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**10 YEARS + Counting!**

*It's The JCC in Manhattan's 10th Anniversary on 76th and Amsterdam!  
The JCC is proud to be a home to families and individuals of all walks of life—  
fostering an inclusive, engaged community rooted in Jewish values.*

*Come celebrate with us!*



**10 YEARS**  
*building community*

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The Leo and Julia Forchheimer Center  
for Jewish Learning is home to the  
JCC's Jewish learning programs.



### Jerusalem: Sacred City of Three Faiths

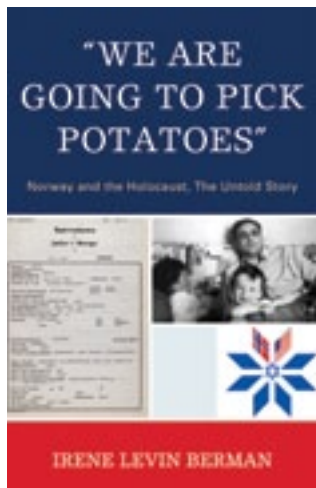
In conjunction with the exhibition *Jerusalem and the Holy Land: The Paintings of Ludwig Blum (1891-1974)*, the Museum of Biblical Art (MOBIA), in partnership with the JCC, presents its inaugural interfaith panel. Discussing the meaning of Jerusalem to Christianity, Judaism, and Islam are **Dr. Ahmed al-Rahim**, assistant professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia; **Dr. Adriane Leveen**, senior lecturer in Bible at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and **Fr Patrick J. Ryan**, S.J., professor of Religion and Society, Fordham University. *Register through MOBIA (212-408-1251) where the panel will take place (Broadway at 61st Street).*

Thu, Jan 12, 6:30 pm, Free JJJLJER00WZ

### We Are Going To Pick Potatoes: The Jews of Norway and the Shoah

Knowing how diverse the Jewish people are, we shouldn't be surprised to hear stories about the Jews of Scandinavia. But we may still be shocked to learn that even Norwegian Jews were deported to their death while others fled the Nazi terror. Join **Irene Levin Berman** to hear the story of her childhood in Norway and the experience of her family and others during the Holocaust. January 27th is International Holocaust Memorial Day.

Wed, Jan 25, 7 pm, \$7/\$10,  
Free JJJLNOR00WZ



### Reading of the Names: A Yom HaShoah Commemoration



Photo: Randi L. Klein

For the 13th consecutive year, the Upper West Side community will gather to read the names of those among the six million murdered Jews. The reading will begin on Wednesday, April 18 at 10 pm at Congregation Habonim, 44 West 66th Street (between Central Park West and Columbus), and continue throughout the night with representatives of Upper West Side congregations and other members of the community. It will resume at 9 am on Thursday, April 19 at the JCC in the 7th floor beit midrash and end at 6 pm with the recitation of Kaddish. Come read or witness by your presence. *No registration.*

Wed, Apr 18, 10 pm-Thu, Apr 19, 6 pm, Free JJLHOL00WZ

### Report on the Muslim World's First Holocaust Conference



Join us to hear about the September conference from **Peter Geffen**, founder of the Heschel School and

executive director of KIVUNIM, a gap year program for post high school students, which he also founded. Co-sponsored by KIVUNIM and the Mimouna Club at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco, the Conference featured presentations by Jewish and Muslim scholars and dignitaries, Holocaust films, and a talk by a survivor. A frequent visitor to Morocco, Peter is deeply committed to re-building more positive relations between Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. Toward that end he organized the 2010 UN tribute to Morocco for the International Holocaust Commemoration Day.

