

Fall/Winter Courses

Celebrating the Path of Torah and Mitzvot

Three Sunday Afternoon Workshops on The Mitzvah of Torah Study

- **What is Torah?** Why do we say Torah contains everything? Why is Torah considered equal to all mitzvot?
- **How to Study Torah:** Four Worlds of wisdom: How Torah becomes your life and your life becomes Torah.
- **A Model Torah Learning Session** based on the Parshah of the Week.

Dates: Oct. 11, 18 and 25, 2 – 3:30 pm

Taught by MAGGID MELVIN METELITS
in the P'nai Or Beit Midrash Room

• **Pre-register at mmetelits@yahoo.com**

The Afterlife Journey of the Soul in Kabbalah

Taught by REB SIMCHA RAPHAEL, PhD.

Does Judaism believe in the afterlife? Unequivocally, the answer is yes! However, today many are unaware of traditional Jewish wisdom on life after death. Learn about Judaism's afterlife teachings, particularly in Kabbalah and Hasidism.

Begins with a light Seudah Shlishit, the third meal of Shabbat and ends with havdallah. Simcha's new book will be for sale. Potluck offerings to augment the meal are welcome.

Date: at the end of Shabbos, Oct. 24, 5-7pm

In the P'nai Or Davvenen' Room

• **Pre-register at drsimcha@daatinstitute.net**

The Rise and Fall of the 2nd Jewish Commonwealth

Taught by HAROLD GORVINE

Jewish History comes alive when taught by history professor Harold Gorvine. The **Second Temple period** in Jewish history lasted between 530 BC and 70 AD, when the Second Temple of Jerusalem existed, and ended with the Roman destruction of Jerusalem. Get the inside story!

Dates: Sunday, Nov. 8 and 15 11 – 12:30

in the P'nai Or Beit Midrash Room

• **Pre-register at gorvine@gmail.com**

The Lord's Prayer as A Jewish Prayer

Taught by RABBI MARCIA PRAGER

Study this Jewish Prayer (yes, really!!) in Hebrew and Aramaic. You will be delighted and surprised!

Date: Monday evening October 26 and Nov. 2.

At the home of Amy and Jean on Germantown Ave in W.Mt.Airy. • **Pre-register at amyemann1@verizon.net**

Beauty and Light: A spiritual writing journey in preparation for Chanukah

Taught By RABBI MALKAH BINAH KLEIN

How did the rose ever open its heart and give to this world all of its beauty? It felt the encouragement of light against its being, otherwise we all remain too frightened. –Hafiz

Great beauty lies within each of us, waiting to be discovered and expressed. We will engage in a writing practice, with the opportunity to read our writing aloud, as a path to shining light on our inner knowing. Bring a journal, an open heart, and a favorite pen.

Date: Sunday Dec. 6 10 am – 12 pm

in the P'nai Or Beit Midrash Room

• **Preregister at tforstater@yahoo.com**

What is a Tallit? How do we tie Tzitzit?

Taught by RABBI MARCIA PRAGER

Sunday Nov. 22 2 – 4pm

in the P'nai Or Beit Midrash Room

(small cost to buy tzitzit)

• **Pre-register at PnaiOrRabbi@aol.com**

Creative Writing: Write a New and Personalized Eshet Chayil.

Facilitated by JANET NEUFELD

Create an original Eshet Chayil, "Woman of Valor," poem of praise that you would want read to you, or that you would read to a loved one in your life, based on text from Proverbs 31.

January 24 11:30 – 2ish

At Janet's home in Collingswood NJ / Includes brunch.

• **Pre-register at janneufeld@aol.com**

Shabbat Afternoon Learning at P'nai Or

Our famous "Shabbat Shmooze" series – These are sometimes scheduled in advance or can be "pop-up" sessions on great topics.

Look for:

• **Music on the Lawn – in our Sukkah Oct 3**

• **Seth Fishman teaching more lessons from Reb Zalman**

• **Other special guests on great topics through the year**

Date and Time: 2pm, various Shabbos afternoons, following our P'nai Or potluck lunch.

MUSIC AT P'NAI OR

Details on the website!

www.pnaior-phila.org

SACRED SOUNDS LABORATORY

With Joey Weisenberg

PO Artist-in-Residence.

A monthly participatory singing event

Join **Joey Weisenberg's Spontaneous Jewish Choir** in which we explore new Jewish Spirituals.

We experience new music as it's coming into being, and become part of the process of its creation. Come to join in the singing or just to listen. This is not a concert. It is a communal musical/spiritual practice session. **First Thursdays of the month, Sept – April. 7:30pm**

DRUM AND CHANT CIRCLE

A monthly late Shabbat afternoon gathering

Explore the blend of voice and skillful use of percussion to engage us in deepening the journey of Jewish prayer, song and chant.

5pm at the end of Shabbat, the last Shabbat of the month. Including havdalah, as appropriate to the time of day.

Beginning Sept 26

P'nai Or Philadelphia

P'nai Or Philadelphia is a welcoming and diverse Jewish congregation. Our name, P'nai Or, means "Faces of Light."

We come together for prayer, study, and celebration, building a vibrant spiritual community to effect personal and global transformation.

We meet on Jewish holidays and every Shabbos (Saturdays, 10:30 am. to 1:00 pm.) in our light and spacious Davvenen' Room in the **Summit Church Community Wing, 6757 Greene Street in the West Mount Airy neighborhood of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19119.**

Our *davvenen'* (prayer-style) is musical, celebrational and participatory, blending Hebrew and English song and chant with reflection, meditation, learning and sharing. Throughout the year we also sponsor classes, get-togethers, and holiday celebrations.

Shabbos Morning services are followed by a vegetarian/dairy potluck lunch.

An hour of lively, participatory **Torah study** precedes our Shabbos Morning *davvenen* at 9:15 am.

Beit Midrash Classes

are our gift to promote spiritually alive Jewish learning. We invite donations-of-the heart so that we can support our teachers. Your financial contribution is welcome!

Shabbat afternoon classes are free for all who attend.

- Visit us at www.pnaior-phila.org

Always check our Facebook page, website and your email for updates.

P'nai Or Philadelphia Beit Midrash Upcoming Courses

The Beit Midrash
is a project of P'nai Or Philadelphia,
the Jewish Renewal Congregation in
the heart of West Mt. Airy.



**P'nai Or
brings together teachers and seekers
for learning
that touches the soul
and lifts the heart.**