

HAMAQOM | THE PLACE

Where curiosity meets Jewish community.

Formerly Lehrhaus Judaica

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WE BELIEVE: THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCK OF JUDAISM IS A RELATIONSHIP. WE'RE INDEPENDENT, ENGAGE MULTIPLE VIEWPOINTS, AND ARE THE PLACE FOR ANYONE WHO IS CURIOUS TO LEARN ABOUT AND ENGAGE WITH JUDAISM. HAMAQOM | THE PLACE.

HMQM.ORG

NEW!
37°NORTH IS HAMAQOM'S INITIATIVE FOR ADULTS 25-45 YEARS OLD WHO ARE SEEKING MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA.

FIND YOUR PLACE

Programs starting now. Register today at **HMQM.org**

ORGANIZATIONS SHOWN ON THIS MAP HAVE BEEN RECENT PARTNERS OR HOSTS OF HAMAQOM|THE PLACE PROGRAMS.

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A New Name & A Broader Vision

The name Lehrhaus Judaica has served us well as an educational institution. As we re-introduce ourselves as a community-building organization, our new name encapsulates who we are becoming and our emerging identity as a decentralized endeavor: meeting people where they are, both locally and regionally. For more information about our vision, mission, and name, visit HMQM.org.

**Welcome to
HAMAQOM|The Place!**

With social activities grounded in learning and ritual, we are The Place for building, nurturing, and enjoying a vibrant Jewish life. Examples include monthly Shabbat dinners and bi-monthly Jewish learning over dinner.

To find out more about 37°North and add your name to our mailing list, contact our Associate Director, Jason Harris, at jason@hmqm.org.

Kevah Groups



Create Your Own

Kevah Groups are formed based on a customized, participant-driven approach to education and often meet in participants' homes. The group host and members shape the character of the group by choosing who to invite, the topic of study, and the time and place to meet. HAMAQOM matches each Kevah Group with an outstanding Jewish educator who creates a personalized learning experience based on the group's interests.

Our group support team guides you through each step of creating your group, including recruitment and topic selection, and provides ongoing support to ensure that each group thrives.

Cost varies based on the number of sessions. A pay-what-you-can model is offered to ensure that cost is not a barrier to participation.

Email our Associate Director, Tamar Zaken, at tamar@hmqm.org to start a group.

Community Learning

Mysticism at CJM

HAMAQOM is partnering with the

Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco to bring mystical learning from some of our top educators, as follows:

Kabbalah and Creativity: Dr. Yosef Rosen

Explore meditations on creativity and what they can teach us about contemporary life in workshops investigating texts on making, breaking, and repairing. Classes can be taken individually or as a series.

Thursdays, Sep 5, 12, 19
5:30 – 7pm
**Contemporary Jewish Museum,
San Francisco**
\$36 per class, \$90 for the series

The Mystical Voice

Poets, kabbalists, rabbis, and scholars speak about the mystical strain of Judaism, popularly called Kabbalah. This series of short, lunchtime gallery talks is inspired by the work of Annabeth Rosen, whose practice draws on cycles of destruction and creation.

Rabbi Dorothy Richman
Friday, September 6,
12:30pm – 1:00pm
**Contemporary Jewish Museum,
San Francisco**
**Free with Museum admission
(\$16 general)**

Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan
Friday, September 12,
12:30pm – 1:00pm
**Contemporary Jewish Museum,
San Francisco**
**Free with Museum admission
(\$16 general)**

Facing Immigrants, Facing Ourselves

An afternoon of learning, listening, and sharing our collective immigration stories, in partnership with the Osher Marin JCC, Congregation Rodef Shalom, The Canal Alliance, and the Marin Interfaith Council.

Sunday, January 12, 2020
1:00pm – 4:00pm
Osher Marin JCC, San Rafael

37°North



Chart Your Own Jewish Learning Journey

37°North is the geographic latitude for the Bay Area. 37°N is a place for Jews in their 20s, 30s, and early 40s to both do and create. We offer a platform for regular gatherings and for participants to craft your own experiences. We want to know what sparks curiosity, connection, and meaning for individuals and their peers, and to help you build that.

History and Contemporary Issues

Antisemitism Today

Vlad Khaykin

Using text, the latest research and data, and other multimedia resources, ADL Associate Regional Director Vlad Khaykin will help us understand the phenomenon known as “the oldest hatred”, how it manifests today, and what we can do to combat it.

Thursdays, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
10/24, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12

\$180 | \$144 | \$108

JCCSF, San Francisco

Israel & Eurovision

Ilan Vitemberg

The Eurovision song contest – the single most – watched live TV event in the world – offers a unique lens through which to explore Israeli politics, history, and the national mood.