Wed, Feb 8, 7 pm, \$7/\$10 JJLMUS00WZ

10 YEARS

### Celebrating Ten with Ten: A Day of Learning with a Minyan of Women

The JCC in Manhattan was founded on concepts of diversity and inclusivity, reflecting forces that had grown powerfully in the Jewish community and the world at large. Among many reasons to celebrate our tenth anniversary on 76th and Amsterdam is the progress made by women in all aspects of Jewish communal life. To celebrate this progress and our anniversary, we present ten women—a minyan of academics and activists—in a remarkable day of learning. *Details at [jccmanhattan.org/jewishlife](http://jccmanhattan.org/jewishlife).*

Sun, Mar 18, 2-5 pm, \$40/\$50  
JJLTEN00WZ

### "She was what he had missed": On the Loss of Women

**Dr. Avivah Zornberg**—scholar, teacher, author, and a preeminent interpreter of the Bible—discusses Jacob's relations to the women in his life: Rachel, Deborah, Dinah and—most significantly—Rebekah. Tragedy befalls them all, soon after Jacob returns home after a long absence. The midrash detects a repressed theme of delay underlying these narratives. Jacob's wish for peace or wholeness may constitute a wish rather than a reality in his inner world.

Thu, Apr 19, 7 pm, \$25/\$30 JJLAVI00WZ



Photo: Debbi Cooper

## PREPARING FOR PASSOVER – something for everyone!

### Medieval Haggadot for the Contemporary Seder!

*The Medieval Haggadah: Art, Narrative and Religious Imagination* by **Marc Michael Epstein**, professor of Religion at Vassar College, affords a glimpse into the minds behind some of the most beautiful Jewish manuscripts ever created. The book explores four haggadot, including the oldest surviving illuminated haggadah, the *Birds' Head Haggadah*, made around 1300. Join the author for a visually stunning evening at the JTS library which has a renowned collection of illuminated haggadot. *Held at and co-sponsored with the Jewish Theological Seminary Library (3080 Broadway at 122nd Street).*

Thu, Mar 15, 7 pm, \$15/\$20 JCLPES00WZ



### Gefilte Fish Workshop

Have sweet memories of bubbe's home made gefilte fish, but haven't found a worthy substitute? Make it yourself! Join green blogger, author, and gefilte fish maven **Liz Galst** to learn the essentials of gefilte fish preparation. Better yet, learn a sustainably-sourced recipe that will wow your friends and family without depleting our oceans and lakes. Neither carp nor bathtub required!

Sun, Mar 25, noon-3 pm, \$95/\$105 ESUDGFW00WZ

### Italian-Jewish Dishes for a Delicious Passover

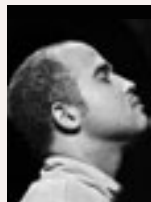


Born and raised in Venice, **Alessandra Rovati** writes and teaches about the extraordinary cuisine of Italian Jews. Join her as she demonstrates

the preparation of dishes that will transform your Passover menus and delight your guests! Alessandra will prepare—and you will enjoy!—matzah vegetable pie; frittata with spinach, raisins and pine nuts; and pistachio and chocolate tart with red berries. *Check out Alessandra's website: [dinnerinvenice.com](http://dinnerinvenice.com).*

Mon, Mar 26, 7 pm, \$20/\$25 AMCROV00WZ

### Artist-in-Residence: Open conversation with Rabbi Joy Levitt



JCC's executive director interviews **Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR)**, an innovative composer, performer, violinist, and band leader

about his year-long JCC residency. Hear piano and voice excerpts from his new work.

Sun, Mar 25, 3 pm, Free EAROCO00WZ

### A Night of Questions: A Musical Haggadah

The culmination of DBR's JCC residency is this musical setting of Rabbis Joy Levitt and Michael Strassfeld's *A Night of Questions* scored for a 31-piece concert band, violin, singer, boom box, iPhone, toy piano, coffee pot, and rabbi.

