

OCTOBER COURSE SCHEDULE

Adult education courses at Temple Beth Shalom are designed to appeal to a wide variety of persons interested in continual learning. In the past, attendees have included many of our own members as well as non-members of Jewish, Christian, or of some other belief. Enrollment is open to all who wish to learn and be respectful of the beliefs of others.

Call the Temple Office at 623-977-3240 to register for either or both courses.
Deadlines for registration are listed below each course.



ISRAEL IN CRISIS: WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHY

Rabbi Kaplan lived in Jerusalem during the years of his Rabbinic studies and he visited Jerusalem for two weeks in July of 2022 and July 2023. So he has personal knowledge of changes within Israel and saw first-hand in July what is happening in Israel now. He will lead discussion on this topic beginning with historical background information, including Israel's government structure. He will then focus on such current issues such as judicial reform efforts, the settlers, the ultra-orthodox, and moderates on the left, as well as the threat of brain/income drain in the country. In the last session, we will focus on what is the future for the country.

10:00 - 11:00 AM; October 2, 9, 16, and 23 (Mondays)
Registration deadline: Noon on September 28.



REFORM JUDAISM: WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT & WHAT CHALLENGES WE FACE

TBS is a Reform Temple affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Reform Judaism is a topic about which our Rabbi has written several books and is recognized in the Reform Rabbinate for his knowledge and expertise in this area. During these four sessions, Rabbi Kaplan will help the participants look at what Reform Judaism in America means and will provide a brief history of the Reform movement. Some of the critical issues and challenges he will present are mitzvot and prayer, the non-recognition in Israel of Reform, and how the Reform movement has responded to assimilation in the United States.

10:00 - 11:00 AM; October 5, 12, 19, and 26 (Thursdays)
Registration deadline: Noon on October 3.

COST
FOR
4-WEEK
COURSES:

\$20 FOR MEMBERS

\$35 FOR NON-MEMBERS

New this year for TBS members: Coupon book - 4 courses for \$65

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