Tuesdays, 6:30pm – 7:45pm
10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10

\$180 | \$144 | \$108

JCC East Bay, Berkeley



The Jews of Italy: A Journey of 2,000 Years

Jehon Grist

This expanded, web-based course offers seven hours of interactive information about the history and culture of Italian Jewry over two millennia.

October 1 – February 1

\$40 | \$32 | \$24

Online

Discover Israel, Past and Present

Jehon Grist

This six session web-based course offers the panorama of

the Jewish experience in the Holy Land from ancient Israel to the modern state.

October 1 – February 1

\$40 | \$32 | \$24

Online

The Arts

Hebrew Lettering

Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan

Learn the basics of making beautiful Hebrew letters. No knowledge of Hebrew, calligraphy or possession of an arts and crafts merit badge is required.

Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 8:00pm
11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26

\$120 | \$96 | \$72

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The Spirit of Integrity: A Mussar Study Group

Estelle Frankel

Mussar, the ancient Jewish practice of character refinement, forms an integral part of Jewish spiritual life. In this study group we will explore four core virtues using classic and contemporary Jewish sources as well as insights from the field of positive psychology and other spiritual traditions.

Mondays, 7:30pm – 9:00pm
10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9

\$240 | \$192 | \$144

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Classic and Contemporary Texts

Back to the Prophets: Kings II

Ken Cohen

This is an in-depth exploration of each chapter and verse, uncovering the religious, historic and cultural messages of the author, and the historical context of the book's composition and its first audiences.

Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 9:15pm
9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

\$390 | \$312 | \$234

Contra Costa Jewish Day School, Lafayette

Introductions to Judaism



Jeremy Morrison

Introduction to the Jewish Experience (IJE)

This three-part series, which can be taken in any order, introduces students to Jewish culture, history, and practice. Communal and individual Jewish life dances to the rhythm of two different cycles: Jewish lifecycle events and the cycle of the Jewish year.

IJE: Jewish Practice & Lifecycle 1

Rabbi Jeremy Morrison, Jason Harris

We'll look at the connections between Jewish traditions, lifecycle events, and the cycle of the High Holidays.

Wednesdays, 7:30pm – 9:00pm
9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16,

10/23, 10/30, 11/6

\$240 | \$192 | \$144

Temple Sinai, Oakland

IJE: History and Text

Rabbi Jeremy Morrison, Jason Harris

This section of the course will examine the history of ancient Israel, the beginnings of rabbinic Judaism, and modern Israeli history.

Wednesdays, 7:30pm – 9:00pm
Dates TBD

\$240 | \$192 | \$144

Temple Sinai, Oakland

IJE: Jewish Practice & Lifecycle 2

Rabbi Jeremy Morrison, Jason Harris

A continuation of Part 1 above, with an emphasis on the spring holidays of Passover, Shavuot, and contemporary national holidays.

Wednesdays, 7:30pm – 9:00pm
Dates TBD

\$240 | \$192 | \$144

Temple Sinai, Oakland

IJE: Introduction to the Jewish Experience Online **Rabbi Ruth Adar**

An online version of our in-person course follows the content of each class.

Sundays following each Wednesday class.

Wednesdays, 3:30 – 5:00pm

9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10

\$240 | \$192 | \$144

Online

Building Blocks of Judaism

Beth Am Clergy

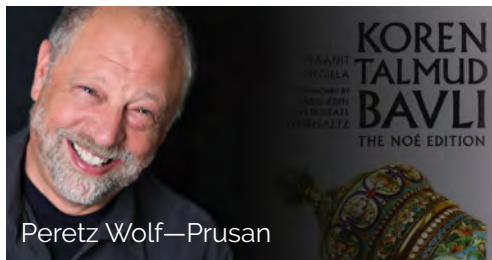
This course is for those who wish to learn (or re-learn) Judaism. All are welcome: non-Jews, Jews, interfaith couples, those considering conversion, and anyone who is interested in learning more about Judaism. Students will learn the basics of Judaism in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Mondays, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9

\$240 | \$192 | \$144

Congregation Beth Am, Los Altos



Peretz Wolf—Prusan

Wednesdays, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

9/11, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/22, 4/29, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/7