Sat, Mar 31, 8 pm & Apr 1, 3 pm, \$20/\$25 per performance EARDBR01-02WZ

## DAYTIME CLASSES

### Wake Up and Learn

We began in fall 1999 and we're still going strong—old timers, newcomers and everyone in-between. Join us to study Jewish history and the biblical text in two one-hour sessions with a bagel break in between. With **Rabbi Carol Levithan** and **Rabbi Jeremy Rosen**. *This series is made possible, in part, by a generous gift from Judy and the late Howard Seed.*

12 Wednesdays, Jan 11-Mar 28,  
10 am-12:15 pm, \$225/\$250 JLSWAK00WZ

### How To Live a Good Life

Join master teacher **Rabbi Dianne Cohler-Esses** and explore what the Torah can teach us about questions such as: What makes a good leader? How can we live an inspired life despite our many obligations? What do we want to transmit to the next generation? What does it mean to be spiritual? From where do we draw our courage? We will consider biblical and rabbinic narratives and legal materials concerning living well and ethically. *Sponsored by Project Keshet.*

4 Tuesdays, Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 17,  
1-2:30 pm, Free JLSHOW00WZ

### What the Bible Says and What It Doesn't



Join **Rabbi Jeremy Rosen** as he continues his trek though that most challenging—and fascinating—book of Leviticus. Whether you began the journey with Rabbi Rosen or are joining it in progress, you'll come away with a good foundation in ancient Judaism and a mind bending experience. Rabbi Rosen is a Cambridge grad, a PhD in philosophy and ordained at the traditional Mir Yeshiva. *No previous knowledge of Bible or Hebrew required.*

10 Mondays, Jan 23-Mar 26, 1:30-3 pm,  
\$150/\$175 JLSBIB00WZ

## Divine Presence Hidden and Revealed: The Books of Ruth and Jonah

Ruth and Jonah are lively stories yielding multiple interpretations. Ruth depicts women struggling to survive in a world dominated by men and God does not speak. In Jonah, God controls events through words and deeds and Jonah moves from defiance to compliance to anger, with no resolution. Wrestling with the differences in these stories can make a difference for readers. With **Phyllis Tribble**, renowned Bible scholar, professor emerita at Union Theological Seminary, and professor of Biblical Studies at Wake Forest University School of Divinity.

6 Wednesdays, Jan 25-Feb 29,  
2-3:30 pm, \$90/\$100 JLSTRI00WZ

### Women Read the Bible and Other Texts



Enjoy this participatory learning environment where women study biblical and rabbinic texts guided by **Rabbi Dianne Cohler-Esses**, master teacher and formerly scholar in residence at UJA-Federation. *Newcomers always welcome!*

10 Thursdays, Jan 26-Mar 29,  
9:30-11 am, \$140/\$150 JLSWOM00WZ

### From the Headlines: Conversations about Current Jewish Issues

Join a lively lecture and discussion on some of the most compelling subjects in contemporary Jewish life including bio-ethics; evolution and creationism; gender and sexuality; workers' rights and the slave trade; identity and continuity, and more! Led by **Renée Septimus**, social worker and experienced educator who lectures and writes about Judaism, parenting, and aging. Her work has been featured in various publications and she blogs for [kveller.com](http://kveller.com), a project of [myjewishlearning.com](http://myjewishlearning.com).

6 Thursdays, Feb 2-Mar 8, 1:30-3 pm,  
\$50/\$60 JLSTOP00WZ

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### American Stories: A Class for Lovers of Literature

During the period of heightened industrialization from the late 19th through the mid-20th century, World War I, immigration, urbanization, the women's movement, and the Harlem Renaissance, the nature of American life was utterly changed. Join **Dr. Ann Schwarz**, one of the JCC's most admired teachers and explore depictions of "modern" America. Classes will focus on your insights and questions; film excerpts will enhance reading. Authors can include Bernard Malamud, Nella Larsen, Harper Lee, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Willa Cather. *Please read Nella Larsen's Passing for the first class.*

6 Thursdays, Mar 15 & 29, Apr 12 & 26, May 10 & 24, 11:15 am-1 pm, \$90/\$100 JLSANN00WZ

### EVENING CLASSES

#### Judaism 102: Even More Basics!

If you took Judaism 101 in the fall or if you want to start your Jewish learning now, Judaism 102 is for you. Study such topics as the Bible, rabbinic texts, theology, Jewish denominations, history, and Israel. *Judaism 101 is not a prerequisite.*

