



The Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education courses at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El offer a wonderful chance to deepen your understanding of Jewish thought, culture, and identity. These programs are made possible through the generous gift of the estate of Gertrude Lederman. The value she placed on Jewish education became the cornerstone of her legacy of lifelong learning in our congregation.

Summer Quarter Courses

The fee for Continuing Education courses is \$60 per quarter for NSS Beth El members and \$125 per quarter for guests. Payment for one course includes any additional classes during the same quarter at no additional charge. **Register at** <https://nssbe.shulcloud.com/form/continuing-ed-summer-2024-class-registration-form.html>.

Summer Stories with Rachel Kamin

**Mondays, 1:00 -2:00 pm and/or 8:00-9:00 pm
July 8, July 22 and August 5**

In *The Hebrew Teacher*, three Israeli women, whose lives have been altered by immigration to the United States, seek to overcome crises. Join Rachel Kamin to discuss these stirring novellas by celebrated Israeli author Maya Arad. **Class will meet in-person and/or on Zoom. Quarter Fee: Summer** (includes a hardcover copy of the book)

Breaking Jewish News & Views with Carl Schrag

Wednesdays, 9:45-11:00 am, July 17 & 24 and August 7 & 14

This weekly discussion-based class zooms in on local, national, and global news through a distinctly Jewish lens. Carl Schrag, who was the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, brings a journalist's probing questions to every topic. **Class will meet on Zoom. Quarter Fee: Summer**

Beautiful Brokenness: Building a Vessel for Loss with Rebecca Minkus-Lieberman

Thursdays, 11:15 am – 12:30 pm, August 1, 8, 15 & 22

Add meaning to your summer by exploring the poignant period of time in the Jewish calendar between the 17th of Tammuz and the 9th of Av, a period known as a time for mourning loss and brokenness. We will explore sources of Jewish wisdom from the Talmud and midrash, as well as selected poems and excerpts from Mary Pipher's book *A Life in Light*, as we delve into the ways in which these weeks in the calendar can open us to seeing and holding our loss and brokenness with courage and tenderness. **Class will meet in-person and on Zoom. FREE for Beth El members; \$125/guests.**

Because the cost of tuition should never be a barrier to participation in our NSS Beth El classes, we do offer financial assistance. Please contact Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org for scholarship information.

Free Classes

Writer's Beit Midrash

Wednesdays, 9:30 am, June 5 & 26, July 10 & 24, and August 7 & 21

All fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published or not yet published) are welcome for discussions, exercises, camaraderie, and critique every other Wednesday morning. **Class will meet in-person. FREE**

Adult Torah Trope with Hazzan Jenna Greenberg

Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, June 25 – August 6

Unlock the secret of chanting Torah, decode the melody patterns, and learn the "how" as well as the "why" of Torah cantillation. This is the perfect opportunity for: people who would like to learn to chant Torah for their friends' and family members' B'nai Mitzvah or other *s'machot*; anyone who has taken this class before but wants to refresh their skills; or anyone who wants to become a Torah reader to earn a Team Torah cookie in 5785. Comfort with reading Hebrew text is required. **Class will meet in person or on Zoom. FREE**

Artist Beit Midrash: The SMYLE Initiative

Thursday, July 11, 11:15 am (after HAZAK Fitness)

Join the Smyle Initiative to create two alcohol ink based plates – one to donate and one to keep. Join us for learning, prayer and an act of *chesed* (kindness). **Class will meet in person. FREE**

A Closer Look at Our Books of Worship with Rabbi Alex Freedman

Thursday, July 25, 11:15 am (after HAZAK Fitness)

We are very comfortable using the *Siddur Lev Shalem* and *Etz Hayim Humash* in our Shabbat services. But each of these books offers many more tools and features, which will greatly enhance our use of them. This class will review all the different components of these books to enable readers to get more out of them in services and anytime. **Class will meet in person and on Zoom. FREE**

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Michael Schwab

Thursday, August 29, 12:00-1:00 pm

Join Rabbi Schwab at Beth El or from the comfort of your own home or office for study and discussion. **Class will meet in-person and on Zoom. A complimentary lunch will be served at Beth El!**