\$260 | \$208 | \$156

Mechanics Institute, San Francisco

Sundays, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

9/8, 10/6, 11/17, 12/8, 1/5, 2/2, 3/1, 4/5, 5/17, 6/7

\$350 | \$280 | \$210

Congregation Shomrei Torah, Santa Rosa

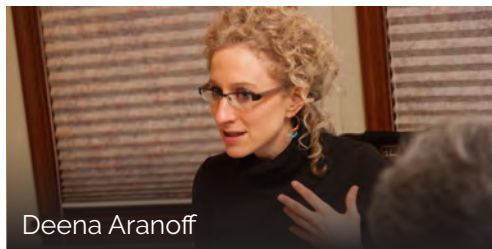
Professor Deena Aranoff

Sundays, 10:00am – 12:00pm

9/22, 10/27, 11/17, 12/15, 1/26, 2/9, 3/15, 4/26, 5/17, 6/7

\$350 | \$280 | \$210

Osher Marin JCC, San Rafael



Deena Aranoff

Rabbi Jennifer Clayman

Sundays, 10:00am – 12:00pm

9/15, 10/27, (11/17*) 12/15, 1/12, 2/9, 3/8, 4/5, 5/3, 6/7

\$350 | \$280 | \$210

Addison-Penzak JCC, Los Gatos

Rabbi Dorothy Richman

Sundays, 9:00am – 11:00am

9/15, 10/27, 11/17, 12/15, 1/12, 2/9, 3/8, 4/19, 5/3, 6/7

\$350 | \$280 | \$210

JCC East Bay, Berkeley

Zohar Circles

Whether you are a seasoned student of the Zohar or a curious first-timer, this Circle provides a unique and accessible portal into understanding the literary

style and theological creativity of Zoharic literature.

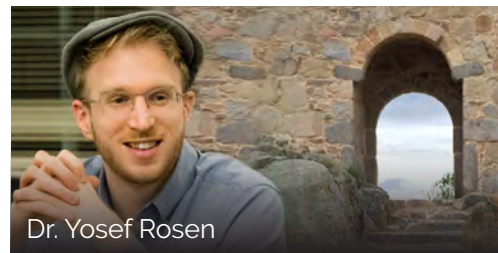
Dr. Yosef Rosen

Thursdays, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

11/7, 11/21, 12/5, 12/19, 1/16, 1/30, 2/6, 2/20, 3/5

\$315 | \$252 | \$189

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Dr. Yosef Rosen

Rabbi Lavey Derby

Mondays, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/2, 12/16, 1/6, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24

\$315 | \$252 | \$189

Peninsula JCC, Foster City

Zohar in Aramaic

This special course within the Zohar Circle is taught by Daniel Matt and is intended for participants with the ability to follow the Zohar in the original (that is, with facility in either Hebrew or Aramaic). The Aramaic text will be provided (along with a Hebrew translation) and participants should obtain Vol. 4 of *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition*

Professor Daniel Matt

Wednesdays, 11:00am – 12:30pm

9/11, 10/16, 11/13, 12/11, 1/15, 2/12, 3/18, 4/22, 5/13

\$315 | \$252 | \$189

Congregation Beth El, Berkeley

Introduction to Zohar

If you are curious about The Zohar and would like an accessible and understandable, open and conversational setting, this downtown lunchtime class is for you.

Thursdays, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

9/12, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/21, 12/12, 1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/26, 4/2

\$260 | \$208 | \$156

Mechanics Institute, San Francisco

Philosophy Circles

My Teacher: Rabbi David Hartman, Seeker of Truth.

Rabbi Wolf-Prusan leads this Circle on his teacher, exploring his radical thinking and compelling ideas.

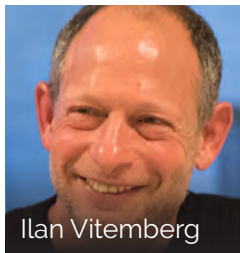
Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan Mondays, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

10/7, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16

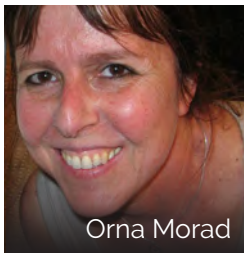
\$175 | \$140 | \$105

Osher Marin JCC, San Rafael

Hebrew



Ilan Vitemberg



Orna Morad

Beginning Hebrew

Ilan Vitemberg

Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 7:45pm

9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16,

10/23, 10/30, 11/6

\$240 | \$192 | \$144

JCC East Bay, Berkeley

Continuing Hebrew

Ilan Vitemberg

Wednesdays, 8:00pm – 9:15pm

9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16,

10/23, 10/30, 11/6

\$240 | \$192 | \$144

JCC East Bay, Berkeley

Advanced Hebrew

Ilan Vitemberg

Tuesdays, 8:00pm – 9:15pm

9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16,

10/23, 10/30, 11/6

\$210 | \$168 | \$126

JCC East Bay, Berkeley

Hebrew Level B (evenings)

Orna Morad

Tuesdays, 7:30pm – 8:45pm

9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/22, 10/29,

11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10

\$300 | \$240 | \$180

Congregation Beth Am, Palo Alto

Hebrew Level B (mornings)