10 Tuesdays, Jan 10-Mar 13, 7-9 pm, \$225/\$250 JIVNEX00WZ

#### Judaism 101: Come Learn the Basics!



For anyone interested in Judaism, a chance to learn some of the basics: the calendar, holidays, Shabbat observance, prayer, dietary laws, and life cycle rituals. Other topics will be covered in Judaism 102 beginning on April 16. *Judaism 101 and 102 can be taken in either order.*

10 Mondays, Jan 23-Mar 26, 7-9 pm, \$225/\$250 JIVLIT00WZ

### Interested in Conversion? Start Here!



Learn the requirements of Jewish law, courses of study for conversion, and how to find a sponsoring rabbi. Bring all your questions and concerns to this workshop facilitated by **Rabbi Carol Levithan**.

Tue, Jan 17, 7-8:30 pm, \$25/\$30 per person JJLCON00WZ

### Topics in the Evolution of Jewish Law



Explore the evolution of Jewish law throughout the centuries with **Rabbi Adam Mintz**, adjunct professor in Jewish History at Queens College and one of the founders of Kehilat Rayim Ahuvim, a local Modern Orthodox Synagogue. How did the law change depending on the different geographic locations of the Jewish communities? How did persecution affect the development of the law and was it influenced by outside cultures? *Primary texts will be in English.*

5 Tuesdays, Jan 24-Feb 21, \$60/\$70, 8-9 pm JLSLAW00WZ

### Jewish Theatre and Film: From the Yiddish Stage to Hollywood



What are *Jewish* theater and film? Should we look to language, religion, sensibility, nationality? Must the producers, actors, or characters be Jewish? Join **Dr. Olga Gershenson**, associate professor of Judaic & Near Eastern Studies at the University of Massachusetts, to discuss such questions and consider Jewish performance from an historical perspective (focusing on the 20th century) and explore how Eastern European Jewish theatre enters the American mainstream.

6 Thursdays, Feb 2-Mar 8, 7 pm, \$100/\$120 JLSSTA00WZ

### Women of the Bible—Deborah, Yael, Batsheva, Rachel



Some biblical women are never identified by name—Potiphar's wife, the Benjaminite concubine, Jephthah's daughter—while others have given their names to countless women, Jewish and non-Jewish. Who were these women whose names still resonate? What did their stories mean millennia ago and what do they mean today? Join **Peter Feinman**, president of the Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education to unravel the mysteries of these biblical women.

4 Tuesdays, Feb 28-Mar 20, 7 pm, \$60/\$75 JLSMYS00WZ

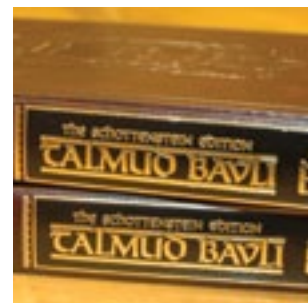
### Ruth: Two Love Stories



Popular teacher **Sandra Rapoport** brings a new perspective to *Megillat Ruth*, a fascinating book that tells two stories—the first, a loyal and loving relationship between a young Moabite daughter of idolaters and an older God-fearing Israelite woman. The second, a love story between this young woman and an older man who is a prince and judge in Judah. Come learn how these strangers come to trust and love each other and why the story of Ruth has endured.

4 Wednesdays, Feb 29-Mar 21, 7 pm, \$60/\$75 JLSRUT00WZ

### Women in the Talmud



With a focus on the narrative passages in the Talmud, examine rabbinic portrayals of women, asking whether they provide relevant role models for women in our time. **Rabbi Luciana Pajecki Lederman**, Brazil's first female rabbi (at Comunidade Shalom in São Paulo) was ordained in 2005 by the Jewish Theological Seminary. A former JCC rabbinic intern, Luciana is back in New York with her family to pursue further studies. *No Hebrew required!*

6 Tuesdays, Mar 27-May 8 (except Apr 10), 7:30 pm, \$90/\$110 JLSLTA00WZ

# JEWISH MULTICULTURALISM

Take advantage of these unique opportunities to discover intriguing facets of Jewish life, experience the richness of Jewish multiculturalism, and celebrate the diversity of the Jewish people.



