

## ADULT CLASSES

Registration is required for adult classes. To register, use the form in this program guide, visit IHC's website ([www.ihcindy.org](http://www.ihcindy.org)) or call 255-6647.

### YEAR LONG

#### **Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class**

**Sundays, September – May**

If Bar or Bat Mitzvah was not a part of your past, make it a part of your future. The curriculum will focus on Jewish texts, Hebrew language and in-depth instruction on prayer. Basic Hebrew reading skills are required. Participation in the class will culminate with a B'nai Mitzvah celebration.

Fee: \$180 includes all materials

### LATE SUMMER

#### **A Taste of Judaism (3 sessions)**

**Tuesdays, August 11-25, 6:00 pm**

Whet your appetite in a three-session exploration of Judaism: spirituality, values, and people. A Taste of Judaism offers a modern, Reform Jewish perspective on living in today's complicated world. Open to non-congregants who are interested in learning about Judaism. No charge.

#### **Jewish Holiday Series - Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur**

**Sunday, August 30, 9:30 – 10:30**

Join IHC clergy to learn about the High Holidays on an adult level. Why do we celebrate as we do? How does the liturgy reflect the themes of the holidays? Reservations not required. *Free child care with advance reservations.*

### FALL CLASSES

#### **Modern Jewish History (6 sessions)**

**(Basic Judaism class)**

**Tuesdays, October 13 – November 17, 6:00 pm**

This class will focus on the seminal events in Judaism and Jewish life during the modern years beginning with the French Revolution. We will look at the creation of the various Jewish denominations, Jewish life in America, Zionism, immigration, the Holocaust, Israel and more.

Fee: \$30

#### **Beginning Hebrew Reading (12 sessions)**

**Tuesdays, October 13 – November 17, January 12 – February 16, 6:00 pm**

For those who have never learned Hebrew (or have forgotten what they once knew!), this class is an introduction to Hebrew. Students will learn the Hebrew alphabet and begin putting the letters together to read words. This course satisfies the basic Hebrew requirement for those who want to participate in a future adult B'nai Mitzvah class.

Fee: \$60 members / \$75 non-members (fee includes text & vocabulary flashcards)

#### **Jewish Holiday Series - Sukkot & Simchat Torah**

**Sunday, September 20, 9:30 am**

Why do we build sukkot and dance with the Torah scrolls? Join IHC clergy to learn about this and much more. Reservations not required. *Free child care with advance reservations.*

**Shabbat On Tuesday** (6 sessions)

***Tuesdays, October 13 – November 17, 6:00 pm***

How many times during the week do we take five actual minutes to stop? How often do we find a moment to draw our eyes away from computer screens and phone messages and recharge? Join Rabbi Fox this year to take a break with our oldest Jewish prayer practice, Jewish meditation. No experience needed! Come learn as we take time to enjoy this guided, easy and accessible way to unwind, and return to your day refreshed!

Fee: \$30 members / \$45 non-members

**One Crack! Two Bam! Mah Jongg Basics** (6 sessions)

***Tuesdays, October 13 – November 17, 6:00 pm***

Back by popular request! Learn to play Mah Jongg, an exciting game using Chinese tiles. Why are we offering it? Originally played by Chinese men, it is now largely played in America by Jews (and we'll tell you why!). Perfect for men and women, singles and couples.

Fee: \$35 members / \$45 non-members (includes current Maj card)

**Sundays with the Rabbi**

***Sundays, October 25, November 1 & 8, 9:30 am***

Sunday morning isn't just for children! Participate in a three-week adult program led by Rabbi Krichiver. Stimulating discussion enhanced by lox & trimming to go with a bagel you purchase from Early Childhood. If you can't attend all three, come for those you can! *Free child care offered; reservations required.* Free-will donations to cover the cost of food are appreciated. Reservations not required. (See Winter & Spring for additional *Sunday with the Rabbi* dates)

**WINTER CLASSES**

**Jewish Views on God and Life** (6 sessions)

**(Basic Judaism class)**

***Tuesdays, January 12 – February 16, 6:00 pm***

Judaism is a monotheistic religion but Jews have never had a singular understanding of the nature of God. This Basic Judaism class will survey Jewish understandings of God, good and evil, the meaning of life and other esoteric questions of theology and philosophy. Together we will study some classical Jewish notions of God and try to understand how they resonate with our personal concepts of God.

Fee: \$30

**European Jewry Then and Now** (4 sessions)

***Tuesdays, January 12 – February 2, 6:00 pm***

Jews were first identified in Central Europe in the Middle Ages. This course will explore where Jews lived in Central and Eastern Europe, migration patterns, major issues faced by Jews in Germanic and Slavic countries, and the development of Jewish culture. The course will end by looking at Jewish life and populations in these same areas in the 21st Century.

