



**Florence Melton Adult Mini-School - Post-Grad Sign-Up Sheet**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information (Please Circle One)**

- Fees:** \$425 for JCC Members – Register before 7/30 for \$415
- \$525 for the Public - Register before 7/30 for \$515
- \$250 for Teachers in Religious Schools, Day Schools, or other Jewish professionals

I have enclosed a check for my registration. Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Here is my credit card information (VISA/MC/DISCOVER):

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on the Card: \_\_\_\_\_

I will call the office with my credit card information.

**I understand that I am not registered in Melton until payment is received.**

# **Important Notice Regarding Post-Graduate Classes**

## **\*\*Please Read\*\***

This year we will continue to offer most post-graduate courses for one semester (14 or 15 weeks). This structure will give you the opportunity to take four courses a year as opposed to two.

However, you must register for a full year of courses at this time. If courses are available you may have the opportunity to change your selections.

**Thursday Morning Learners:** We will be offering three class choices during the first hour and will continue to offer two class choices during the second hour!

### **In order to simplify the registration process:**

Please circle the courses you wish to take (page 3 and/or 4).

You can read Tuesday evening course descriptions on pages 5 – 6

You can read Thursday morning course descriptions on pages 7 - 8

## Tuesday Evening - Fall Semester

### 1st Hour

- ◆ **Genesis 1** with Dr. Larry Laufman
- OR
- ◆ **Wisdom of the World's Religions** with Rabbi Dan Gordon

### 2nd Hour

- ◆ **Chasidism: The Latest Jewish Mystical Movement** with Rabbi Daniel Horwitz
- OR
- ◆ **Exploring Zionism** with Ms. Nada Chandler

## Tuesday Evening - Spring Semester

### 1st Hour

- ◆ **The Holocaust as Reflected in Diaries and Memoirs** with Dr. Julia Mazow
- OR
- ◆ **The Jewish Sixties** with Rabbi Amy Weiss

### 2nd Hour

- ◆ **Reading Heschel's *Heavenly Torah*** with Rabbi Daniel Horwitz
- OR
- ◆ **Exploring the Prophet Elijah** with Mrs. Gabrielle Gelman

## Thursday Morning - Fall Semester

### 1st Hour

- ◆ **Wisdom of the World's Religions** with Rabbi Dan Gordon
- OR
- ◆ **Conversational Hebrew** with Ms. Naomi Barancik
- OR
- ◆ **Understanding Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel** with Mr. Jonathan Fass

### 2nd Hour

- ◆ **Chasidism: The Latest Jewish Mystical Movement** with Rabbi Daniel Horwitz
- OR
- ◆ **Genesis 1** with Rabbi Pam Silk

## Thursday Morning - Spring Semester

### 1st Hour

- ◆ **Judaism's Seven Greatest Books** with Rabbi Barry Gelman
- OR
- ◆ **Conversational Hebrew** with Ms. Naomi Barancik
- OR
- ◆ **Reading Heschel's *Heavenly Torah*** with Rabbi Daniel Horwitz

### 2nd Hour

- ◆ **Jewish Women and their Contributions** with Ms. Nada Chandler
- OR
- ◆ **Genesis 2** (Instructor TBD)

## **Tuesday Evening Classes at the Weingarten Building**

### **Fall Semester - 1st Hour**

#### **Genesis 1** with Dr. Larry Laufman

The Book of Genesis takes us from the universal tales of the creation of the world, the flood, and the Tower of Babel to the foundational tales of Abraham and Sarah, and the beginnings of the Jewish people. The themes of family and faith, honor and dishonor, passion and power provide a rich exploration of our people and ourselves in the first unit of the post-graduate courses created by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**OR**

#### **Wisdom of the World's Religions** with Rabbi Dan Gordon

What can we learn about our Jewishness by studying the philosophy of the other major religions of the world? In this class, we will explore Eastern traditions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism as well as Christianity and Islam. By learning the basic tenets and practices of other faith traditions, we can strengthen our own identity while developing an understanding and respect for how to share the world. Primary text: *The World's Religions*, by Huston Smith

### **Fall Semester - 2nd Hour**

#### **Chassidism: The Latest Jewish Mystical Movement** with Rabbi Daniel Horwitz

What is Chasidism? How did it come about; what concepts and forces contributed to its success? Many Jews learn only the tales of the Chasidic masters; this course will focus primarily on the ideas behind Chasidism, emphasizing selected teachers and schools of Chasidism, with special attention to the branch most familiar to many Jews today, Chabad (Lubavitch). We will also address the question of what benefit non-Chasidic Jews may derive from Chasidism.