## The Musical Tradition of the Jews of Russia

You've heard of the Three Tenors? Meet the Three Sopranos—Russian-born singers, musicians, and cantors: **Mariya Dubinskaia**, Shaarei Tefilah; **Marina Shemesh**, Brotherhood Synagogue; and **Natasha Hirschhorn**, music director of Anshe Chesed. Join us for a concert of secular and sacred music that is part of the Russian-Jewish heritage these women carried with them from the former Soviet Union. *Wine and dessert will follow the concert!*

Sun, Jan 8, 3 pm, \$25/\$30 AMCSOP00F2

## The Long History of the Jews of Iran



Encounter the history of Iran's Jewry from time immemorial to the present: Iranian Jewry in ancient times and under Islam; Messianic movements; Karaite Judaism; the Mongol court; in the shadow of Shi'ite Muslims; the crypto-Jews of Mashad; and the intellectual life, education, Zionism, and transformation of the Jews of Iran in modern times. With **Daniel Tsadik**, a PhD from Yale and assistant professor of Sephardic and Iranian Studies at Yeshiva University.

6 Tuesdays, Jan 10–Feb 14, 7–8:30 pm, \$100/\$115 JLSIRA00F2

## Russian Literature: Alive and Well and Thriving in New York City



**Josh Ellison**, editor of *Habitus—A Diaspora Journal*, sits down with several of the Russian-Jewish writers in New York—émigrés and second generation in the States—to discuss the Russian-Jewish literary tradition, immigration in the American imagination, the post-Soviet legacy, generational divides, and other critical themes that connect the work of this diverse group of writers. *Find the names of the writers at [jccmanhattan.org/jewishlearning](http://jccmanhattan.org/jewishlearning).*

Thu, Jan 19, 7 pm, \$10/\$15 JJLHAB00F2



## Jewish-Arab Singers: Little Known Stories + Remarkable Music

**Chris Silver**, senior program specialist at the Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues at the Joint Distribution Committee, blogs at [jewishmorocco.blogspot.com](http://jewishmorocco.blogspot.com). His interest in Jewish-Arab singers has led him to amass a huge collection of their recorded music.

### Session 1: Jewish Musicians in North Africa at 78 RPM: 1904-1956

Chris will tell the stories and spin the records of Jewish musicians who played a significant role in defining North African Arabic music at a time when the phonograph became a fixture of life. They were some of the finest vocalists, instrumentalists, and promoters of this music in their generation.

### Session II: The Untold Story of Israel's Arabic-Singing Jewish Musicians

After 1948, hundreds of thousands of Jews made aliyah, among them some of the most respected and famous Arabic-singing musicians. In the early 1950's, a Moroccan immigrant began recording these artists and founded Koliphone Records. Chris will tell their stories and play their rare recordings.

2 Thursdays, Jan 26 & Feb 2, 7 pm, \$25/\$30 JLSMUS00W2

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## The Jews of San Nicandro: A Remarkable Story of Conversion to Judaism



Author **John A. Davis**, Emiliana Pasca Noether Professor of Modern Italian History at the University of Connecticut, tells the little known story of a community of Italian Catholic peasants who converted to Judaism in the 1930's with the approval of rabbinical authorities and emigrated to the new State of Israel, where a community still exists today. The book draws intriguing links between this astonishing affair and the wider transformation of 20th century Europe.

