



CONGREGATION BETH DAVID ADULT EDUCATION

CLASSES ON JEWISH TOPICS

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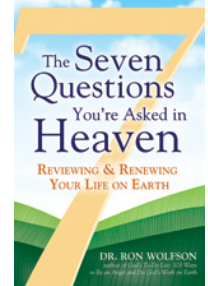
All classes are held at Congregation Beth David and are open to both members and non-members. **Register and pay at the first session.** For more information contact the Beth David office, 408.257.3333. Classes may be canceled if there are too few students.

The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven: Reviewing and Renewing Your Life on Earth - New Class with Rabbi Pressman

First session Monday, Oct 5, 7:30–8:30 pm

This course will be based on Ron Wolfson's wonderful new book which draws upon Jewish tradition about the questions you'll be asked in the world to come. This class will give us a venue to ponder and discuss these questions and our own values. It's a wonderful read, and should prompt some illuminating discussions.

Time: Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm, nominally 9 sessions (Oct 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30) *Cost:* \$35 members, \$55 non-members



Introduction to Judaism – First Class Tuesday, October 6, 7:30 pm, at Congregation Beth David

Cosponsored by Congregation Beth David and Congregation Sinai

A lively, interactive course of basic Jewish beliefs and practices. This course is a prerequisite for conversion to Judaism, but it is also intended for Jews who would like to learn more, or refresh their knowledge, about the basic principles of Judaism and its practices. Interfaith couples who wish to explore and define Judaism's place in their lives are also welcome. Topics include Jewish history, bible, Talmud, ethics, worship, holidays and life cycle ceremonies. For more information contact Barbara Biran at (408) 366-9106 or biran@beth-david.org

Textbook: Handouts provided *Teachers:* Rabbi Daniel Pressman, Congregation Beth David, & Rabbi Joshua Berkenwald, Congregation Sinai *Time/Place:* Evening class, Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9:30 pm; *Cost:* \$50, \$75 for couples (members); \$70, \$95 for couples (non-members). Students will also be asked to purchase the required books.

Meaningful Midrash - New Class with Rabbi Schonbrun

First session Thursday, Oct 8, 8:00–9:00 pm

Have you ever wondered what it means when you hear that a Jewish story or anecdote comes from “Midrash?” Have you ever been curious about how these rabbinic parables from the Midrash came to exist in the first place? Are you interested in learning more about the holidays through an exploration of traditional texts?

Please join us for a brief introduction to the world of Midrash and an examination of the Jewish Holidays through the lens of the 5th century work "*Pesikta De-Rab Kahana*." No previous text study experience is necessary. Please come with your curiosity and your questions as we explore this fascinating work of Midrash together.

Time: Thursdays, 8:00-9:00 pm, nominally 7 sessions (Oct 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov 12, 19; Dec 3) *Cost:* \$35 members, \$55 non-members

