thu, Oct 4 - Dec 20 | 9:00 - 10:15 am

Level C

Tue, Oct 2 - Dec 18 | 6:15 - 7:30 pm

Level D

Thu, Oct 4 - Dec 20 | 10:30 - 11:45 am

Level D2

Wed, Oct 3 - Dec 19 | 5:45 - 7:00 pm

Level E

Thu, Oct 4 - Dec 20 | 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Level F

Tue, Oct 2 - Dec 18 | 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Advanced Conversational Hebrew

Thu, Oct 4 - Dec 20 | 7:30 - 8:45 pm



Orna Morad



Ilan Vitenberg

Intermediate Modern Conversational Hebrew With Tikva Farber

Lerman Law, San Rafael

Tuition options: \$200 / \$160 / \$120

A variety of methods are used to help participants speak Hebrew as it is spoken in modern Israel.

Fridays, October 5 - November 30 (fall)

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Fridays, January 4 - February 22 (winter)

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Prayerbook/Biblical Hebrew With Jehon Grist, Ph.D.

(Online Option — all levels)

Congregation Beth El, Berkeley

Tuition options: \$195 / \$155 / \$115



Lehrhaus Online Courses

Enjoy your course live in the classroom, live online, or anytime via full video recording, all at no extra cost. So learn *your way*.

Jehon Grist

Beginning 1A

Discover the essentials of prayerbook Hebrew, starting with the alphabet, vowels, sight reading and basic grammar.

Sundays, October 7 - December 2

3:00 - 4:25 pm

Intermediate 2B

Learn the more complex features of Hebrew and enjoy an introduction to translating and analyzing the Hebrew Bible.

Sundays, October 7 - December 2

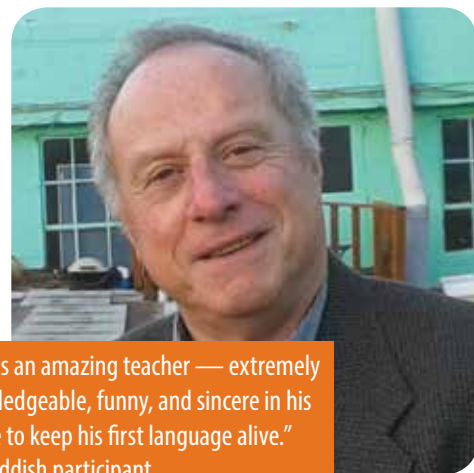
4:35 - 6:00 pm

Advanced Biblical Hebrew 3: Angels in the Bible, and Beyond

Translate and discuss key passages from the Hebrew Bible that inform our understanding of the identity and roles of angels in early Israelite religion.

Sundays, October 7 - December 2 | 6:05 - 7:30 pm

Yiddish



"Ken is an amazing teacher — extremely knowledgeable, funny, and sincere in his desire to keep his first language alive."
— Yiddish participant

Yiddish With Ken Blady

JCC East Bay, Berkeley

Tuition options: \$300 / \$240 / \$180

Beginning Yiddish

The class will stress learning the alef beis (print and script) and elementary grammar. Emphasis will be placed on interactive conversation among students (almost) entirely in Yiddish. Potential new students may attend the first session.

Mondays, October 1 - December 17

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Intermediate Yiddish

Students must have some background in Yiddish, including knowledge of the alef beis, or done previous coursework in the Yiddish language. Potential new students may attend the first session.

Wednesdays, September 26 - December 19

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Reading Yiddish Texts

Yael Chaver, Ph.D.

We will read and discuss selections of Yiddish prose and poetry from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Mondays, October 1 - December 17 | 7:15 - 9:15 pm

Tuition options: \$300 / \$240 / \$180

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Shanghai



China: June 4-17, 2019 A Jewish Journey to an Ancient Civilization and Contemporary Powerhouse

Beijing • Tianjin • Harbin • Xian • Nanjing • Shanghai

Encounter some of the most breathtaking attractions on earth: the Great Wall, the imperial palaces in the Forbidden City, the shrines in the Temple of Heaven, and the ancient 8,000 Terracotta Warriors in Xian. Contemporary China is no less astounding: the world's fastest high-speed train, busiest ports, longest bridges, and highest dams. Witness how the Chinese are remaking their lives amidst this head-spinning change.