Tue, Feb 28, 7 pm, \$10/\$15 JJLNIC00W2

## Libyan Jewish Life in the 20th Century



Her mother's unpublished memoir and the memories of **Vivienne Roumani-Denn**—whose family lived in Libya for centuries—serve as our entrée into the world of Libyan Jews. Vivienne will highlight Jewish life from the early period of Italian colonization, the subsequent imposition of fascist racial laws, World War II, and the departure of most of the Jewish community, ending with their final flight in 1967, two years before Qaddafi's revolution. The evening will include the voices of Libyan Jews living in Israel and Italy as well as archival photographs, film footage, and insights into the current situation in Libya. Vivienne has done extensive research on Sephardic Jewish and oral histories of Libyan Jews. She has published and lectured widely and her documentary *The Last Jews of Libya* has since been screened worldwide.

Mon, Mar 12, 7 pm, \$10/\$15  
AMCLBY00W2

## Memoir of a Jewish Athlete in Apartheid South Africa



Join **Lorraine Lotzof Abramson**, author of *My Race: A Jewish Girl Growing up under Apartheid in South Africa*, as she discusses her personal experience as a gifted Jewish athlete under apartheid and her growing unease with the system of social inequality that simultaneously excluded and celebrated her. Having escaped oppression in Eastern Europe, her grandparents found themselves in another oppressive society but this time they were on the "same side" as the oppressors by virtue of their white skin. How they lived in that society and dealt with this situation is part of her story.

Tue, Apr 17, 7 pm, \$10/\$15 AMCSAF00W2

See also under *Featured programs*,  
**Italian Jewish Dishes for a Delicious  
Passover**, Mon, Mar 26, 7 pm.

## Authentic Venetian Shabbat Dinner

What better way to tell the 2000-year history of Jews in Italy than through authentic Italian Jewish home cooking! Join chef **Alessandra Rovati** to create dishes from her native Venice, using delicious local ingredients: Venetian-style marinated fish, rice pilaf with raisins and onions, fettuccine in bagna brusca, savory tomatoes stuffed with Italian breadcrumbs, a traditional roast meatloaf with egg stuffing and Venetian almond dessert.

Thu, Mar 29, 7-9:30 pm, \$85/\$95  
ESUAVS00W2

And enjoy these other  
scrumptious examples of  
*Jewish multicultural cuisine!*

## Shabbat around the World with Shaya Klechevsky

Thu, Jan 26, 7-9:30 pm, \$85/\$95  
ESUSAW00W2

## Mouth Watering Make-ahead Seder with Jennifer Abadi

Mon, Mar, 19, 7-9:30 am, \$85/\$95  
ESUMAS00W2



# THE ULPAN CENTER AT THE JCC

## New York City's premier location for learning modern conversational Hebrew.

The Ulpan Center at the JCC features morning and evening classes Monday through Thursday. We use the Israeli Ulpan method and materials to teach and improve Hebrew language skills—speaking, comprehension, reading and writing. You'll find small, interactive classes at all levels taught by experienced, native Hebrew speakers.

JCC members enjoy a 15% discount on every Ulpan class!

### Winter/Spring Semester:

16-session classes begin the week of February 20

#### Schedules and Registration

Our course schedule can be viewed online at [jccmanhattan.org/hebrew](http://jccmanhattan.org/hebrew). To have a schedule faxed or mailed to you, please contact Ulpan director, Adina Marom at 646.505.4426. Be sure to register early to guarantee a place in the class of your choice. Register by February 2 and receive \$25 off all Ulpan courses. Please note: all students must start at the beginning of the semester.

#### What level of Ulpan is right for you?

• **Students with no knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet:** You may register for the Beginner Aleph class by calling 646.505.5708. Beginner Aleph classes will be offered on:

16 Thursdays, Feb 23-Jun 14 (except Apr 12),  
10 am-noon ULPBAT01W2  
7-9 pm ULPBAT02W2

• **For new students at all levels above Beginner Aleph:** Placement is necessary with the Ulpan director, Adina Marom. To make an appointment for placement, call 646.505.4426, e-mail [amarom@jccmanhattan.org](mailto:amarom@jccmanhattan.org), or download a placement test online at [jccmanhattan.org/hebrew](http://jccmanhattan.org/hebrew).

