



ADULT EDUCATION 5784

2023-2024



Register for all non-weekly classes with our Assistant to the Office of Lifelong Learning, Beth Meade-Hession, at BethMH@ihcindy.org or 317-255-6647.

Classes are included with your IHC membership, though material/ticket fees may apply for certain classes. If you are not yet an IHC member, see each listing for the guest fee.

ONGOING WEEKLY CLASSES

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

Saturdays, 9:00-10:00am
Taught by IHC clergy

Led by IHC clergy, the group travels through the weekly portion of the Torah text. We seek to understand the teaching for the time and to discuss its message for today. Along with Rabbinic commentary, participant commentary is encouraged. No prior knowledge is necessary. We study using the English translation. Copies are available at IHC.

Visit ihcindy.org/torahportions to find the exact verses for the week.

TORAH TALK

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30am
Taught by Rabbi Krichiver

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. Check the IHC Calendar at ihcindy.org or our social media for specific dates. Torah Talk is sponsored by IHC Sisterhood.

ENRICHMENTS TO OUR CELEBRATIONS

LEARNERS' MINYAN: THE CHOREOGRAPHY AND MEANING OF OUR KABBALAT SHABBAT T'FILLOT AND MEANING OF OUR KABBALAT SHABBAT T'FILLOT

Taught by Rabbi Krichiver

Fridays, 5:15-6:00pm April 5, 12, 19, & 26

Join Rabbi Krichiver for an "early oneg" for a deep dive into the history and mystical interpretations of familiar Shabbat prayers. No experience is necessary. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36 for the 4 sessions

HIDDUR MITZVAH: BEAUTIFYING THE MITZVAH

Facilitated by Rabbi Shapiro

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2:00-4:00pm

Sunday, Mar. 10, 2:00-4:00pm

Sunday, Apr. 30, 3:00-5:00pm

Chanukah Edition, Pottery By You

Passover Edition, Pottery By You

Shavuot Edition, IHC

Hiddur Mitzvah is the principle of enhancing the mitzvot (commandments) handed down to us. These sessions are hands-on, encouraging creativity, yet no skill is required. We will explore the traditions and customs surrounding each of the ritual items and then use our creativity, along with guidance from experts, to each make our own Chanukah decor, glass Seder plate, and Shavuot cheese board. There is a material fee for all participants for each session which must be paid in advance to reserve your spot. IHC Members: Material fee only - to be published at least 4 weeks prior to the event (typically \$18 - 36 per session), Guests: Material fee, plus \$18 for each session. Due to limited spaces available, members will have priority in registration.

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MORE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

LISTED BY START OF THE FIRST CLASS

PREPARING YOUR HEART FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Sept. 7

Taught by Rabbi Krichiver and Cantor Marer

Explore the themes, language, and sounds of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur found in traditional texts and music. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$54

A CALL FOR JUSTICE: PROPHETS IN THE TEXT AND IN OUR TIME

Fridays, 12:00-1:00pm Nov. 3, 10, & 17

Taught by Rabbi Chernow-Reader

How did the prophets speak truth to power? What happened when they did? What was their vision for a better world? What is ours? This class will explore how the ideals of the prophets are still relevant today. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36

A CHANCE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm

Tuesdays, Nov. 7, 14, Dec. 5, 12, May 7, & 14

Thursdays, Feb. 1 & 8,

Taught by Rabbi Krichiver

This course will explore the most up-to-date information from a variety of sources regarding the dynamics of the peace process between Israel, the Palestinian people, and other countries in the region. Series is spread out over the year to reflect on the changes throughout the year. No prior knowledge necessary. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$54 for the series

THE MILITARY AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE YOM KIPPUR WAR: A RESTROSPECTIVE 50 YEARS IN THE MAKING

Friday, November 10, following Shabbat services

Offered by Tal Schneider, Political and Diplomatic Correspondent for the Times of Israel

On November 10, we will hold a special Shabbat service commemorating 50 years since the Yom Kippur War. Tal Schneider, our guest, will join us for services, and, afterwards, will provide a retrospective of the military and social implications of the Yom Kippur War, as well as an important perspective on the current political and constitutional crisis in Israel. Special thanks to Jerry and Jan Gershman for making this program possible and accessible to all.

KIDS TODAY: USING JEWISH TRADITION TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN A CHALLENGING WORLD

Sundays, 10:00-11:00am Nov. 19, Dec. 4., Jan 21, & 28

Taught by Rabbi Chernow-Reader

Raising children in the world today can be stressful. Come learn from Jewish tradition about how we can support each other as we face these challenges together. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

JEWES AND THE MULTIVERSE: LINKS BETWEEN JUDAISM & SUPERHEROES

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00pm Jan. 9, 16, & 23

Taught by Rabbi Chernow-Reader

What do Thor, Superman, and Stan Lee have in common? Why do so many superheroes have Jewish themes or creators? Join this class to find out the answers to these questions and much more. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36

CULTURE WITH THE CANTOR

Show dates in January, February, March, and May

Facilitated by Cantor Marer

In this arts and education experience, participants will learn about and attend cultural events in the area. For each of the performances, you are invited to join Cantor Marer for a pre-concert lecture series. Cantor Marer will teach about the history of the show's music and composer and will attend the show with the class.

Saturday, January 20, Silenced Voices: World Premier of Anne Frank's Tree, 7:30 p.m. at Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra

Saturday, February 24, Stravinsky & Carmina Burana, 5:30 p.m. at the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, March 17, Driving Miss Daisy, 2:00 p.m. at the Civic Theater

Saturday, May 4, A Little Night Music, 7:30 p.m. at the Toby Theater at Newfields

IHC Members: Cost of tickets, Guests: \$18 per experience in addition to show ticket cost. You must register for each performance (rather than for the series).

“THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO ‘HMMM’”: THE SOURCES BEHIND INTRIGUING TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm Feb. 29, Mar 7, & 14

Taught by Rabbi Shapiro

Have you ever been curious about why Jews do or say this or that or where the tradition started? Come and explore interesting traditions and customs that have made you stop and question. Co-sponsored by IHC Sisterhood. IHC Members: Complimentary, Guests: \$36



MORE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

COURSES REQUIRED FOR ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH AND FOR CONVERSION

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH COURSE

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:15pm, January 30 - March 26

Taught by Rabbis Krichiver, Chernow-Reader, & Shapiro, and Cantor Marer

By Jewish tradition, all Jewish individuals become b'nai mitzvah whether or not they have celebrated by leading a service. If you are an IHC member who was not given the opportunity as a child, converted to Judaism more than 3 years before beginning this preparation program, or feel compelled to be called to the Torah as a b'nai mitzvah experience, this is a wonderful opportunity for you. Preparation is an 18-month process, with this class, other classes of your choice and independent study, culminating in a service on Saturday, February 8, 2025. Participants must register by October of 2023 and will meet with clergy to determine their course of study, including this class that is required. More information on the requirements and material cost is available by contacting the Office of Lifelong Learning.

*This class is only open to those in the Adult B'nai Mitzvah program.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15pm

Fall Semester: October 18 - December 13

Spring Semester: February 28 - April 17

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

Join the rabbis as they 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 one segment in the fall and one in the spring. The fall semester focuses on who we are, where we have come from, and what we believe. The spring semester focuses on the cycles of Judaism - holidays, life cycles, and ritual practices. 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. This class is listed in the URJ offerings for Introduction to Judaism and is offered at no charge.

*IHC members may register for this class for personal enrichment.

Check out our weekly eblasts, IHCindy.org, and/or our social media pages for updates and additions to educational and holiday offerings during the year.

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