In Harbin, Manchuria, enter the largest synagogue in East Asia, built by Russian

Jews seeking a new life in the early 20th century, even as this frontier region was fought over by the Great Powers. In Nanjing, visit the memorial to the 1937 massacre carried out by the Japanese and ponder the similarities between the genocidal occupation of China and Nazi Germany's subjugation of Eastern Europe. In Shanghai, walk through the former ghetto, a refuge during the Holocaust for almost 25,000 Jews.

From the Jewish merchants in the 19th century treaty port of Tianjin to Israeli

entrepreneurs, scientists, and engineers in today's China, experts will help us consider the interaction of two of the world's oldest civilizations.

Tour leaders: Rabbi Jeremy Morrison, Ph.D. and Fred Rosenbaum

Tour manager: Ariel Goldstein

In partnership with Tiyul Jewish Journeys

Contact Ariel for more details at 510.833.5854 or ariel@tiyuljewishjourneys.com.

Discover the right
community for you.



Kevah Groups: Create Your Own



Kevah Groups, now part of Lehrhaus Judaica, are formed based on a customized, participant-driven approach to education and often meet in participants' homes. The group host and members shape the character of the group by choosing who to invite, the topic of study, and the time and place to meet. Lehrhaus matches each Kevah Group with an outstanding Jewish educator who creates a personalized learning experience based on the group's interests.

Our group support team guides you through each step of creating your group, including recruitment and topic selection, and provides ongoing support to ensure that each group thrives.

Cost: \$180 (5-session series), varies based on the number of sessions. A pay-what-you-can model is offered to ensure that cost is not a barrier to participation.

Email kevahgroups@lehrhaus.org to start a group.

Examples of Recent Groups

LABOR Kevah (Berkeley/Oakland)

Educator: Raffi Magarik
Young adults investigating Jewish perspectives on labor and work

Emanu-El: The Emanatees (San Francisco)

Educator: Rabbi Zac Kamenetz
Couples (30s and 40s) engaging with Jewish wisdom relevant to current issues

Pilpul People (Oakland)

Educator: Prof. Deena Aranoff
Couples (50s and 60s) discovering Torah through the lens of contemporary issues

MAKE Hanukkah

Co-presented by Lehrhaus, Beyond Noah's Ark, and The Contemporary Jewish Museum

Experience the thrill of unexpected discoveries, the focused energy from working with a chevrotah (study/creation partner), and the joy of learning while preparing for Hanukkah in personal, tangible ways.

Choose a maker session designed by a team of an educator and an artist/maker. Workshops offer a variety of themes related to the spiritual opportunities or challenges presented by Hanukkah.

The hands-on workshops are open to everyone and require no prior background in text study or art making. Master teachers include: Deena Aranoff, Yosef Rosen, Peretz Wolf-Prusan, and Tamar Zaken.,

Sunday, November 18 | 1:00 - 4:30 pm
\$20, includes Museum admission
The Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco



New Tuition Structure, Same Commitment to Jewish Learning

Lehrhaus is dedicated to keeping Jewish learning accessible to all. We strive to keep our fees as low as possible, but tuition covers only a portion of the costs of our programs. Our new pricing structure reflects actual expenses.

Choose the option that is aligned with your ability to support the class, and email Vernita Lyons at vernita@lehrhaus.org with questions and scholarship requests.

Option 1: covers faculty, staff support, and overhead

Option 2: covers faculty & staff support

Option 3: covers faculty cost

Talmud Circles

Join our welcoming community of students engaged in modern Talmud study and active conversation. Through a reading of the Babylonian Talmud tractate Ta'anit (which concerns fasts in response to drought), we will discuss how the Talmud challenges the Torah's claim that virtue can assure abundance and that misfortune is an unambiguous sign of divine rebuke.

New students should attend **A Special Morning With the Talmud and the Zohar**.

Tuition options (9 sessions): \$270 / \$225 / \$1800

Prof. Deena Aranoff

Sundays, October 21 - June 2 (9 sessions)
10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Osher Marin JCC, San Rafael

Rabbi Jennifer Clayman

Sundays, October 21 - June 2 (9 sessions)
10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Addison-Penzak JCC, Los Gatos

Rabbi Dorothy Richman

Sundays, October 14 - June 2 (9 sessions)
9:00 - 11:00 am | JCC East Bay, Berkeley

Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan

Sundays, October 7 - June 2 (9 sessions)
10:00 am - 12:00 pm | JCCSF, San Francisco

Sundays, October 21 - June 2 (9 sessions)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Oshman Family JCC, Palo Alto

Sundays, October 7 - January 6 (4 sessions)

3:00 - 5:00 pm | abra@lehrhaus.org for tuition info
Congregation Shomrei Torah, Santa Rosa

