

## **Additional Workshops / Classes**

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### **Climbing Your Family Tree**

*Sunday, October 24 10:30 - 11:30 AM  
by Debra Karplus*

Have you ever wondered how far back you can trace your family roots? Do you know where your ancestors came from, when they settled in America, and why they came here? This workshop will present the basic skills to begin your own genealogical search.

*RSVP Requested, but not required*

### **Torah Trope Training**

*January 9, 16 - 11:00 AM - Sinai Temple  
January 29, February 12, 26 - Champaign  
Public Library  
by Kate Kuper*

Learn to chant Torah! Learn the names of the trope, the melodies, and learn to apply it to any "regular" Torah portion. This class is designed for any post-B'nai mitzvah, whether student or adult.

*\$18.00 per person/ Materials will be supplied*

### **Moses Mendelssohn's Jerusalem**

*Spring 2011 by Bruce Rosenstock*

A key figure in the Jewish Enlightenment, Mendelssohn wrote in 1783 about the separation of religion and state as well as the role of religion in an enlightened state.

Read the book & participate in provocative discussions!

*RSVP Requested, but not required*

## **To Register:**

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*Rabbi Klein's Classes, Modern Hebrew Classes, or Torah Trope Training:*

*E-mail or call the Sinai Temple Religious School at [educator@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:educator@sinaitemplecu.org) or 217-352-8654 and leave your name, desired class, and contact information.*

*Checks should be made out to the Sinai Temple Religious School & sent to 3104 Windsor Road, Champaign, IL 61822, ATTN: Adult Ed.*

*Books for both Rabbi Klein's & the Modern Hebrew classes can be purchased at the Sinai Temple Gift Shop.*

### **Sinai Temple**

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**2010 - 2011 ADULT EDUCATION**



**Adult Education at  
Sinai Temple**

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Classes by Rabbi Klein  
Modern Hebrew by Iris Band  
Scholar-in-Residence

Beginning October 3rd

**Introduction to Judaism***Sundays, 8:30 am*

This class will explore the history, culture, and traditions of Judaism. It will provide opportunities to discuss current issues in Judaism. The class is open to those interested in learning more about their own Judaism, those interested in understanding Judaism, and those interested in conversion.

**Special Topics***Sundays, 9:30 am*

This class will explore and discuss topics related to books within the Nextbook Jewish Encounters series. The first book will be Yehuda Halevi by Hillel Halkin.

“Poet, physician, and philosopher, Halevi is as well known today for poetry that is taught to schoolchildren and has become part of the Jewish liturgy...Halkin brilliantly evokes the fascinating world of eleventh- and twelfth-century Andalusian Spain and discusses the tangle of religious and cultural influences—Christian, Muslim, and Jewish—that formed Halevi...”

*Yehuda Halevi and other Nextbook publications are available from the Sinai Temple Gift Shop.*

*Fees for Rabbi Klein's Classes:*

Members - no charge

Non-Members - \$125

**Downtown Judaism***Mondays, 11:30 am**Jim Gould's, Downtown Champaign*

This is a monthly version of the Special Topics class offered during the lunch hour. The group meets at Jim Gould's where a buffet lunch is available for purchase. Those interested in just the session may choose to join at 12:00 for the book discussion.

*There is no fee for this class.*

**Modern Hebrew for Beginners***Sundays, 10:30 am*

This introductory Hebrew course will begin with learning the Hebrew letters, their sounds and vowels. It will introduce learners to basic vocabulary allowing for simple Hebrew speech. Reading, grammar, and vocabulary will be stressed.

*Book: Ulpan Ivrit Primer is available in the Sinai Temple Gift Shop.*

**Modern Hebrew, Level I***Sundays, 11:30 am*

This Hebrew course is designed for English speakers with limited time to learn Hebrew. It's goal is to teach reading comprehension, conversational facility and writing ability.

*Book: Hebrew: A Language Course, Level 1 is available in the Sinai Temple Gift Shop.*

*Fees for Hebrew Classes:*

Members - \$125

Non-Members - \$150

**Marvin Steinberg****Scholar-in-Residence Program**

Friday - Sunday / October 15 - 17

*Featuring*

**Dr. Wayne Pitard**

Director of the Spurlock Museum and Professor of Hebrew Bible in the Department of Religion at the University of Illinois

Dr. Pitard will present three lectures which help us better understand the context of out of which Judaism grew and flourished.

Dr. Pitard's research areas include:

- 1) the Canaanite cultural background of earliest Israelite religion;
- 2) the concepts of death and afterlife in early Israel and the surrounding cultures;
- 3) the Aramaean states of Syria and their relationships to biblical Israel.

The Marvin Steinberg Scholar-in-Residence Program honors the memory of Marvin Steinberg, who delighted in and disseminated love of Judaism and Jewish learning. He taught confirmation classes at Sinai Temple for ten years and served as president of Sinai Temple from 1960 to 1961. Past speakers have included Dr. Michael J. Cook (Jewish-Christian Relations), and Dr. Judith Laikin (Sephardic Jewry), Rabbi Gunther Plaut (Torah Topics), Rabbi Herbert Bronstein (Our World Today: A View from Judaism), Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman (Beyond Ethnicity: Spirituality and the Jewish Future).