Fee: \$20 members / \$30 non-members

**Sundays with the Rabbi**

***Sundays, January 24 & 31, February 7, 9:30 am***

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## **SPRING CLASSES**

**Jewish Living 101** (6 sessions)

**(Basic Judaism Class)**

***Tuesdays, March 8 – April 12, 6:00 p.m.***

What are the significant moments in the life of a Jew? Do we call our house of worship “synagogue,” “temple” or “shul”? What makes a home “Jewish”? Do I join B’nai Brith, Hadassah, Council or Federation? How have Jews responded to issues like abortion and homosexuality? What is the Jewish attitude toward proselytism and conversion? Answers to these questions form the core of this six-week class.

Fee: \$30

**Liturgical Hebrew** (6 sessions)

***Tuesdays, March 8 – April 12, 6:00 pm***

Already learned your aleph-bet, and ready to dive into the prayer book? Come and explore the text we use each week, and become more comfortable each and every Shabbat. In this class, we will explore the language and themes found in our Shabbat prayer book, so that each service becomes that much more meaningful.

Fee: \$30 members / \$40 non-members

**Jewish Fiction and Film** (6 sessions)

***Tuesdays, March 8 – April 12, 6:00 pm***

The Torah was our very first story. Since then we have developed bookbinding and film stock but storytelling is still one of the most important things we do as Jews. Our stories help us learn about who we are. Join Rabbi Fox this year to continue the story, have deep conversations and ask the big questions found in fun short stories and our favorite movies, and explore the retelling of our lives on paper and screen.

Fee: \$30 members / \$40 non-members

**Sundays with the Rabbi** (3 sessions)

***Sundays, March 15 & 22, April 19, 9:30- 10:30 am***

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**5776 / 2015 – 2016 ADULT JEWISH CLASSES**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City /Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*All Tuesday evening classes meet at 6:00 pm.*

**YEAR ROUND**

\_\_\_\_ Adult B'nai Mitzvah Sun \$180 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**LATE SUMMER CLASSES**

\_\_\_\_ Taste of Judaism Tues/3 wk NF- RR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ One Crack! Two Bam! Tues / 6 wk \$35 M\*/\$45 NM\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*M = IHC member NM = Non-Member \*Fee includes text or supplies*

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

Charge total due to \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ VISA # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required for charges) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to IHC Adult Education, 6501 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260

## **BASIC JUDAISM**

*To learn what you may have forgotten or what you never knew!*

A series of adult classes, offered over a two-year cycle, for those who wish to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of Judaism and Jewish heritage. The classes are designed for those discovering Judaism for the first time as well as a “refresher” course for those who wish to strengthen their Judaic background.

*Modern Jewish History, Jewish Views on God and Life and Jewish Living 101* will be offered during the current programming year. *The Rhythm of the Jewish Year, The ABC's of Being Jewish and Unraveling Our Sacred Texts* will be offered during the 2016-2017 programming year. Individuals considering conversion should speak to one of the rabbis before enrolling.

## **ONGOING ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Shabbat Morning Warm-up**

*Saturday mornings, 8:30 am*

Get your Shabbat morning started right with a quick twenty minute musical prayer experience.

### **Tanakh ( Hebrew Bible)Study**

*Saturday mornings, 9:00-10:00 am*

A weekly study group exploring the Tanakh from a religious, literary and socio-historical perspective, seeking greater insight into this age-old, yet timeless, text. IHC clergy leads the discussion.

### **Torah Portion of the Week**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday morning of the month, 9:00 am*

Once a month we forego our regular Tanakh study to explore the weekly portion from Torah. If you've never participated in a text study class before, this is a great one to start you off! Led by IHC clergy.

### **Torah Talk**

*Select Wednesdays, 9:15 am*

An engaging and fresh introduction to Jewish text and sources, always stimulating, and always relevant.

Look for specific dates on IHC's website or in the weekly E-news. Torah Talk is sponsored by Sisterhood and led by Rabbi Krichiver.

### **Book Club**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 12 noon*

Discuss selected Jewish fiction and biographies in an informal setting.

### **News & Nosh Discussion Group**

*4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 4:00 pm*

Congregants meet monthly to discuss provocative articles or current events. Participating in this discussion group provides members a great opportunity to share their thoughts, meet new friends, or catch up with old ones. For more information contact Donna Segal, [dssegal@mindspring.com](mailto:dssegal@mindspring.com), 251-8178.