

Continuing Education Courses for Melton Graduates

All classes at Zaban Park unless otherwise indicated.



Rabbi Analia Bortz

Rabbinical Answers to Big Questions [#1580]

Consider rabbinical responses to questions that arose over time as Jews met new situations and contingencies. Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Sephardic *Responsa* from the 1200's to today. *Wednesday 10:45 AM, PEP Thursday 8:25 AM at Epstein (20 weeks)*

Steve Chervin

Israel at 60 [#1574]

Review the miraculous achievements and daunting challenges of the State, from the early pioneers through today and into the future. We will look at Israel historically, politically, socially, culturally, and economically. This class will culminate in an optional Melton trip to Israel. *Tuesday 10:45 AM; Wednesday 9:30 AM; Wednesday 8:30 PM*

Maimonides/Three Megillot [#1579]

Fall term: examine the ideas of Moses Maimonides, who summarized all of Jewish law into a single text (*The Mishneh Torah*), and sought to reconcile Torah Judaism with reason. Spring term: study three Biblical scrolls (*megillot*) read in the spring, Esther (*Purim*), Song of Songs (*Passover*), and Ruth (*Shavuot*). *Wednesday 10:45 AM, Wednesday 7:15 PM*

Rabbi Mario Karpui

The Megillot [#1568]

Delve into The Five Scrolls of the Tanakh traditionally read in the synagogue on five holidays: Song of Songs, The Book of Ruth Lamentations, Ecclesiastes and The Book of Esther. *Tuesday 9:30 AM*

Parasha ha Shavuah [#1573]

A fresh look at the weekly Torah portion. *Tuesday 10:45 AM*

Edna Levy

Raising a Mensch [#1577]

Explore fundamental Jewish texts and concepts as Jewish adults and discuss the ways they guide us in developing a child's *neshama* (soul). Especially appropriate for parents, grandparents, or teachers. *Wednesday 9:30 AM*

Thursday 9:35 AM at The Epstein School (PEP 20 weeks).

More Ethical Dilemmas [#1582]

Further explore Jewish views on the personal, interpersonal and social issues of our time, including both timeless questions and such modern topics as the nuclear threat, cloning, and preventing genocide. Thematic exploration of both ancient and contemporary texts. *Tuesday 9:30 AM; Wednesday 12:00-1:00 PM*

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

Black Letters and White Spaces [#1586]

Reclaim midrash – the way that the ancient rabbis read Jewish texts. A whirlwind tour of twenty five hundred years of Jewish thought and contemporary insights. *Tuesday 9:30 AM, Wednesday 8:30 PM*

Different From All the Nations? [#1583]

Investigate the encounter with other cultures as the Jewish people interacted with other cultures and religious philosophies. What has it meant to say that Jews and Judaism are different? *Wednesday 9:30 AM, Wednesday 7:15 PM*

Rabbi Albert Slomovitz

Moses and Messiah [#1581]

Explore the Jewish roots of messianism through Jewish texts and the Book of Matthew from the Christian Bible. Equip yourself for intelligent conversations with your non-Jewish neighbors. *Wednesday 10:45 AM*

After Moses: The Rest of the Historical Story [#1575]

Go beyond the familiar Torah narratives to the subsequent Tanach texts that reveal the story of the Jewish People after they entered the Promised Land-- Prophets, Kings, and the destruction of the First and Second Temples. *Tuesday 9:30 AM*

Rabbi Donald Tam

20th Century Jewish Thinkers [#1578]

Explore Liberal and Orthodox efforts to meet the challenges of modernity by reinterpreting the foundational concepts of God, Torah and Israel. Texts by Martin Buber, Mordecai Kaplan, Milton Steinberg and others *Tuesday 10:45 AM; Wednesday 10:45 AM*

Get in the Elul Mood

Surviving the High Holy Days

Rabbi Paul Kerbel

August 16 and 23 (Elul 2 and 9) 9:30-11:00 AM, 7:30-9:00 PM
\$50 Non-Members / \$36 Members

Explore the central themes and concepts and the key prayers of the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur rituals and customs.

