



Fall 2021 Conejo West Valley Melton Courses via Zoom



The Long Goodbye (Deuteronomy / Devarim)

WITH MICHAEL RAILEANU
OCT. 5, 12, 19, 26, NOV. 2, 9, 16, 30, DEC. 7, 14
10 TUESDAY MORNINGS | 9:30-11:30 AM
\$371 / \$360 CASH DISCOUNT
INCLUDES MELTON BOOK

In our study of Devarim, the fifth book of Torah, we join Moses in his final address to the nation. Standing on the edge of Canaan, we are poignantly reminded it is a land he will never enter. It is here that Moses reflects on his journey through the wilderness, encouraging the people to live with foresight as they make their preparations to enter the Promised Land without him.



Jews in America: Insiders and Outsiders

WITH RABBI DALIA SAMANSKY
OCT. 5, 12, 19, 26, NOV. 2, 9, 16, 30, DEC. 7, 14
10 TUESDAY MORNINGS | 9:30-11:30 AM
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This course provides students the opportunity to consider the challenges of Jewish acculturation to American life along with the great sacrifices and contributions Jewish Americans have made over the past 200 years. Classes explore such topics as the role of education, the Three Generation Hypothesis, Antisemitism and the Holocaust, the changing place of Zionism and the State of Israel in American-Jewish identity, the Civil Rights Movement as a case study of distinctiveness and involvement, and other issues that speak to American Jewish culture and identity.



Prayer & the Siddur: Journey, Encounter, Conversation, Choreography

WITH RABBI LISA BOCK
OCT. 6, 13, 20, 27, NOV. 3, 10, 17, DEC. 1, 8, 15
10 WEDNESDAY MORNINGS | 9:30-11:30 AM
\$371 / \$360 CASH DISCOUNT
INCLUDES MATERIALS

In this course students will encounter the nature of prayer and the structure and elements of a prayer service, along with evident denominational features and historical developments that have impacted our relationship with prayer. Together we will examine reoccurring themes while delving into the deeper meaning of prayer and its effect on us personally, communally, and in our rapport with the Divine.

Melton. Where You Come for the Learning
and Stay for the Community





Have questions? Want to learn more?

Contact Melton Director Pamela Rooks at
pamela@templeetzchaim.org



A Call to Holiness (Leviticus / Vayikra)

WITH RABBI ADAM SCHAFFER
OCT. 7, 14, 21, 28, NOV. 4, 11, 18, DEC. 2, 9, 16
10 THURSDAY MORNINGS | 9:30-11:30 AM
\$371 / \$360 CASH DISCOUNT
INCLUDES MELTON BOOK

Embedded in the laws focusing on sacrificial practices, purity, impurity, and the pursuit of holiness, are messages and values that have great relevance to the universal condition. In this biblical work, students will examine topics such as the Jewish response to tragedy, the role of ritual, parenthood, forgiveness, individual and communal priorities, and the how-to of bringing sanctity into activities of daily living. Through a textual study of selected passages, this course uncovers the depth and wisdom of the third book of Torah revealing enduring messages that touch our lives to this very day.



Biblical Women: Emerging from the Margins through Midrash

WITH REVITAL GOLDREICH
OCT. 7, 14, 21, 28, NOV. 4, 11, 18, DEC. 2, 9, 16
JAN. 6, 13, 21, 27, FEB. 3, 10, 17, 24, MAR. 3, 10
20 THURSDAY MORNINGS | 9:30-11:30 AM OR
20 THURSDAY EVENINGS | 7:00-9:00 PM
\$742 / \$720 CASH DISCOUNT
INCLUDES MELTON BOOK

Delve into classical and modern midrash exploring some of the major female figures of the Bible, gaining multiple perspectives on their characters, relationships, and choices. Utilizing the midrash's strategy that reads texts closely, the "behind the scenes" will be uncovered—clarifying issues that seem unaddressed in the biblical text but can be found when looking for textual hints. Discover how the form and content of midrash changes as contemporary writers and artists add their interpretations to ancient traditions.



The Book of Samuel

WITH MICHAEL RAILEANU
OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, NOV. 7, 14, 21, DEC. 5, 12
JAN. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, FEB. 6, 13, 27, MAR. 6, 13
20 SUNDAY MORNINGS | 9:30-11:30 AM
\$742 / \$720 CASH DISCOUNT
INCLUDES MATERIALS

After the time of the Judges, the people of Israel were leaderless and fighting amongst themselves while beginning to give in to the temptations of the nations around them. The prophet Samuel is God's chosen representative to bring a message of unity. Then the people want a king. In this 20 week course we will go through the two Books of Samuel. We will see their perspective on leadership and their relationship with God go through significant changes. This course will use Robert Alter's Hebrew Bible.

FOR THOSE SEEKING A MORE MEANINGFUL JEWISH LIFE



Never Stop Learning, Never Stop Growing



Living Wisdom Core 2: Ethics & Crossroads

FALL SEMESTER WITH BENZY KOGEN
TWO 15 WEEK SEMESTERS OCT-MAR, MAR-MAY
TUESDAY EVENINGS | 7:00-8:30 PM
\$742 / \$720 CASH DISCOUNT/ASK ABOUT PAYMENT OPTIONS
FULL COURSE INCLUDES TWO MELTON BOOKS

How do Jewish teachings shed light on contemporary issues such as the environment, interpersonal relationships, end-of-life decisions, and stem-cell research? Ethics of Jewish Living explores the wisdom of ancient and modern rabbis, scholars and thinkers, offering multiple Jewish approaches to conducting our lives in the communal and private spheres. Crossroads of Jewish History merges the concepts of history and memory in order to better understand how each has shaped Judaism today. With an emphasis on reclaiming the richness of Jewish history, the chronological exploration investigates significant crossroads where Jews took major decisions that shaped our shared identity and destiny.

Living Wisdom Core 1: Rhythms & Purposes

FALL TRIMESTER WITH LANA MARCUS
3 TRIMESTERS OCT-DEC, JAN-MAR, MAR-MAY
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS | 10:00-11:30AM
\$742 / \$720 CASH DISCOUNT /ASK ABOUT PAYMENT OPTIONS
FULL COURSE INCLUDES TWO MELTON BOOKS

What's the point of living Jewishly? Rhythms of Jewish Living examines a wide variety of Jewish sources to discover the deeper meanings underlying Jewish holidays, lifecycle observances, and Jewish practice. Purposes of Jewish Living explores both ancient and modern responses to many of the major issues of Jewish thought and theology. Why do Jews believe as they do? What are the big questions of life and how do Jewish thinkers answer these questions?



For assistance with registration or tuition, contact Pamela Rooks,
Conejo West Valley Melton Director at Pamela@templeetzchaim.org

**Experience the adventure of non-denominational Jewish text-study with great conversations and meaningful connections.
No homework/No prep/No Hebrew required.**

Thank you for your participation in the ageless pursuit of Jewish wisdom. Never Stop Seeking.



To register for classes, visit
meltonwestvalley.org/registration