

## BJE ENRICHMENT COURSES (NOT PART OF THE MELTON SCHOOL)

### 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 chevrotah (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, (The Mikraot Gedolot), 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 reponsa 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

## ONLINE REGISTRATION - [bjechicago.org](http://bjechicago.org)

If using a credit card, a surcharge will be added.

Contact Rolly Cohen for more information at 847-291-7788 x1304 or [rolly@bjechicago.org](mailto:rolly@bjechicago.org)

## CONSORTIUM MEMBERS (IN FORMATION)

A consortium of member agencies enhances the Melton School program in Metropolitan Chicago. Current members of these agencies may participate in classes at a reduced fee.

Anshe Emet Synagogue

Congregation Beth Judea

Congregation Beth Shalom, Naperville

Congregation Beth Shalom, Northbrook

Congregation Etz Chaim

Moriah Congregation

North Shore Congregation Israel

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El

Temple B'nai Israel, Aurora

Temple Chai

West Suburban Temple Har Zion

Melton Courses also offered at the BJE Campus, Northbrook & JUF/Federation, Chicago.

## TRY A FREE TASTE OF MELTON

See for yourself what high-quality, meaningful adult Jewish learning is all about.  
**Join us for a FREE hour of learning**

**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**

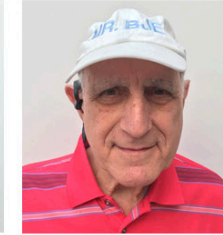
**For questions and to RSVP contact Rolly Cohen at 847-291-7788 x 1304 or [rolly@bjechicago.org](mailto:rolly@bjechicago.org)**

## 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.

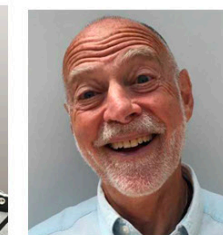
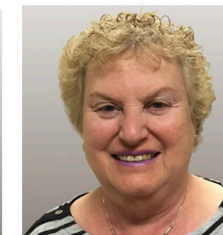
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**Adult Jewish Education**  
**BJE Chicago Melton School**  
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## WHAT IS THE FLORENCE MELTON SCHOOL OF ADULT JEWISH LEARNING?

### 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.

### 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.

#### 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.



## OTHER COURSES IN THE CURRICULUM



#### Foundations of Jewish Family Living

Provides a thought-provoking encounter with the core values of Judaism. This rich learning experience will provide an opportunity for adult students to bring the conversation home to share with their children and families.

#### The Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum (10 sessions)

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.

#### 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 (4 sessions)

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 (4 sessions)

Explores the impact of collective memory. Participants will encounter in a number of different ways one of the most powerful keys to Jewish survival: the enduring determination to never forget.

#### NEW for 2020!

#### Jewish Answers to Life's Most Challenging Questions (4 sessions)

When dealing with life's hardships and disappointments, when the suffering is overwhelming or the loss is devastating, many people ask themselves timeless questions. These will be explored in this course.

## MELTON SITES 2019-2020

### Northern Suburbs

#### BJE Campus

3320 Dundee Road, Northbrook

**Core II** – Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.,

sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom, Northbrook

**Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum:**

**The Star and the Crescent**

(Fall) Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Israeli Literature**

(Winter) Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Jewish Answers to Life's Most Challenging Questions**

**(4 sessions)**

(Fall) Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom, Northbrook at:**

**BJE Campus**

3320 Dundee Road, Northbrook

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.,

**Bundling Core – Jewish Holiday Core**

**(8 sessions)**

#### Moriah Congregation

200 Taub Drive, Deerfield

**Core I** – Wednesdays, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

**Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum:**

**Shemot II**

Thursdays, (Fall) 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

**Bemidbar**

Thursdays, (Late Fall) 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

#### North Shore Congregation Israel

1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe

**Bundling Core – Jewish Holiday Core**

**(8 sessions)**

Mondays, (Fall) Noon – 1:00 p.m.

#### North Suburban Synagogue Beth El

1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park

**Core I – Rhythms only**

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### Northwest Suburbs

#### Congregation Beth Judea

5304 RFD, Long Grove

**Jewish Answers to Life's Most Challenging Questions (4 sessions)**

(Fall) Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

#### Temple Chai

1670 Checker Road, Long Grove

**Foundations of Jewish Family Living –(Zoom)**

**5 Sessions**

(Fall) Wednesdays, 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

(Spring) Wednesdays, 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

**Jewish Answers to Life's Most Challenging Questions (4 sessions)**

(Spring)

## MELTON SITES 2019-2020

### Western Suburbs

#### Congregation Beth Shalom, Naperville

772 W. 5th Avenue, Naperville

**Core I** – Wednesdays, 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.,

#### Temple B'nai Israel

400 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora

**Maintaining Balance**

(Fall) Sundays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

**We Are What We Remember**

(Fall) Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

#### Congregation Etz Chaim

1710 South Highland Avenue, Lombard

**Core II**

Sundays, 12:30 – 2:45 p.m.

**Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum:**

**Social Justice**

(Fall) Mondays, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**Jewish Denominations**

(Spring) Mondays, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

#### West Suburban Temple Har Zion

1040 Harlem Avenue, River Forest

**Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum:**

**Shemot I** (Fall) Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Beresheet I** (Fall) Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

### Chicago

#### Anshe Emet Synagogue

3751 N. Broadway, Chicago

**Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum:**

**Jewish Medical Ethics**

(Fall) Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**The Holocaust in Diaries and Memoirs**

(Late Fall) TBA

**Jewish Denominations**

(Spring) TBA

#### JUF / Federation

30 S. Wells Street

**Core I - Rhythms Only**

Thursdays, Noon – 1:00 p.m.

**Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum:**

**Beyond Borders**

Tuesdays, Noon – 1:00 p.m.

See online registration for actual starting dates.

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