

# Bet Midrash

**Beginner's Hebrew on Tuesdays**  
**Lunch and Learn on Thursdays**  
**Adult Education on Sundays**  
**and our Gene Klein Scholar-in-Residence Program**



# Bet Aviv



# BET AVIV BET MIDRASH FACULTY

## RABBI LINDA JOSEPH

Our rabbi was born in Australia and is the second Australian woman to be ordained. Rabbi Joseph has worked in congregations in Australia and the United States and at the Union for Reform Judaism. She is passionate about God, the Jewish people and Jewish traditions, creativity and Jewish text. She enjoys teaching, prayer, community and connection. Her areas of interest are many and eclectic, and she loves to bring that diversity of interest to our congregation. Rabbi Joseph is entering her second year as our Bet Aviv rabbi.

## RABBI JEFFREY KURTZ-LENDNER

This year Bet Aviv is blessed to have Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner teach for us. Rabbi Kurtz-Lendner has led congregations and worked in communities in South Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi. A native of Buffalo NY, he attended Brandeis University, and was ordained at Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. He is a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He currently resides in Pittsburgh, PA with his wife Robin and his daughters, Leah (pronounced: "Lay-uh") and Abby. Rabbi Kurtz-Lendner will be joining us via Zoom.

Lunch and Learn Semester 1 with Rabbi Linda Joseph

# MIDDOT – THE STUDY OF JEWISH VALUES

*“The Torah is greater than the priesthood and than royalty, seeing that royalty is acquired through 30 virtues, the priesthood twenty-four, while the Torah is acquired through 48 virtues (middot).” – Pirke Avot 6*

Using the Reform Judaism Study Guides, we will study Jewish texts to learn about Jewish Values (*Middot*) and like generations before us, use these concepts to shape our lives with Torah.

Join us on the following Thursdays from 1 PM – 2PM via Zoom:

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# READ HEBREW

with Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner on Tuesdays at 10:30 am  
beginning on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Have you ever had a siddur in front of you and wished you could read from the Hebrew rather than from the transliterations? Mastering the Hebrew alphabet is not that difficult with a systemic effort to learn the language. This course uses the text *Teach Yourself to Read Hebrew* so that you can make reading Hebrew accessible through taking the course plus using the accompanying text-book to master practice at reading. Rabbi Kurtz-Lendner will guide you through each lesson in recognizing and pronouncing the letters as well as learning how to master reading prayer book Hebrew.

Sign up required. Email: [office@betaviv.org](mailto:office@betaviv.org) to register.

**Students will need to purchase the following text for class. Follow this link:**  
[Teach Yourself to Read Hebrew](#)

**FOR BET AVIV MEMBER'S INTERESTED IN TAKING RABBI LINDA JOSEPH'S ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH IN 5782 (2021-2022), BASIC HEBREW SKILLS ARE A MUST!**



Lunch and Learn Semester 2 with  
Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz- Lendner

# Arab-Israel Relations

A brief introduction of the history of relations between Israel and its neighbors. The course covers the major points in history that have defined what has brought Israel to its current situation in what has become evident as a dynamic set of circumstances.

Join us on the following Thursdays from 1PM – 2PM via Zoom:

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020





Lunch and Learn Semester 3 with Rabbi Linda Joseph

# JEWS LIVE WHERE?



Jewish communities are found all around the world! And while we have some Jewish customs in common, many of these communities have practices quite different to the ones with which we were raised. Let's explore the history and customs of Jews from more unusual locales – India, China, Ghana and other diverse places.

Join us on the following Thursdays from 1PM – 2PM via Zoom.

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021


February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Lunch and Learn Semester 4 with Rabbi Linda Joseph



# I AM A REFORM JEW

Of course, most of us at Bet Aviv are Reform Jews! But what is the history of Reform Judaism, what have Reform Jews believed, and what do Reform Jews believe today? We will explore how Reform Judaism has evolved and what it might mean for us in the present and future.

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Join us on the following Thursdays 1PM – 2PM  
via Zoom

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# Make sure to put these dates in your calendar: **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION** via Zoom with Rabbi Linda Joseph

Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

10am-11am

**PAPER-CUT JUDAICA**

Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

10am-11am

**WHY DO HUMAN'S FIGHT?**

Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

10am-11am

**THREE THEMES OF BIBLICAL STORY**

Sunday November 1st, 2020

10am-11am

**CHOOSE LIFE: THE JEWISH VIEW  
OF ABORTION**

Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

10am-11am

**PESACH CUSTOMS AROUND THE  
WORLD**

More information is found in the **Bet Aviv Adult Education Brochure** [linked here.](#)

Sunday January 3rd, 2021

10am-11am

**ELIJAH'S PRAYER**

Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

10am-11am

**JEWISH VALUES PASSED DOWN**

**GENE KLEIN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM** with Rabbi Richard Address will be held on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December, 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am- noon, via Zoom. Details to follow.