

## More Learning Opportunities

### Study with Cantor Bromberg: Seeking the Spirit Within Ritual

*Cantor Bromberg was invested by the H.L. Miller Cantorial School at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2000.*

*Thanks to an anonymous donor, this class is offered free of charge.*

Join Cantor Bromberg on a journey of self-discovery by exploring the depths of prayer. Find out how our traditional liturgy—the words and the melodies—can help answer our deepest questions, the yearning for connection, a quest for meaning and bring clarity to life’s confusion and uncertainty. Come to this monthly Sunday morning class with an open heart and mind. Cantor Bromberg will guide us in listening to our inner voices to tap into the true Divine source of joy and sorrow, pain and suffering, healing and transformation. “Together,” she suggests, “we’ll create new ways to sing and to pray that nourish us and help us be who we were meant to be.”

Class meets on eight Sundays, 10:30 am to noon:

- October 26 (already past)
- November 9
- December 14
- January 18
- February 15
- March 8



### TEMPLE ISRAEL & JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

475 Grove Street  
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Phone: 201-444-9320

Fax: 201-444-9855

E-mail: [adult-ed-chair@synagogue.org](mailto:adult-ed-chair@synagogue.org)

### Your Support is Needed!

Mail in the form below with your check made out to Temple Israel, noting Adult Education in the memo line. Donations of any level are welcome.

-----  
\$36 (Friend) \_\_\_ \$54 (Patron) \_\_\_

\$136 (Supporter) \_\_\_

\$500 (Benefactor) \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



### JFNNJ Offers New Communal Adult Ed Program. Study with Rabbi Fine and Other Local Rabbis

For information, visit the Federation’s CoNnectJ website:

<http://www.jfnnj.org/adult-education>

## Temple Israel Adult Education 5775



### ADULT EDUCATION AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

*Inspiring community through special programs and content-rich classes to deepen Jewish learning and literacy and create meaningful links to our heritage and people.*

# Classes Rich in Content

## Rabbi David J. Fine, PhD:

Rabbi Fine, spiritual leader of Temple Israel, was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1999 and earned his doctorate in modern European history at The Graduate Center of City University of New York (CUNY) in 2010.

## Sunday Morning Lecture Series: “The History of Jewish Life in Muslim Lands”

- **Oct 19:** Introduction (already past)
- **Nov 21-22:** SIR with Prof. Benjamin Gampel
- **Jan 4:** Muhammad and the Jews
- **Jan 11:** Guest Lecturer: Mahmoud Hamza, communal leader of the Muslim Society of Ridgewood
- **Jan 25:** The Islamic Conquests and the Jews
- **Feb 1:** Judeo-Arab Culture
- **Feb 22:** Maimonides: The Most Famous Arab Jew
- **Mar 15:** Legacies of “The Golden Age of Spain”
- **Mar 29:** Jews in the Ottoman Empire
- **Apr 12:** Jewish and Arab Nationalism
- **Apr 26:** Jews, Arabs, and the State of Israel
- **May 10:** Judaism and Islam: Between Extremists and Apologists

Recommended reading, in connection with Rabbi’s class:

### General

- Karen Armstrong, *Islam: A Short History*
- Reza Aslan, *No god but God: The Origins, Evolution and Future of Islam*
- Michael Cook, *The Koran: A Very Short Introduction*
- Noah Feldman, *The Fall and Rise of the Islamic State*
- Reuven Firestone, *An Introduction to Islam for Jews*
- Adam J. Silverstein, *Islamic History: A Very Short Introduction*

### On Jews and Islam

- Martin Gilbert, *In Ishmael’s House: A History of Jews in Muslim Lands*
- S.D. Goitein, *Jews and Arabs: Their Contacts Through the Ages*

## On Jews and Islam (Continued)

- Bernard Lewis, *The Jews of Islam*
- Abdelwahab Meddeb and Benjamin Stora, *A History of Jewish-Muslim Relations: From the Origins to the Present Day*
- Norman A. Stillman, *The Jews of Arab Lands: A History and Source Book*

## Tuesday Evening Talmud Continues. Join This Lively Study Group Beginning November 18<sup>th</sup>

Come study *Tractate Brakhot*, learning the laws of prayer along with a wealth of material on rabbinic theology, from the new user-friendly Steinsaltz edition, in an informal, interactive seminar-style class. All levels welcome; no Hebrew reading facility required!

## Adele Rebell Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Friday-Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

### “Crisis and Creativity in Traditional Jewish Cultures”

**Prof. Benjamin Gampel**  
**Dina and Eli Field Family Chair in Jewish History at JTS**

## Included free of charge with Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat:

- Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner: 7:30 pm, hosted by Arthur Rebell in memory of his wife, Adele.
- Kiddush Lunch, following Saturday Shabbat services, made possible by an anonymous donor.
- Friday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, during dessert, following Kabbalat Shabbat services and dinner “Sephardic Jewry Comes of Age: How Golden Was it?”
- Saturday morning, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am, before Pesukei D’zimra: “The Muslims Fall and the Christians are Triumphant: And What About the Jews?”
- Saturday afternoon, following Kiddush lunch: “Jews, Christians and Muslims in the Holy City of Jerusalem”

Please RSVP to [office@synagogue.org](mailto:office@synagogue.org).

## Max Aaron Strachman Memorial Author Lecture and Book Signing Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM

It has been seventy-five years since Jewish homes, businesses and houses of worship throughout Germany were burned and looted during the terrifying “Night of Broken Glass,” Kristallnacht. Today, a different generation and different values have taken root in a society where Jewish life has re-emerged. But what is it really like to be a German Jew in 2014?

Yascha Mounk, an instructor of political science and writing at Harvard University and a Jeff and Cal Leonard Fellow at the New America Foundation, will take us inside that reality in a frank conversation based on his newly published book: “*Stranger in My Own Country. A Jewish Family in Modern Germany*” (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2014). The event, on Sunday, 11/16 at 10:30 a.m. is co-sponsored by The Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Ramapo College. Following his talk, the author will sign copies of his book, which will be available for sale.

## Private Tour of Special Exhibit at the Met! Sunday 12/7 at 10:00 am

Tickets \$20; 25 Person Limit

## Open to All Pre-Tour Lecture/Slide Show Wednesday, 12/3 at 7:30 pm

Temple Member and Met Assyriologist Dr. Ira Spar will take us through *Assyria to Iberia at the Dawn of the Classical Age*

Co-Sponsored by Glen Rock Jewish Center

