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INSTRUCTORS

Our instructors are Rabbis, Rebbetzins and guest lecturers, all who share a profound understanding of Judaism, are passionate about what they teach, have a down-to-earth approach to teaching and create a safe study environment for their students.

PARTICIPATION

We are a non-membership organization. Everyone belongs. Look through our catalog of courses, lectures and classes and choose those that appeal to you. You can register online at www.jewishacademy.info or by calling our office at 215.497.9925. If you have any questions, please contact our program director, Allison, at allison@jewishcenter.info or our director, Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein at rw@jewishcenter.info. They can both be reached at the above number as well.

We understand the discomfort of a first time student entering a new environment to learn. **We encourage you to simply try any one class of your choice. Simply let us know. This class will be on us.** Just contact Allison at allison@jewishcenter.info and let her know which class you would like to choose.

Our objective is to provide you with the opportunity to study Judaism. We remain committed to this. If you feel there is any way that we can provide special assistance to ensure attendance, please feel free to contact us and we will do all that we can to help.



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The Annual Jay Michael Swartz

Memorial Event

An Evening With Gary Portnoy

The story of the *Cheers* theme song

Join us for an intimate evening with a legendary songwriter for an evening of music and story. Learn about Gary's personal story and evolution, his Jewish roots and how he became a legendary songwriter and singer.

Bio: Gary is best known for co-writing and singing "Where Everybody Knows Your Name," the theme from the hit television series "Cheers." Thanks to that song — as well as the themes to "Punky Brewster" and "Mr. Belvedere" among others — Gary was honored by ASCAP (The American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers) for having composed the most performed television themes for six consecutive years.

Gary is a two time Emmy nominee — for the Cheers theme and for "I Still Believe In Me," a song he co-wrote for an episode of "Fame."



Wednesday

December 14, 2016

7:30 pm

At the Glazier Jewish Center

25 N State Street, Newtown

Fee:

Front Row Table Sponsor: **\$500**

Table Sponsor: **\$250**

Per person: **\$25**

Bar Stools: **\$15**

Beer will be available for purchase.

**AUCTION OF GARY'S
AUTOGRAPHED SHEET MUSIC**

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Election 2016

Gun Control & Immigration: What does Judaism Say?

**Instructors: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein
and Neil Hoffman Esq.**

JLI CLE Accredited Gun Control

What are we supposed to do about gun violence? Should we seek to change permissive gun laws? Should we alter restrictive gun laws? How do we balance competing interests? Should we let the evil of the few result in a restriction of freedom for the many? What teachings from the Torah are relevant to this topic, and how might they shape the discussion?

JLI CLE Accredited Immigration

There are those who want the U.S. to become more lax with its immigration policy, allowing more people into this country at a quicker pace and with fewer restrictions. In fact, there are some who go so far as to say there should be no restrictions whatsoever on any immigration. On the other hand, there are those who would like to see less immigration and want to be more cautious about who is allowed to enter and reside in this land. What teachings from the Torah are relevant to this topic, and how might they shape the discussion?

**THIS COURSE HAS BEEN
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A 2 week seminar offered twice

1. Wednesday, September 14, 21

7:30 - 9:00 pm

At the Glazier Jewish Center

25 N. State Street, Newtown

Fee: \$36

2. Wednesday, November 2

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

737 2nd Street Pike

Southampton, PA 19866

Fee: Free

Followed by a deli lunch



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How Success Thinks:

Whether it's at home,
in our careers
or personal life,
everyone craves success.

The question is,
how do we get there?

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

There is no one magic pill or secret formula to become an overnight sensation. Success is a product of who you are, what you believe, how you behave, and lots of hard work. Nobody can do the work for you, but Jewish wisdom and positive psychology has much to offer to set you on the road to becoming the effective person you crave to be.

This course provides uniquely Jewish ways of thinking to help you develop a growth mindset, identify and cultivate your signature strengths, deal with your weaknesses, and overcome the obstacles that stand in the way of your success.

