

CONGREGATION SHAARAI SHOMAYIM  
ADULT JEWISH GROWTH OFFERINGS  
SEPTEMBER 2008 - MAY 2009

HIGH HOLIDAY SERIES - Monday nights, 7:30 to 9 at the Rabbi's home.

Dates: September 8, 15, and 22  
Speaker: Rabbi Paskoff  
Topic: "How Can I Forgive Him After What He Did?" and "How Can I Forgive Myself?"  
Sessions to get us ready for our season of repentance and forgiveness.

HINEINI SERIES –(Jointly sponsored with the Hineini committee) Monday Nights, 7 to 9 in the small Social Hall

Date: October 27  
Speaker: Rabbi Paskoff  
Topic: "Offering Words of Comfort"  
The Jewish basis for a caring response to family and friends in need.

Date: November 3  
Speaker: Tama Etra  
Topic: "Eating Disorders"  
A program developed by the URJ Dept. of Family Concerns focusing on bulimia, anorexia, and like disorders which may develop in teens and young adults as they face the pressures of growing up in today's world

Date: November 17  
Speaker: Panel discussion led by Rabbi Paskoff  
Topic: "Mingled Branches"  
A seminar focusing on intergenerational mixed religion families, and the decisions that must be made to reconcile differing religious and cultural traditions

Date: November 24  
Speaker: Panel Discussion Moderated by [To Be Determined]  
Topic: "The Legal, Social, and Religious Aspects of Homosexuality in Our Jewish Community"

SPECIAL EVENT - ELECTION 2008

Date: Monday, November 10, in the small Social Hall  
Speaker: Dr. Robert Bresler, Retired Professor of Political Science at Penn State, Harrisburg Campus & F & M  
Topic: "The Impact of the Recent National Election on the Jewish Community"

DISCUSSION SERIES: FORGET ABOUT MIRIAM, MAIMONIDES AND HESCHEL, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT MY FEELINGS ABOUT GOD Monday nights, 7:30 to 9 at the Rabbi's home

Dates: December 1, 8, 15, January 5, 12, 26, February 2, 9, 23  
Speaker: Rabbi Paskoff  
Topic: In nine sessions, Rabbi Paskoff will explore with us what it means to have a personal relationship with God. What is that relationship? How do we manage it? How do we talk about it to each other? Most importantly, how do we act on the basis of that relationship? Not a text study, and not an exercise in mysticism, but an honest striving to find our way to God and understand what God means in our daily lives.

MUSIC AND ART SERIES - Monday nights, 7 to 9 in the small Social hall

Dates: March 23  
Speakers: Ann Leisawitz and Harvey Scolnick  
Topic: "The Jewish Influence in American Popular Music"

Date: March 30  
Speakers: Ann Leisawitz and Cantorial Soloist, Sara Eiser  
Topic: The Development of Sacred Music

Date: April 6  
Speaker: Dr. Leo Mazow, Curator of the Museum of Art, Penn State University, Main Campus  
Topic: American Jewish Art

SCHOLAR SERIES - Monday Nights, 7:30 to 9 in the small Social Hall

Dates: March 2, 16, April 27, May 4, 11, 18

Speakers and topics to be announced.

MOVIE NIGHTS - Saturday evenings at 7 in the small part of the Social hall, beginning with Havdalah

November 1 - "Black Book" (2006) (R)

December 13 - "Stolen Summer" (2002) (PG)

January 17 - "Or, My Treasure" (2005) (NR)

February 21 - "Day Night, Night Day" (2006) (NR)

March 7 - "The Band's Visit" (2007) (PG-13)

May 16 - "You Don't Mess With the Zohan" (2008) (NR)

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Friday January 9, through Sunday, January 11

Guest Scholar: Rabbi Karen Kedar

TORAH STUDY

Saturday mornings at 9 to 10:30 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom. Our study is led by Rabbi Paskoff. Dress is informal, and no prior knowledge is necessary. We start with a short service, and then discuss our ongoing verse by verse tour through the Torah. We will start the year at about Chapter 25 of the Book of Exodus.

TALMUD STUDY—begins on October 28

Tuesdays at noon in the small part of the Social Hall. A discussion of selected texts primarily from the Babylonian Talmud, led by Rabbi Paskoff. We try to make the selection of topics relevant for our lives today. Bring your lunch.

HEBREW LANGUAGE STUDY

Basic to intermediate classical Hebrew taught by Rachel Rosenzweig. Classes are Wednesday afternoons from 5 to 6. Call the Temple office to sign up. There may be a small charge for materials.

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