• **For students continuing in the Ulpan program:** If you wish to register for a winter/spring Ulpan class, and you studied during the spring, summer, or fall 2011 semesters, please log on to [www.jccmanhattan.org/hebrew](http://www.jccmanhattan.org/hebrew) and register for the next class in sequence. For example, if you took Beginner Aleph, you may register for Beginner Bet; if you took Intermediate Bet, you may register for Intermediate Gimmel. If you have any questions about your level, please call Adina Marom at 646.505.4426.

## HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS

### A Free Taste of Hebrew

If you're curious about the Ulpan method, here's your chance to experience this unique way of learning Hebrew. Sign up for a complimentary beginners' class that will introduce you to the Ulpan method. Call registration at 646.505.5708.

Tue, Feb 7, 10-11:30 am, Free  
USPTAS01W2  
Tue, Feb 7, 6:30-8 pm, Free  
USPTAS02W2

### Six-Week Free Hebrew Crash Course

Sign up for the Hebrew Crash Course to learn the Hebrew alphabet and how to read in only six weeks! In conjunction with The National Jewish Outreach Program. Space is limited; pre-registration required.

6 Thursdays, Feb 9-Mar 15, 6:30-8 pm,  
6 Thursdays, May 24-Jun 28, 6:30-8 pm,  
Free USPHCC01-02W2

### Improve Your Hebrew Reading Skills!

A course specially tailored for those who have completed the Hebrew Reading Crash Course. Continue to build your Hebrew reading skills as you consolidate and hone the skills you have built during the Hebrew Crash Course.

5 Tuesdays, Mar 20-Apr 24 (except Apr 10), 7:30-9 pm, \$100/\$125  
USPCON00W2



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## ADVANCED HEBREW

### Hebrew Newspapers

16 Mondays, Feb 20-Jun 18 (except Apr 9 & May 28), 6:30-8 pm, \$410/\$480  
ULPNEW00W2

### Modern Hebrew Short Stories

16 Tuesdays, Feb 21-Jun 19 (except Apr 10 & May 15), 6:30-8 pm, \$410/\$480  
ULPHEL00W2

### Sefer v'Sefel: Hebrew Book Club

Celebrate Israeli literature with The JCC in Manhattan's Israeli Book Club. This is a free monthly event; no registration required. Discussion and books are in Hebrew.

4 Saturdays, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 10, Apr 14, 3-5 pm, Free

## Can't study Hebrew this winter?

Summer may seem far away but if you're thinking ahead, consider an Ulpan intensive class. Each four-week session includes three-hour classes at all levels, Monday through Thursday, daytime and evening. (We also offer weekly classes at all levels during July and August.)

Session 1: Jul 9-30 (16 classes)  
Session 2: Aug 6-27 (16 classes)

Students in Ulpan summer intensive classes receive a free pool and fitness membership for each four-week session. It's the best deal in town!



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## SEASON AT A GLANCE

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7-8:30 pm

**Judaism 102: Even More Basics!**  
10 Tuesdays, Jan 10-Mar 13, 7-9 pm

**Interested in Conversion? Start Here!**  
Tue, Jan 17, 7-8:30 pm

**Judaism 101: Come Learn the Basics!**  
10 Mondays, Jan 23-Mar 26, 7-9 pm

**Topics in the Evolution of Jewish Law**  
5 Tuesdays, Jan 24-Feb 21, 8-9 pm

**Jewish Theatre and Film: From the Yiddish Stage to Hollywood**  
6 Thursdays, Feb 2-Mar 8, 7 pm

**Women of the Bible: Deborah, Yael, Batsheva, Rachel**  
4 Tuesdays, Feb 28-Mar 20, 7 pm

**Ruth: Two Love Stories**  
4 Wednesdays, Feb 29-Mar 21, 7 pm

**Women in the Talmud**  
6 Tuesdays, Mar 27-May 8  
(except Apr 10), 7:30 pm

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