Every class recording is made available to you in the event you miss a class!

A 6-week course on Mondays
Beginning:

Monday November 7, 2016

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

BONUS: Additional 30 minute Q&A secession from 7:00-7:30 pm beginning with week 2

At the Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

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Talmud Interactive

Ethical Conundrums.

Ancient Debates.

Your Solutions.



Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

Strange as it may seem, this is a course without a topic. Instead, it provides an **engaging new approach** to Talmud study. Each lesson presents a unique legal case with a **seemingly impossible ethical conundrum**. Through an exploration of original Talmudic texts, participants will search thousands of years of tradition and practical experience to find innovative insights and discerning solutions. Students will study the texts in pairs, and arrive at their own conclusions. **Utilizing an electronic polling system**, all participants will communicate their answers. This course provides an exciting new method to engage with Talmud wisdom, as was done in the Yeshivahs of old. With the aid of new technological tools students will find a philosophical foundation to face the ethical quandaries in their lives with confidence.

A 6-week course on Mondays
Beginning:

Monday January 23, 2017

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

At the Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

Fee: \$99

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Survival of a Nation:

Exploring Israel
Through the Lens
of the Six-Day War

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

What does Israel mean to us today?
More than a history, this is a course about connection; about understanding our connection to our land, to our people, and to our heritage. In celebration of 50 years since Israel's historic victory during the Six-Day War, we will study through the prism of fascinating and thought-provoking events and themes from that time.

A six week course on Mondays
Beginning:

Monday, May 1, 2017

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

At the Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

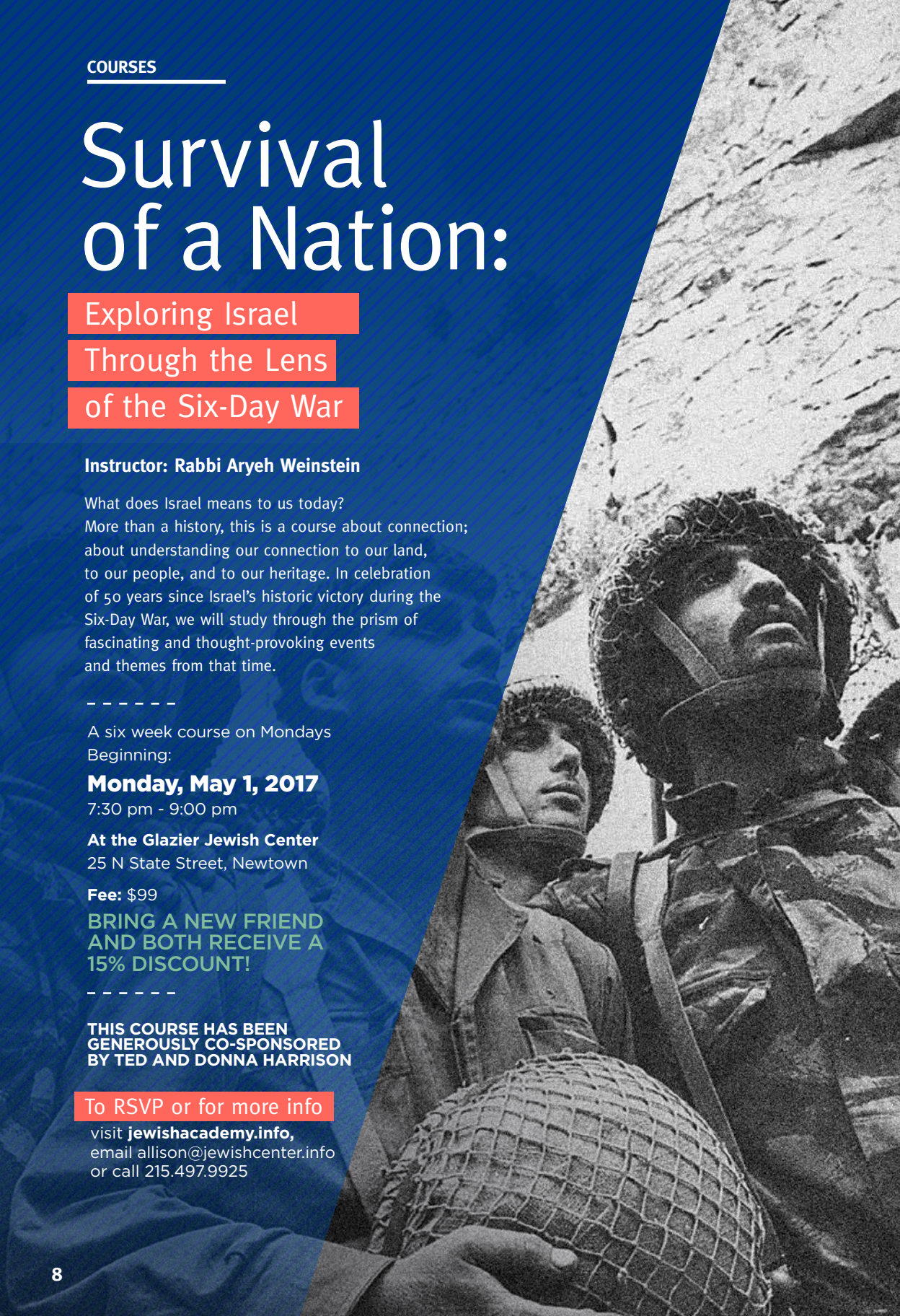
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Hebrew Reading

