

Sunday, April 14, 2019

9:45-11:45 a.m.

Florence Bain Senior Center

Rabbi Bernstein will offer a course on: **“My Favorite Bible Story, My Favorite Midrash, My Favorite Prayer.”** Hopefully, there will be a lot to share with one another in this session. We will consider Biblical stories, Jewish legends and prayers that are not only meaningful, but inspirational. Participants will be encouraged not only to state what their favorite might be, but why they selected that particular episode, story, or prayer. This session will focus on the best of the best of the best: our Bible, our post-biblical literature and our prayer book.

PLEASE REGISTER BY EMAILING RABBI BERNSTEIN AT rabbi@betaviv.org OR BY CALLING 410-992-9995 FOR ANY CLASS (other than Scholar in Residence) YOU WISH TO ATTEND. SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WILL HAVE ITS OWN REGISTRATION PROCESS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PARTICIPATION!



**ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS
AT BET AVIV
5779/2018-2019**

Bet Aviv strives to provide its members classes to learn more about Judaism and opportunities for members to be in dialogue with one another about a host of topics regarding our religion and culture. The courses listed below in chronological order for the coming year are offered at either the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD, primarily on Tuesday mornings, but mostly on Sunday mornings at the Florence Bain Senior Center, 5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia, MD 21044. Further publicity about all of these programs will appear throughout the year in the *Observer* and *What's Nu*. Feel free to join any class even if it is held on an on-going basis. There are no prerequisites or fees for courses offered by Rabbi Bernstein and all texts and study materials will be supplied for the courses listed.

Perhaps there are other areas of Jewish interest that would meet your learning needs and desires. Please contact Howard Caplan, Chair of our Adult Education Committee, with your ideas and suggestions. We look forward to the times we can gather to learn, share, and grow as members of Bet Aviv.

Please note that there will be additional offerings this year by both the Sisterhood and Men's Club. Dates of the Men's Club meetings (open to all genders) on Sunday mornings at the Bain Center are: 10/21, 11/18, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21 and 5/19. Watch *What's Nu?* for speakers and topics.

Howard Caplan,
Chair of Adult Education

Seth L. Bernstein,
Rabbi

TUESDAYS, beginning September 4 and continuing weekly from September 25, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in room 300 of the Meeting House (Oakland Mills Interfaith Center), **Lunch and Learn resumes** its weekly sessions. This fall we will continue our study of selected original historical documents from *The Jew in the Modern World: A Documentary History*, edited by Paul Mendes-Flohr and Jehudah Reinharz. We will pick up our study of the Jew in the Modern World with a close look at documents of American Jewry. Participants bring their own brown bag lunches. Coffee and copies of the text are provided. Feel free to join any class session.



Sunday, October 14, 2018 9:45-11:45 a.m.
Florence Bain Senior Center

Rabbi Bernstein, will offer a course on: “**Kristallnacht Revisited.**” November 9-10, 2018, will mark the 80th anniversary of the “Night of Broken Glass” that shattered the dreams of a Jewish future for German and Austrian Jews in particular. We will highlight the events and the destruction of synagogues and businesses throughout Nazi Germany at that infamous moment in Jewish history. The second hour will be devoted to reflecting on the central importance of the synagogue for the Jewish people as we consider what is the most important Jewish “institution” that assures a future for the Jewish people. The Synagogue? The Family? The Federation? Shabbat? etc.

Saturday, November 3, 2018 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Gene Klein Scholar in Residence Program
Oakland Mills Interfaith Center

This year’s Gene Klein Scholar in Residence speakers will be **DEBORAH R. WEINER**, co-Author of *On Middle Ground: A History of the Jews of Baltimore*, and **MARVIN PINKERT**, Executive Director of the Jewish Museum of Maryland in Baltimore. The morning lecture followed by Q and A will be on “The History of the Jews of Baltimore.” Following lunch, Marvin Pinkert and Deborah Weiner will discuss an exhibit on regional migration patterns called *Jews on the Move* that was on display in 2015, as well as resources available at the Jewish Museum of Maryland in Baltimore on the History of Jews in Baltimore and Howard County.

There is no cost for attending the lectures and discussion, but the cost of an optional box lunch is \$15 per person. Reservations are required and must be received by Monday, October 29.

Sunday, December 9, 2018 9:45-11:45 a.m.
Florence Bain Senior Center

Rabbi Bernstein will offer a course on **Judaism and Comparative Religion: What Exactly Has Judaism Given Other Religions and What Have Other Religions Given to Judaism?** In the first hour this course will take a broad look at the give and take of religious life over the ages. In the second hour we will look at some of the factors to consider when Jews are guests attending religious services and life cycle ceremonies of people of other faiths.

Sunday, January 27, 2019 9:45-11:45 a.m.
Florence Bain Senior Center

Rabbi Bernstein will offer a course on: **From Biblical Times to Our Own: Jewish Models of Leadership.** From Biblical, rabbinic, medieval, modern and post-modern periods, Jews have come to the forefront in demonstrating leadership ability. Beyond the leadership role models—good and bad—that we have seen, what characterizes authority and leadership within the Jewish community? What might Judaism have to offer in creating effective, inspiring and moral leadership?

Sunday, February 24, 2019 9:45-11:45 a.m.
Florence Bain Senior Center

Rabbi Bernstein will offer a course on **The Human Condition: Free Will, Conscience, the Mind and the Soul.** In the Mishnah (*Pirké Avot* 3:19) we read, “All is foreseen, but freedom of choice is given.” How do free will, conscience, mind and soul relate to and affect the other? What does Jewish tradition contribute to our understanding of these aspects of the human condition and what they might add to the concept of free will in general?

Sunday, March 24, 2019 9:45-11:45 a.m.
Florence Bain Senior Center

Rabbi Bernstein will offer a course on: **How Gentiles Have Portrayed the Jew in Literature and Art from Ancient Times until Today.** We will study literary descriptions and view artistic works of the Jew by gentiles throughout history. What are the similarities and differences in those descriptions and how might those portrayals continue to impact one’s Jewish self-esteem in contemporary times?