



Congregation Beth Mordecai

Your Jewish Home for the Soul

February 2018

Sh'vat/Adar 5778

The amazingness continues...



Introduction to Hebrew & the Prayer Book



1st & 3rd Wednesdays
7pm – 8:30pm
Safran Hall

January 17 – 1st Class

February 7 & 21
March 7 & 21
April 4 & 18
May 2 & 16
June 6 & 20



The goal of this beginner's class is to make synagogue services more meaningful.

This will be accomplished by both learning the Hebrew alphabet (and practicing by sounding out the text) and by studying individual prayers (and practicing with the translation & transliteration in the prayer book).

Also included will be some songs, a little grammar, a bit of conversational Hebrew and a nosh.

For more information contact Jeremy
(732.331.4049 or straussjer@gmail.com)





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"Tzedaka is equal in importance to all other commandments combined."
-Talmud

**I am pleased to make a contribution of \$ _____
to the following fund...**

☐ **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**
Allows the rabbi to support special programs and individuals in need.

☐ **General Fund**
Applied to the operating budget of the congregation.

☐ **Friday Night Oneg Fund**
Used for cookies and other noshes following Friday night services.
A contribution of \$75 supports one oneg.

☐ **Shabbat Morning Kiddush Fund**
Used for luncheons and noshes following Saturday morning services.
A contribution of \$125 supports one Kiddush.

...in honor, memory or appreciation of:

My Information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

**Please send this contribution form and check directly to the synagogue office.
Checks should be made payable to "Congregation Beth Mordecai".**



**Contributions to the above listed funds may
also be made on the synagogue website
through our secure PayPal link.**

*Your generous and thoughtful support of our funds are
used to enrich & invigorate our community.
Todah Rabbah - thanks to you all!*

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Regina Lowenstein Broten
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Saturday, February 24 - 10:00am - Traditional Torah Service

Menlo Park Mall Food Court

Fun opportunity!



Join us as we gather in the Beth Mordecai kitchen and make our , share stories and have a nosh.

Special CHALLAH Edition
Sunday, February 11
12:00pm
\$10 Suggested Donation

RSVP to Rabbi Metz by February 5
(Rabbi.SaraMetz@gmail.com)

Also, please contact the rabbi if you have a family recipe you would like us to make.



Don't miss this series!

The Science of Tasting



In this 3-part series you will learn the science behind tasting wine, chocolate & cheese. Each month, we will break open the flavor and texture of one of these product categories into individual perceivable attributes, such as showing that “cola flavor” is a blend of spices, citrus, caramelized, sweet, sour, and bitter notes. We will practice using a large number of foods. With developed tasting skills, you will be better able to articulate your likes, dislikes & preferences and communicate with others who have a similar passion for food. The series will be taught by Sharon Bender, a Sensory Scientist with 20 years of professional experience in the food industry.

Series

Wine

Chocolate

Cheese

Series Dates

Saturday, February 17 at 7pm

Saturday, March 10 at 7pm

Saturday, March 24 at 7:30pm

RSVP with Payment by:

Monday, February 12

Monday, March 5

Monday, March 19

Cost

\$60 – series

\$25 – individual class

RSVP to:

OfficeBethMordecai@gmail.com

Pay Online [HERE](#) (note this event under “add special instructions”)

Don't forget to sign up!

Purim Casino Night

SCROLL & ROLL

*Feeling lucky?
Take a chance!*



SATURDAY, MARCH 3
7pm at Casino Mordecai
(244 High Street, Perth Amboy)

\$36 per person for \$250 in chips/play money

Black Jack, Poker, Roulette & Craps Tables
Hors d'oeuvres, Viennese Dessert Table & Wine
Cash in Winnings for Raffle Prize Tickets

To RSVP call 732.442.1373 or email OfficeBethMordecai@gmail.com



Come & Support Rabbi Metz!

JEWISH TEXTS IN POPULAR MUSIC



Many classic and popular singer / songwriters use the Bible and traditional Jewish texts, including Pirke Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) as inspiration for their songs.

Come and join this interactive and exciting class filled with music,

discussion and interpretation. We will learn about the songs and the texts from artists ranging from Sting to Louis Armstrong, Bob Marley and Pete Seeger. We'll discuss the lyrics and their meanings, their connection to biblical texts and the times in which they were written.

Rabbi Sara Metz grew up in North Haven, Connecticut, and graduated with a BA in American Studies and Near East and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University. She received rabbinic ordination from The Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and master's degrees in Jewish Education and Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University. She has participated in Clinical Pastoral Education at UCLA Medical Center, an interfaith pastoral education training and internship, meeting with patients offering comfort and presence during times of illness. Rabbi Metz was also selected to participate as Fellow with Jewish, Muslim and Christian seminary students as part of the Fellowship at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics to discuss lessons about the Holocaust on modern professional ethics and practical theology.



Rabbi Sara Metz is the rabbi of Congregation Beth Mordecai, an inclusive, warm and welcoming community in Perth Amboy, NJ.

DATE: THURSDAY EVENINGS, FEBRUARY 1, 8 and 15, 2018

TIME: 7:30 PM

COST: FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY AS SPACE ALLOWS.

PRE-REGISTRATION STRONGLY REQUESTED



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