Refresher Course

Instructor: Mrs. Candy Singer

Do you know how to read Hebrew, but need a refresher? This course is designed exactly for that. Taught by Mrs. Candy Singer, in 4 weeks you will regain your reading mastery of the Hebrew language. We will be using some of the well know High Holiday prayers to practice which will surely enhance your High Holiday experience.

A 4-week course starting on September 8th with a bonus class on September 1st

Thursdays

September 8, 15, 22, 29

Bonus Class: September 1

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

At the Glazier Jewish Center

25 N. State Street, Newtown

Fee: \$29

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Hebrew Reading Course

Do you regret never having learned the Hebrew alphabet?

Instructor: Mrs. Candy Singer

Do you feel lost in services because you can't follow along? Do you want to read the Torah in the language it was given? This is your opportunity to master reading the Hebrew language! We'll be using the very effective Aleph Champ program, taught by our most dedicated, popular, and seasoned teacher, Mrs. Candy Singer.

A 6-week course on Tuesdays
Beginning:

Tuesday, January 10

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

At the Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

Fee: \$49



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A Class for Women

Opening the Tanya

A guide to
harmonizing the needs
of our body and soul

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

If you would enjoy joining a group of women looking to enrich their lives, this class is for you.

Women continue to find support and guidance from this class where thoughts and discussions are shared freely. Using the seminal document of the Tanya as our text, we explore and solve the dilemmas of life by arriving at the root causes of our struggles. It helps us understand ourselves and to explore our spiritual life.

Monday mornings

Session I: September 12, 19, 26

Session II: November 7, 14, 21

Session III: December 5, 12, 19

Session IV: January 9, 16, 23, 30

Session V: February 6, 13, 20, 27

Session VI: May 1, 8, 15, 22

9:30 am - 11:00 am

At the Glazier Jewish Center

25 N State Street, Newtown

Fee:

3-week sessions: \$25

4-week sessions: \$36

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Weekly Talmud Study

You heard about
the Talmud
but did you ever study it?

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

Now's your chance to experience it's wisdom, it's stories and it's hair splitting analysis. Join our intimate round table group of men on Sunday mornings as we discuss a section of the Talmud.

