**Kol Isha: Voices of Women**

Fall 2018

Fran Alpert and Dr. Betsy Dolgin Katz team teach, skillfully going from the Bible text to archeological digs.

**The Life, Loves and Legacy of King David:**

King David led a dramatic life. He defeated the enemies of Israel, expanded his kingdom and prepared the way for the building of the Temple. At the time he faced romantic temptations, political intrigue and family rebellion. Has anything changed? He also became a link to the Messiah.

**Monday Mornings 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.**

September 17 / October 8 & 22 / November 5 & 19

BJE Campus, Northbrook IL. Tuition: $130

**Exploring the Tanach (30 sessions)**

This ongoing class, which goes deeply into the meaning of the Torah by way of medieval and modern commentaries, is in its tenth year at BJE. The learning community led by master educator, Dr. Jane Shapiro, helps students read the text carefully, sharing commentaries and adding midrashim for a strong literary approach. New students welcome!

Tuesday mornings, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., BJE Campus

Tuition: $620

**Study In The Suburbs - Lunch & Learn (3 sessions)**

Each of the three study sessions is centered around the ethical issues of our lives. Relying on source material from biblical and rabbinic texts, there will be discussion of the principles and interpretation of Jewish law.

Thursdays, Noon - 1:30 p.m. Spring Dates TBA, BJE Campus

Tuition: $15 per session

**Jewish News Update with Carl Schrag (30 Sessions/10 Sessions)**

Carl Schrag, former Editor of the Jerusalem Post, has turned this class into a sought after learning opportunity. Because of its popularity, we are offering a year-long 30 session course on Wednesday mornings and a 10 session course on Tuesday evenings in the fall.

Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., BJE Campus / Tuition: $600 / Begins 9/5

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., BJE Campus / Tuition: $200 / Begins 10/9

**CONSORTIUM MEMBERS**

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.

Anehe Emet Synagogue
Congregation Beth Judea
Congregation Beth Shalom
Congregation Etz Chaim
Moriah Congregation
North Shore Congregation Israel
North Suburban Synagogue Beth El
Oak Park Temple
West Suburban Temple Har Zion

**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

BJE Campus, Northbrook - 7/31, 10:00 a.m. (Core II)

BJE Campus, Northbrook - 8/7, 7:00 p.m. (Core I)

Etz Chaim, Lombard - 8/26, 12:30 p.m. (Core II)

West Suburban Temple Har Zion, River Forest 9/23, 7:00 p.m. (Core II)

RSVP to Rolly Cohen at 847-291-7788 x1304

**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: bjечикаго.оrg

(Register by August 31, 2018 & avoid Credit Card Surcharges):
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INCLUDED IN THE TEXT-CENTERED CORE CURRICULUM

Year 1 (25 sessions)

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Year 2 (25 sessions)

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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 (10 sessions) Provides a thought-provoking look into 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.

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Jewish Professionals Cohort (25 sessions) Specialized Core Year I & Year II curriculum designed specifically for educators and professional staff at Jewish religious and communal organizations.

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