



ADULT EDUCATION 5781 2020-2021

COME LEARN WITH US AT IHC!

At Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, we strive to make the study of Jewish texts, beliefs, and practices accessible to all our members. Committed to the principles of Reform Judaism, we offer opportunities to explore our traditional texts and customs through our modern day perspectives.

Fostering Jewish identity, Jewish knowledge, and spiritual growth, along with the opportunity to socialize with other members of the congregation, is at the forefront of our efforts. IHC is dedicated to building a “congregation of learners.” We invite you to count yourself among the cornerstones of our community.

For now, all of our classes will be virtual. You will find the Zoom links at ihcindy.org/online (except for the Intro to Judaism class, which will you get upon registration).

Other classes may be added, so be sure to check www.ihcindy.org or IHC's Facebook page often.

ONGOING WEEKLY

TORAH TALK

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30am

Torah Talk is an informal, accessible, and interactive opportunity for adults of all levels of learning to discuss and study Judaism and its texts. Each session stands alone, but you may find you want to become a regular attendee. This ongoing series is sponsored by IHC Sisterhood.

SHABBAT TORAH STUDY

Saturdays, 9:00-10:00am

This weekly Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) study group is currently studying the weekly Torah portions. Led by IHC clergy, the group is guided through the text seeking understanding of the teaching for the time and discussing its message for today.

While on Zoom, we will follow the weekly Torah portion. When we return in person, we will continue moving through the entire Tanakh, line by line. We study using the English translation. No prior knowledge is necessary.

ONGOING MONTHLY

LUNCH & LEARN

Second Thursdays, 12:00-1:00pm
Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14,
Feb. 11, March 11 & Apr. 8

Learn from our clergy and/or special guests as we explore topics affecting our world today. We will combine Jewish teaching with modern applications. Bring your lunch and feel free to eat while we discuss. Our sages taught: “Without sustenance (flour) there is no Torah and without Torah there is no sustenance” (Pirkei Avot 3:21)

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

INTRO TO JUDAISM

Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 & Friday Dec. 4

Taught by IHC's Rabbis Krichiver, Chernow-Reader & Shapiro and Beth Shalom's Rabbi Kerber

Join the rabbis as we take you through an exploration of Judaism. This class is designed for those on a journey toward Judaism and those who need a refresher course. This is a two-part class, with the second portion being offered in the spring. Our fall semester will cover beliefs, texts, and history. If you are considering conversion or wanting to learn more about Judaism, please contact the congregation to register or speak with your sponsoring rabbi/cantor. The Zoom link will be emailed directly to those who have registered and will not be available on the website. *This class is listed in the URJ offerings for Introduction to Judaism and is offered at no charge.

JEW AND RACE: WHAT BLACK LIVES MATTER MEANS TO JEWS

Thursdays, 7-8:00pm Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12 & 19

Taught by Rabbi Brett Krichiver

Are Jews white? Why have the Jewish and African American communities felt such a strong kinship? The Black Lives Matter movement has opened up important conversations in our country around race. Historically the Jewish community has been at the very heart of this discussion. Features 4 – 60-minute sessions. Guest speakers will be invited.

IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36

THE AUDACITY OF HOPE: USING PSALMS TO CONNECT

Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm December 1, 8 & 15

Taught by Rabbi Jordana Chernow-Reader

Join Rabbi Jordana Chernow-Reader to find ways to use the Book of Psalms to connect with spirituality, hope, and social justice. This is a three-part series (*note that it skips the week of Thanksgiving).

IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36

A DEEP DIVE INTO KABBALAT SHABBAT

Thursdays, 7-8:15pm Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4 & 11

Taught by Rabbi Brett Krichiver

Explore the beauty of ancient liturgy, focusing on the specific prayers that begin Friday night services. The mystics of the 16th century would paint brilliant images with their words. They have left us a powerful legacy of the beauty of Shabbat. *Each session will stand alone, so you are welcome to attend all or only as your schedule permits.

IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36

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HISTORY OF REFORM JEWISH MUSIC

Thursdays, 12-1:00pm Feb. 11, 18 & 25

Taught by Cantor Aviva Marer

Come and explore the history of Reform Jewish music with Cantor Marer. Join us for discussion based on communal listening and emotional response. This is a three-part series joining with the first session with Lunch n' Learn.

IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36

INTRO TO JUDAISM

Wednesdays, 6:45-8:30pm Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, Apr. 7, 14, 21 & 28

Taught by IHC's Rabbis Krichiver, Chernow-Reader & Shapiro and Beth Shalom's Rabbi Kerber

Join the rabbis as we take you through an exploration of Judaism. This class is designed for those on a journey toward Judaism and those who need a refresher course. This is a two-part class, with the second portion being offered in the fall. Our spring semester will cover the calendar, life cycles, and rituals. If you are considering conversion or wanting to learn more about Judaism, please contact the congregation to register or speak with your sponsoring rabbi/cantor. The Zoom link will be emailed directly to those who have registered and will not be available on the website. *This class is listed in the URJ offerings for Introduction to Judaism and is offered for no charge.

DIVING IN TO "ODD" PASSOVER DIETARY. RULES & CUSTOMS AND HOW TO HAVE FUN WITH THEM

Thursday, March 18, 7-8:30pm

Taught by Rabbi Roxanne Shapiro

Kosher? Kosher for Passover? Ashkenazi or Sephardic? Yes, to green beans or no? There are so many dietary restrictions and customs, how is anyone to make sense of it all? And why would we? Whether you observe these or just want to find out why some people do, join us for an in-depth and fun look into matzah and more! Learn ways to use this knowledge to make your Passover seder engaging for all!

IHC Members: Complimentary, Guest Supply Fee: \$10

WISE BIBLICAL WOMEN: ROLE MODELS IN THEIR TIME AND FOR US IN OURS

Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm Apr. 20, 27 & May 4

Taught by Rabbi Chernow-Reader

Gather to study and discuss wise biblical women and their everlasting messages.

IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36

Please contact Barbara Chapman at 317.255.6647 or barbarac@ihcindy.org to register for these classes. If you are not yet an IHC member, you can arrange payment at that time.