Most Sunday Mornings

9:00 am

The Shul at Yardley

1444 Yardley-Newtown Road, Yardley

Fee: Free



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Torah with Rosie

Relevant Messages
from the Weekly Torah Portion
and Current Holidays

Instructor: Rosie Weinstein

Around her dining room table, join women who receive inspiration and meaning as Rosie shares her heart and spirit. Using the weekly Torah portion and holidays as a guide, the discussion focuses on how they are relevant, meaningful and inspiring for our day-to-day living.

Wednesday Mornings
November 2, 9, 16, 23
December 14, 21
January 11, 18, 25
February 8, 15, 22
March 15, 22
May 3, 10, 17

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

At the home of Rosie Weinstein
201 N. State Street, Newtown

Fee: Free

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A NEW MONTHLY COURSE FOR WOMEN
FROM THE ROSH CHODESH SOCIETY



Instructor: Rosie Weinstein

Life is tumultuous, like a ship crashing about on the waves of a roaring ocean storm. At times it can seem directionless, with unexpected challenges throwing us about in every which way. However, fortunate for us, buried within our tool chest is an anchor we can cast to restore stability.

This course is about taking to heart life's simple truths, the ones that empower us to overcome our everyday struggles; not by facing the challenges one by one, but by finding our center and aligning with our inner truth.

It is a spiritual search for G-d, but from a cosmopolitan, down-to-earth, and plain-spoken approach. It's about training ourselves to see G-d in the small miracles of everyday life and about gaining perspective when we're in the gym, on the road, or in the kitchen.

In Simple Truths we grapple with fundamental Jewish viewpoints that profoundly shift our perspective. We train ourselves to see G-d's hand in every situation; and, where G-d is

discovered, challenge becomes opportunity, negative becomes positive, setback becomes turning point, and vulnerability and weakness become impetuses for growth and connection.

December 7 March 1, 29
January 4 April 26
February 1 May 4

11:00 am- 12:30 pm

At the home of Rosie Weinstein
201 N. State Street, Newtown

Fee: \$15 Book Fee

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Tanya X

Explore and Experience
the Powers of the Soul

Instructor: Rabbi Yudy Shemtov

In this highly inspiring study session of one of Judaism's most revolutionary books on the science of the soul, we will explore and EXPERIENCE the powers of the soul, and uncover the roadmap to guide us in life's journey. Through a thorough examination of this old, but refreshingly new text, you will understand the nature of personal struggle, it's meaning, it's purpose, and it's value.

The course will involve a text study as well as experiential activities and tools to make this a course with real results.

The Tanya was published in the late 18th Century by the first Lubavitcher Rebbe and has since been a guide to generations of Jews until this day. Find out what touched many Jews and how you can glean from these valuable teachings.

Thursdays

Session 1: January 5, 12, 19

Session 2: March 23, 30, April 6

Session 3: June 22, 29, July 13, 20

7:30 pm

At the Glazier Jewish Center

25 N State Street, Newtown

Fee:

\$36 per session

Materials for course is \$60

There is a one time signup fee for material. Sign up fee includes a 3 part series with an overview of Tanya to be listened to prior to registering for course.



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Torah Studies

A weekly

parsha class from JLI

Instructor: Rabbi Zalman Blecher

The Torah Studies program brings you the tradition of classical Jewish learning in a series of clear and engaging weekly classes. Probing the ideas and issues presented in each week's Torah portion, the Torah Studies classes offer timely lessons for living – from the most timeless of all texts. Beginning with the Exodus Series, the Torah Studies program will take you through the yearly cycle of the Five Books of Moses, introducing you to new planes in spiritual, social and self awareness – one week at a time.

Session I: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23

Session II: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21

Session III: Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1

Session IV: Feb. 8, 15, 22, March 1

Session V: March 15, 22, 29 April 5

Session VI: April 26, May 3, 10, 17

Session VII: May 31, June 7, 14, 21

At Lubavitch of Yardley

1444 Yardley-Newtown Road

Fee: \$36 per session

\$180 - Dedicate a session in honor or in memory of a loved one.