Wednesdays, October 10 - June 2 (28 sessions)

12:00 - 1:00 pm | abra@lehrhaus.org for tuition info
Mechanics' Institute Library, San Francisco

A Special Morning With the Talmud and the Zohar

Daniel C. Matt and Peretz Wolf-Prusan

Explore why the Talmud and the Zohar are relevant today with Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan, Lehrhaus' Chief Program Officer, and Professor Daniel Matt, the world-renowned authority on the Zohar. Newcomers to the Talmud and the Zohar are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, September 16

10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Free
Jewish Community Library, San Francisco

Zohar Circles



“Daniel Matt offered a rich context for learning with a depth of scholarship and sense of humor.”
— Zohar Circle participant

The program continues for a fourth year under the leadership of Prof. Daniel C. Matt, utilizing selections from Volume 1 of his epic translation and annotation of *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition*. New students should participate in our **Special Morning With the Talmud and the Zohar** introductory session.

Tuition options (9 sessions): \$270 / \$225 / \$180

Rabbi Lavey Derby

Mondays, October 8 - February 11 | 7:30 - 9:00 pm
PJCC, Foster City

Prof. Daniel Matt

Tuesdays, October 9 - February 5 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm
JCC East Bay, Berkeley

Yosef Rosen, Ph.D.

Mondays, October 15 - February 25 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm
JCCSF, San Francisco

The Zohar Circle in Aramaic

Prof. Daniel C. Matt

This special section of the Zohar program is led by Daniel Matt and is for students with the ability to follow the original Zohar (facility in either Hebrew or Aramaic).

Wednesdays, September 26 - May 15

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

(10:30 - 10:45 optional meditation)

Tuition options (9 sessions): \$270 / \$225 / \$180

Congregation Beth El, Berkeley



Philosophy Circles

Origins of Modern Thought

Who are the “modern” thinkers that have informed and influenced how many Jews worldwide think today? We will reveal the thinkers and ideas influencing Jewish racial identity, the emerging Jewish State, post-Holocaust theology, feminism, new forms of worship, neo-Hasidism, and Judaism for the 21st century.

Tuition options (9 sessions): \$270 / \$225 / \$180

Rabbi Serena Eisenberg

Mondays, November 5 - June 3 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Congregation Etz Chayim, Palo Alto

Yosef Rosen, Ph.D.

Wednesdays, October 17 - May 29 | 7:00-8:30 pm
JCC East Bay, Berkeley

Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan

Mondays, October 15 - June 3 | 7:30-9:00 pm
Osher Marin JCC, San Rafael

Mondays, October 22 - May 20 | 7:00-8:30 pm

Congregation Sherith Israel, San Francisco



Serena Eisenberg



Yosef Rosen



Peretz Wolf-Prusan

Abraham Joshua Heschel: Learning From Two Masters

Rabbi Sheldon Lewis

During the last years of his life, Heschel reflected on the rabbinic models that had shaped him: The Baal Shem Tov and Menachem Mendel of Kotzk. Heschel aspired to learn from and to emulate both. Based on *A Passion for Truth*, we will examine these two potent spiritual guides whose temperaments would seem to be in tension.

Mondays, October 8 - 29 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Tuition options: \$120 / \$100 / \$80

Congregation Etz Chayim, Palo Alto

History and Contemporary Issues

Fred Rosenbaum Lectures

The Fabulous Fillmore and San Francisco's East European Jews

A center of Orthodoxy, Zionism, socialism, and the Yiddish theater, the lively neighborhood was the hub of local Yiddish-speaking culture for decades. It was also an entertainment mecca for the whole city, and Jews were highly visible as performers, and operators of restaurants, vaudeville houses, movie theaters, and jazz clubs.

Friday, November 9 | 10:00 - 11:30 am | Free
Rhoda Goldman Plaza, San Francisco

Floodtide: Europe and Its Jews Amidst the Refugee Crisis

The recent migration of about 1.5 million mostly Muslim refugees has convulsed the continent and its Jewish communities as nothing since the fall of the Berlin Wall. We will examine the prospects for Europe and its Jews during this time of turmoil and transformation.

Saturday, November 10
7:30 - 9:00 pm | Free
Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Walnut Creek

The Day the Holocaust Began

On the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, we will reflect on the meaning of terror unleashed by a totalitarian regime, its cataclysmic consequences, and its lessons for our own day.

