

The Schwarz-Kurz-Zeller

Adult Education Institute of Congregation Beth El

# Fall 2011 Course Offerings

## Sunday Classes

October 30th to December 18th

### **Back To The Sources: Modern Ethical Issues**

Together we will explore modern ethical issues through the history of Jewish scholarship. We will look at how ancient sources differed from their modern counterparts, and how we can use Jewish Scholarship to create a modern ethical world. We will also discover times when modern ethical norms differ from the ancient source material, and then discover together how we can reconcile these differences.



**Taught by:** Rabbi Joshua Z. Gruenberg  
**\*\*Beginning Sunday, November 6th**  
**Time:** 10:00am **Location:** Oneg Room

### **Interpreting Biblical Text**

We will use a selection of biblical texts serving as examples for our study of biblical Hebrew, its development, and its versatility. Unique aspects will be of interest to those who read Hebrew, even those who do not, and those who can read but wish to gain further fluency in understanding what they are reading. The multiple levels of interpretation, the *pshat* (simple/ordinary), *drash* (explanatory/metaphoric), *remez* (alusion), and *sod* (hidden) meaning of the words will be discussed and explained. This is a taste of the amazing heritage that is ours, meant to entice whoever joins us into the delights of reading the bible.



**Taught by:** Gladys Schwartz  
**Time:** 11:00am **Location:** Sanctuary

## Wednesday Classes

October 26th to December 14th

### **History of Zionism and (the State of) Israel (1880-2001)**



This course will trace the political and social history of modern Israel since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. In the first of this three part course we will examine the evolution of Zionism, the conflict between Zionists and Arabs, and the development of the Jewish settlement in Palestine up until the creation of the State of Israel.

**Taught by:** Harriet Freidenreich  
**Time:** 9:30am **Location:** Oneg Room

### **Politics, Politics, Politics! (Mel Brooks)** *A Look at the relationship of Israel & America, the Israeli Political System and being a Jewish in the American Political World.*



Together we will explore the political history of Israel, the history of the relationship between Israel and the United States, and Israel's ever more isolated place in the world.

**Taught by:** Rabbi Joshua Z. Gruenberg  
**Time:** 10:30am **Location:** Oneg Room

**To Register for our Fall 2011 Courses,  
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by October 23, 2011**