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Gratitude Seminar

How has your
week been?

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

Do you remember all the good things that happened or those flew right by you?

Join us as we embark on a journey to rediscover the sunshine in life and appreciate all we have. Changing our perspective can change the way we experience life on a daily basis. The Waking Up To Life Seminar is a workshop focused on developing the attitude of gratitude. Focusing on positive psychology and the Jewish concept of thankfulness, this 90 minute highly interactive seminar is sure to change the way you get out of bed in the morning.


**Wednesday
January 8**

7:30 pm

At the Glazier Jewish Center
25 N. State Street, Newtown

Fee: \$18
(includes the take-home
packet and CD)

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WAKING
UP TO
Life



NEW!

Kolel Boker

A new advanced
Torah study for men

Instructor: Rabbi Aryeh Weinstein

One day a week, give yourself the treat of an advanced Torah study session. Treat yourself and go into work a little bit later. If you're retired, this is perfect for you.

This session will include:

- Hebrew translation of Torah (30 minutes)
- Talmudic Textual Study Training (60 minutes)
- Study of Jewish Law (30 minutes)

Tuesday mornings

Session I:

Sept. 13, 20, 27

Session II:

Nov. 8, 15, 22

Session III:

Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20

Session IV:

Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31

Session V:

Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Session VI:

March 7, 14, 21, 28

Session VII:

May 2, 9, 16, 23

8:00 am - 10:00 am

At the Glazier Jewish Center

25 N State Street, Newtown

Fee: 3 week session \$60

4 week session \$80

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50 Children

The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus

In early 1939, Nazi policy still allowed Jews to leave Germany, but few countries would grant them asylum. Yet in Philadelphia, a Jewish lawyer, Gilbert Kraus and his elegant wife Eleanor, leaving their own young children behind, took it upon themselves to get 50 Jewish children out of Austria. This tense and compelling story, narrated by Alan Alda, is brought to life by private journals and a trove of previously unseen home movies.

Saturday Evening
December 10, 2016

7:30 pm

At the Glazier Jewish Center
25 N State Street, Newtown

Movie Hosts: Stan and Sherry Paul

Fee: \$10 (Popcorn Included)

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The Green Prince

Set against the chaotic backdrop of recent events in the Middle East, Nadav Schirman's *The Green Prince* retraces the details of a highly unprecedented partnership that developed between sworn enemies. In the style of a tense psychological thriller, this extraordinary documentary recounts the true story of the son of a Hamas leader who emerged as one of Israel's prized informants, and the Shin Bet agent who risked his career to protect him.

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BeginningWithin.com Website and Podcast Launch

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At the core of everything, all of our challenges and issues in life, especially in regards to our relationship with our own selves, others and God is the need to begin within. Beginning within is all about asking ourselves repeatedly the one question that matters in every situation. That question is, "what can I do about this situation?" Beginning within is about changing the one person we can change. Beginning within is about learning that by transforming ourselves we transform the world.

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Personal Judaism Coaching Program

**A tremendous opportunity
and challenge awaits you.**

You may be one of the many who have little Jewish education and would like to know more. For “new comers” to an unfamiliar environment, learning the basic fundamentals of Judaism is a formidable and often overwhelming challenge. We have therefore created the Personal Judaism Coaching Program.

Seize this opportunity to rediscover Judaism and quench your thirst for spirituality. This program will provide personalized guidance on how you can begin learning about and appreciating your Jewish heritage. You are welcome to arrange a meeting with one of our qualified Rabbis to discuss your background and knowledge. We will determine which subjects most appeal to you and at what pace your time permits you to study. We will also help you choose from an assortment of traditions that you may want to begin observing to bring more meaning into your or your family's life. The totality of the program will be tailor-made to your needs. The program will include a number of classes, workshops, personal reading and online study. You set the pace.

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