Sunday, November 11
7:00 - 8:30 pm | Free
Congregation Beth Emek, Pleasanton

Lehrhaus Travel Channel: Discover Israel at 70 Celebration

Jehon Grist, Ph.D.

In three sessions of ancient history and three sessions of the saga of modern Israel, this course includes virtual visits: informative introductions to over 120 sites.

\$50 Online Only

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New online destinations in 2018-19:
Spain and Germany/Austria



Black Power, Jewish Politics

Prof. Marc Dollinger and Ilana Kaufman in conversation

In *Black Power, Jewish Politics: Reinventing the Alliance in the 1960s*, Marc Dollinger charts the transformation of American Jewish political culture from the Cold War liberal consensus of the early postwar years to the rise and influence of Black Power — inspired ethnic nationalism. Bringing together history and current events, and disrupting the notion that Blacks and Jewish are separate, Dollinger and Ilana Kaufman will get into issues of race, power, and what’s really good for the Jews.

Thursday, October 4 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Free
Temple Sinai, Oakland

Text Study

The Curse of Ham: Is Genesis 9 Racist?

Raphael Magarik

Raffi Magarik will lead a collaborative study of the so-called “Curse of Ham,” a biblical passage from the ninth chapter of Genesis, used to justify racism since late antiquity.

Thursday, December 13 | 7:00 pm | Free
Jewish Community Library, San Francisco

**Back to the Prophets
The Books of I and II Kings:
Elijah The Prophet**

Ken Cohen

The last section of I Kings and the start of II Kings focus on the myriad of exploits of the legendary prophet Eliyahu HaNavi.

Thursdays, Sep 20 - Dec 20 | 7:30 - 9:15 pm
Tuition options: \$325 / \$260 / \$195
Contra Costa Jewish Day School, Lafayette

The Origins of the Bible and How to Read It: Genesis and Exodus

Rabbi Jeremy S. Morrison, Ph.D.

We will discuss myth and metaphor and the Bible’s literary history in order to uncover the ancient meanings of several of the Bible’s classic narratives and its law codes, and to determine their relevance to modern day Jews and the world in which we live.

Tuition options: \$100 / \$80 / \$60
Tuesdays, October 16 - November 6 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Congregation Emanu-El, San Francisco

Thursdays, October 25 - November 15 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Osher Marin JCC, San Rafael



Practice

**The Art of Mussar: A Practice Group
Blending Mussar & Expressive Arts**

Estelle Frankel and Ruth Gendler

The study and practice of Mussar offers a powerful tool for personal growth and transformation. Meet the instructors and enjoy a sample of the curriculum for the full program that will begin in early 2019.

Tuesday, December 4 | 7:15 - 8:45 pm

Tuition options: \$25 / \$20 / \$15

Lehrhaus Judaica, Berkeley

The Building Blocks of Judaism

The Clergy of Congregation Beth Am

This course is for those who wish to learn (or re-learn) Judaism: All are welcome: non-Jews, Jews, interfaith couples, and those considering conversion.

Full series

\$245 / \$230 members / \$105 full-time students and émigrés | Congregation Beth Am, Los Altos Hills

Fall

Thursdays, September 27 - December 6 | 7:30 - 9:00 pm | \$135 / \$125 members / \$75 full-time students and émigrés

Introduction to the Jewish Experience

Rabbi Ruth Adar

This three-part series, which can be taken in any order, introduces students to Jewish culture and practice.

Tuition options (full year): \$540 / \$430 / \$325

Tuition options (by part): \$200 / \$160 / \$120

Lifecycles and Holidays

Communal and individual Jewish life dances to the rhythm of two different cycles: Jewish lifecycle events and the cycle of the Jewish year.

Wednesdays, October 10 - December 5
7:30 - 9:00 pm | Congregation Beth El, Berkeley

Online Only

Sundays, October 21 - December 9 | 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Israel and Texts

This class will examine the history of ancient Israel, the beginnings of rabbinic Judaism, and the modern return to the land. We will also take a look at the specter of anti-Semitism, both in its ancient roots and its modern expressions.

Wednesdays, January 16 - March 6
7:30 - 9:00 pm | Congregation Beth El, Berkeley

Online Only

Sundays, January 20 - March 10 | 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Traditions of Judaism

Since the very beginning, the People of Israel have had multiple understandings and expressions of a living Torah. We will study the varieties of Judaism in the 21st century.

Wednesdays, March 27 - May 29 | 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Congregation Beth El, Berkeley

**Online Only | Sundays, March 31 - May 26
3:30 - 5:00 pm**