Morning [1595] Evening [1596]

Make this your year to learn Hebrew!

Ulpan classes at all levels Mondays 7:30-9:00 PM

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MJCCA Continuing Education Faculty 2007-8

Rabbi Analia Bortz was the first woman ordained as a rabbi in South America, and she is also a medical doctor. She established bioethics departments in many hospitals in Chile. She and her husband Rabbi Mario Karpuj are the founding rabbis of Congregation Or Hadash (Conservative).

Dr. Steve Chervin holds a doctorate in education from Stanford University, a masters in education from Harvard, and spent a year as a Senior Educator at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In addition to teaching hundreds of Melton students over the past 10 years, he also teaches non-Jews interested in converting to Judaism, teaches Jewish Studies at Emory, and directs The Goodman Institute at Ahavath Achim Synagogue.

Rabbi Mario Karpuj came to Atlanta by way of Argentina and Chile, where he served several congregations as a Rabbi and Educator. After serving as Associate Rabbi of Ahavath Achim Congregation from 2000-2003, he along with his wife Rabbi Analia Bortz became the founding rabbi of Congregation Or Hadash.

Dr. Edna Levy is the current Director of the Lisa F. Brill Institute of Jewish Learning She holds a doctorate in Political Science from the University of California and was the founding director of the Rochester Kollel, a liberal Jewish learning center in Rochester, NY. In addition to her adult teaching skills, Edna has brought her knowledge and enthusiasm to informal education in the cohesive, communal setting that is summer camp

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin is the rabbi of Kol Echad: Making Judaism Matter, a new trans-denominational adult learning community in Atlanta. He is a well-known teacher and author of many books on spirituality, including *Putting God On The Guest List: How To Reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah* and *A Dream of Zion: American Jews Reflect on Why Israel Matters (Jewish Lights)*.

Rabbi Albert Slomovitz served 20 years in the U. S. Navy before retiring in 1999. In addition to his rabbinic ordination, Rabbi Slomovitz has a PhD in American/Ethnic History. Rabbi Slomovitz, recently retired rabbi for Congregation Gesher L'Torah also teaches history at Kennesaw State University. He is the author of *The Fighting Rabbis*.

Rabbi Donald Tam received his Rabbinical Ordination and Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion. Founding rabbi of Temple Beth Tikvah, Rabbi Tam retired in 2005 and is now Rabbi Emeritus.



**MJCCA/Brill Institute of
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Continuing Education
2007-8 Registration**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

MJCCA Member # _____ Non-Member

Synagogue _____

II. Class Choices

Choose any combination of one or more classes.

Zaban Park

Tuesday 9:30-10:30 AM _____

Tuesday 10:45-11:45 AM _____

Wednesday 9:30-10:30 AM _____

Wednesday 10:45-11:45 AM _____

Wednesday 7:15-8:15 PM _____

Wednesday 8:30-9:30 PM _____

Epstein School

NEW!
20 week PEP classes

____ Bortz: Responsa Thursday 8:25-9:25 AM

____ Levy: Mensch Thursday 9:35-10:35 AM

**Select any combination of classes and days.
2007-2008 Fees
CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7TH**

_____ **Non-Members: \$750/2 classes**
\$1125/ 3 courses; \$450/1 class

_____ **Members: \$550/2 classes**
\$825/ 3 courses; \$350/1 class

_____ **PEP at Epstein School \$230/1 class**
\$360/2 classes

**Enrollment on first-come, first-served basis.
Class minimum 18; maximum 25.**

III. Payment:

Total Amount Due: _____

Check# _____ enclosed
(All checks payable to MJCCA)

Visa Master Card (Visa or Master Card only)

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

Registration Information:

- Registration on a first-come, first-served basis
- Refund policy: \$25 processing fee retained.
No refunds after the first month of class
- Minimum 18 students per class
- Maximum 25 students per class

**Mail, Fax, or Leave Registration at MJCCA
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