Orna Morad

Tuesdays, 9:00am – 10:15am

9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/24, 10/31,

11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12

\$300 | \$240 | \$180

Congregation Beth Am, Palo Alto

Hebrew Level C

Orna Morad

Tuesdays, 6:15pm – 7:30pm

9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/22, 10/29,

11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10

\$300 | \$240 | \$180

Congregation Beth Am, Palo Alto

Hebrew Level D

Orna Morad

Thursdays, 10:30am – 11:45am

9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/24, 10/31,

11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12

\$300 | \$240 | \$180

Congregation Beth Am, Palo Alto

Hebrew Level E

Orna Morad

Thursdays, 6:00pm – 7:15pm

9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/24, 10/31,

11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12

\$300 | \$240 | \$180

Congregation Beth Am, Palo Alto

Hebrew Level F

Orna Morad

Thursdays, 11:00am – 12:15pm

9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/22, 10/29,

11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10

\$300 | \$240 | \$180

Congregation Beth Am, Palo Alto

Advanced Conversational

Orna Morad

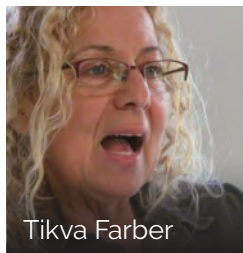
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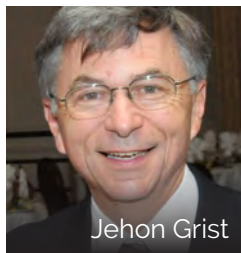
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12

\$300 | \$240 | \$180

Congregation Beth Am, Palo Alto



Tikva Farber



Jehon Grist

Beginning Conversational

Tikva Farber

Tuesdays, 7:45pm – 8:45pm

9/17, 9/24, 10/15, 10/29, 11/5,

11/12, 11/19, 11/26

\$240 | \$192 | \$144

Private home in Mill Valley

Beginning Prayerbook Biblical Hebrew 1A

Jehon Grist

Sundays, 3:00pm – 4:25pm

10/6, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10,

11/17, 11/24, 12/8

\$240 | \$192 | \$144

Private home in Berkeley

Intermediate Prayerbook Biblical Hebrew 2B

Jehon Grist

Sundays, 4:35pm – 6:00pm

9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/22, 10/29,

11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10

\$240 | \$192 | \$144

Private home in Berkeley

Advanced Biblical Hebrew

Jehon Grist

Sundays, 6:05pm – 7:30pm

9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/22, 10/29,

11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10

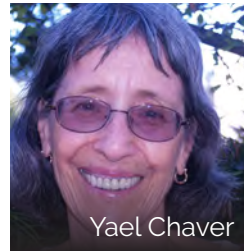
\$240 | \$192 | \$144

Private home in Berkeley

Yiddish



Ken Blady



Yael Chaver

Beginning Yiddish

Ken Blady

Mondays, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

9/16, 9/23, 10/7, 10/28, 11/4,

11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9,

12/16, 12/23

\$360 | \$288 | \$216

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Reading Yiddish Texts

Yael Chaver

Mondays, 7:15pm – 9:15pm

9/16, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 10/28,

11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2,

12/9, 12/16

\$360 | \$288 | \$216

JCC East Bay, Berkeley

TRAVEL WITH HAMAQOM | THE PLACE



Italy and the Jews: A Shared Heritage of Two Millennia

October 16–26, 2019

Pre-Tour Extension, October 14–16
Naples • Monte • Cassino • Pompeii

Italy's Jewish community has sculpted an image of beauty, character and resilience. Our tour will visit every feature of its heritage, from Jewish catacombs in Rome to the vitality of Jewish life today. We'll also explore Italy's world-famous cultural life, from the great museums of Rome, Florence and Venice to a Tuscan cooking class.

Tour leader: Jehon Grist, Ph.D.

Tour manager: Ariel Goldstein



The Jews of Germany: Creativity, Catastrophe, and a Remade Community

June 11–23, 2020

Munich • Nuremberg • Leipzig • Dresden • Berlin • Hamburg

Join us for an exploration of Jewish heritage across a country weighted with Jewish creativity, catastrophe, and, today, a remade community. We'll visit Jewish sites of significance throughout the above cities, including Berlin's Jewish Museum, Hamburg's old synagogues, and the Dachau concentration camp.

Tour leader: Fred Rosenbaum

Tour manager: Ariel Goldstein

In partnership with Tiyul Jewish Journeys
Contact Ariel Goldstein for more details at (510) 833-5854 or ariel@tiyuljewishjourneys.com.