

Morning Course Descriptions

The Second Tablet: Raising the Bar on Human Relationships

Rabbi Zischa Shaps

This class will focus on the 2nd half of the Ten Commandments, those related to interpersonal relationships. How have these laws, given close to 3,500 years ago, transformed large parts of the world and provided an essential structure for positive relations between people?

Light Breakfast will be served.

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 9:00 am ● □

Too Blessed to be Stressed: An In-depth look at the Practice of Blessings

Rabbi Leibish Hundert

The topic of Blessings is detailed and intricate, profound and intimate. This class will answer the following questions: What are blessings and how can they help us to grow as people?

Monday - Friday 9:15 - 10:30 am ● □ ◆

Text in Context: A Guide for the Perplexed.

Michael Kent

While many of us are familiar with the core texts of Judaism, we are often less familiar with their context. What is the place of the Tanach in Jewish belief? What historical and political realities influenced the authorship of the prophets, Megillot, and other writings? Why two Talmuds? Thousands of years in, why are new theological texts still being produced? Join us as we address these and other questions while providing context to the Jewish library.

Monday - Friday 9:15 - 10:30 am ● □

Life Lessons from Pirkei Avot

Dena Hundert

This class will use the teachings of Pirkei Avot to guide us in building and enhancing our relationships with our body, soul, family, society, and HaShem. Topics explored will include: music, health, silence and personal responsibility.

Monday - Friday 10:45am - 12:00 pm ● □ ◆

Evil Bilaam and His Blessings

Shaindel Simes

Who was Bilaam? What was his mission? What was the mission of the donkey? If Bilaam was so evil, why did the donkey speak to him? Why wasn't the donkey saved for posterity to recall the miracle? Topics to be discussed include: hatred corrupts, flattery gets you nowhere, selective memory, and whether the glass is half full or half empty?

Monday - Friday 10:45 am - 12:00 pm ● □ ◆

ALL MORNING CLASSES TAKE PLACE AT HILLEL LODGE



Table of Symbols

- = Beginner Level Class
- = Intermediate Level Class
- ◆ = Advanced Level Class