**OR**

#### **Exploring Zionism** with Ms. Nada Chandler

The word "Zionism" was first coined in the 19<sup>th</sup> century but reflects an idea that had been present for centuries. This course will briefly deal with the ideas that existed before the 19<sup>th</sup> century, present some of the causes for the development of Zionism, as well as discuss the different forms of Zionism – cultural, social, practical, and political. It will trace these movements through the creation of the state of Israel, and the Zionism of the post-state period. While the prime focus will be the events and writings in the yishuv, and ultimately, the state, the course will also cover the development of the worldwide Zionist movement, with a focus on the United States.

## **Tuesday Evening Classes at the Weingarten Building**

### **Spring Semester - 1st Hour**

#### **The Holocaust as Reflected in Diaries and Memoirs** with Dr. Julia Mazow

Compare and contrast the way members, both young and old, of different European Jewish communities, reacted to the Holocaust through analysis of their writings. Participants will read and discuss writings relating family life, youth and education, cultural and religious life, day-to-day living, and Jewish leadership.

**OR**

#### **The Jewish Sixties** with Rabbi Amy Weiss

Experience the turbulent times of the 60's through a Jewish lens as we explore civil rights, the Vietnam War, radical Jews, the Six Day War, Jewish women and, of course, the sexual revolution. You won't want to miss this class since you may not remember everything that happened in the Sixties!

### **Spring Semester - 2nd Hour**

#### **Reading Heschel's *Heavenly Torah*** with Rabbi Daniel Horwitz

Among the many books of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, *Heavenly Torah* (translated from Hebrew to English over thirty years after his death) is a grand attempt to understand two primary rabbinic ways of understanding God's world, and how they continue to express themselves throughout Jewish history. These approaches are the rational and the mystical, or visionary, paths. Through exploring selected chapters of this inspired work, we will glimpse the impact of both views and how they might be expressed in Jewish thought and life today.

**OR**

#### **Exploring the Prophet Elijah** with Mrs. Gabrielle Gelman

Most of us are familiar with Elijah as either the yearly visitor at our Seder table or at our weekly havdalah celebration at the conclusion of Shabbat. The Bible provides us with many exciting, often surprising, narratives about this early prophet. Our class will explore these tales and examine Elijah's unique character and leadership traits that make him one of the most unforgettable of biblical personalities.

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Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel are the three longest prophet books in the *Tanakh* and relate the history of the Jewish people through the Babylonian exile as witnessed by these prophetic leaders. We will devote a month to each book, exploring the literary structure and theological message of these works.

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## Thursday Morning Classes at the Merfish Teen Center

### Spring Semester - 1st Hour

#### **Seven Jewish Classics: Books that Shaped the Jewish Mind** with Rabbi Barry Gelman

This class will summarize and present a brief analysis of seven of the greatest books in Jewish History. As "The People of the Book", this class will offer a glimpse into seven important works that helped shape Judaism throughout the ages. The study of each book will include a biographical study of the author as well as study of actual texts from each book. (Based on a series delivered by Rabbi Adam Mintz).

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### Spring Semester - 2nd Hour

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When asked about Jewish women who have made major contributions to society or who have held leadership positions, the short list will invariably include Golda Meir and Henrietta Szold. And if the list is expanded to contemporary America, it might also include Diane Feinstein and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Yet, there are many other names that should be as common to us as theirs – women who made or are continuing to make major contributions in politics, religion, literature, and education. Beginning in Biblical times, this course will present women whose names could be as familiar to us as their male counterparts, including Dona Gracia Nasi, Bertha Pappenheim, and Manya Shochat.

**OR**

#### **Genesis 2** (Instructor TBD)

The second unit of the Melton Scholar's curriculum, this course continues an in-depth study of the Bible utilizing traditional and contemporary commentaries as well as art and alternative interpretations. Participants will also be guided in using Hebrew as a tool in developing a richer analysis of some of the greatest narratives of the Bible. In this course, participants complete their study of the Book of Genesis starting with the birth of Jacob and Esau.