Exploring the Tanach (30 Sessions)
This ongoing class is in its eleventh year at the BJE. Master educator, Dr. Jane Shapiro, inspires students to dig deeply into the meaning of the Tanach by way of ancient and modern commentaries. The same group of students, with the addition of several new people each year, love learning together and see this class as an intrinsic part of their lives. The learning community of 15 women and one man read the text carefully, sharing commentaries and adding midrashim for a strong literary approach both in chevrutah (partners) or as a class.
Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m., BJE Campus
Begins September 17th, 2019
Tuition: $630

Kol Isha: Voices of Jewish Women (5 Sessions)
Fran Alpert and Betsy Dolgin Katz will be teaching their seventh year of Kol Isha: Voices of Jewish Women. For 2019-2020, the Kol Isha curriculum takes a different turn. Using The Commentator's Bible, students will be studying the Book of Genesis at a high level through the detailed reading of medieval and added modern commentaries.
Monday mornings 10:00 a.m.-noon, BJE Campus
Begins September 9th, 2019
Tuition: $135

Jewish News Update (JNU) – Two Formats
Carl Schrag, former Editor of the Jerusalem Post, has turned this class into one of our most popular learning opportunities. After successfully teaching the Rachel Wasserman Scholar Course, Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict for two years to a large group of enthusiastic learners who were mostly Melton graduates, master educator Carl’s in-depth course on current events has attracted many students. Because of its popularity, we are offering two different sessions:
Wednesday 9:45-11:15 a.m., 12 Fall & 12 Spring Sessions
Tuition: $275/each semester
Tuesday 7:00-8:30 p.m., 10 Fall Sessions
Tuition: $230

Study in the Suburbs
Each of the three study sessions in the winter will be centered on crisis in our lives. Relying on source material from Biblical and Rabbinic texts, there will be discussions on the principles and interpretation of Jewish law over the centuries and how to apply these responsa to contemporary dilemmas. This popular “lunch and learn,” held at the BJE, attracts business leaders and serious learners from the surrounding suburbs for 1½ hours of lively debate and learning. Twenty to thirty learners typically attend this offering.
Thursdays: January 23, February 20 and March 19, 2020
Noon – 1:30 pm
Lunch: $15. Tuition: NC

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Congregation Etz Chaim
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Congregation Beth Shalom, Naperville
Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Temple Chai, Long Grove
Saturday, September 21, 2019 @ S’lichot and Sunday, September 22, 2019 @ Parenting Session
For questions and to RSVP contact Rolly Cohen at 847-291-7788 x1304 or roolly@bjechicago.org

MELTON REFUND POLICY
Full tuition refunds, less a $25 processing fee, will be given after first class. No refunds after completion of the first week of class.
No refunds on course books.

ONLINE REGISTRATION - bjechicago.org
If using a credit card, a surcharge will be added.

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WHAT IS THE FLORENCE MELTON SCHOOL OF ADULT JEWISH LEARNING?

A two-year educational program designed to offer adults well-rounded, in-depth study of Judaism in a user-friendly environment.

In a format developed at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, adult learners from diverse backgrounds learn about our heritage and culture in an intellectually stimulating, non-denominational environment.

Students explore classic Jewish sources, from biblical through contemporary texts, and investigate issues of Jewish thought, practice, ethics and Jewish history.

INCLUDED IN THE TEXT-CENTERED CORE CURRICULUM

### Year 1
#### Rhythms of Jewish Living
- Examines the Jewish calendar, holidays, and life-cycle events. Students explore ideas, beliefs and practices that define Jewish life.

#### Purposes of Jewish Living
- Explores Jewish thought and beliefs. Essential Jewish theological concepts are presented through in-depth examination of the Bible, Talmud and other sacred texts.

#### Jewish Professionals Cohort
- Specialized Core Year I & Year 2 curriculum designed specifically for educators and professional staff at Jewish religious and communal organizations.

#### Modern Living: Maintaining Balance
- Offers ways to find balance in our lives by discovering answers in timeless Jewish texts. The course focuses on family, work, community and self.

#### We Are What We Remember:
The Ever-Evolving Transmission of Jewish History
- Takes students on a journey of deep examination of Jewish texts. The Scholars Curriculum presents classic and modern texts that have shaped Jewish perspectives for thousands of years and invites students to lend their voices to the ageless pursuit of Jewish wisdom.

#### Crossroads of Jewish History
- Spotlights defining periods in Jewish history and provides an understanding of how these crossroads have shaped Judaism as we know it today.

### Year 2
#### Ethics of Jewish Living (NEWLY REVISED)
- Addresses the relationship between Jewish life and ethical behavior. The focus is on how Jewish tradition shapes our relationship with other human beings.

### Other Courses in the Curriculum

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