

EDUCATION @ SHIR LIBEYNU

Our shul offers you an array of learning opportunities. Whether you are an adult looking for enriching presentations by esteemed speakers and musicians, a youngster with curiosity about Judaism, a tween who is poised to become a bar or bat mitzvah, or a child who drops in occasionally to Shabbat services, you will find something of value at Shir Libeynu. Children are also always welcome at the services with their adults.

FOR CHILDREN

The Shir Libeynu School, held at a central location in the Annex, offers two programs:

- Supplemental Sunday Morning Program (ages 7-11) takes place over two 10-week periods in fall and winter. Registration is available for one or both sessions. This year the emphasis is on women in the Torah, with text study, stories, music and other activities. Hebrew language learning is an option.
- Bnei Mitzvah Learning (Grades 7 and 8) is a one-year multi-class program with excursions, Tikkun Olam activities and social events. It is a pre-requisite for a future bar/bat mitzvah with the shul, but children may take the program even if no ceremony is planned.



Drop-In Childcare (ages 3-6), with games, crafts and other fun activities, is available for children who accompany their adults to Shabbat services on Saturday mornings.

For Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur (ages 3-11), a dedicated children's program with crafts, stories, music, a junior service and challah making.

FOR ADULTS

Educational Series and Workshops are scheduled after Shabbat services on Saturday mornings at the MNjcc, and at other times/venues. We feature eminent scholars, journalists, social activists and our own rabbi and cantor, who present and teach on a variety of exciting topics. For this year's roster, please see reverse.

Hebrew Language Classes will start in late autumn or early winter, 2020, on Sunday mornings at a central location. Space is limited. Write: hebrewclass@shirlibeynu.ca

ADULT EDUCATION SPEAKERS/WORKSHOPS FOR 2019/2020

At the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, third floor

Saturday, September 7, 2019, 1:00 p.m., ***Sister Scholars, Or How Orthodox Women Took the Torah into Their Own Hands***, Prof. Naomi Seidman (University of Toronto)

Friday, September 27, 2019, 7:30 p.m., ***Alphabet of Wrongdoing: A Musical High Holy Day Adult Learning Session***, Chazzan Daniela Gesundheit with her musical collaborator Johnny Spence

Saturday, November 2, 1:15 p.m., ***Holocaust Education Week Presentation - Selfies, Tattoos, and the "Yolocaust": When Holocaust Remembrance Goes Wrong***, Daniel Panneton (Programs & Education Assistant at the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre)

Saturday, December 7, 2019, 1:00 p.m., ***The Queer Evangelist***, Rev. Dr. Cheri DiNovo (*Trinity St Paul's Centre for Faith, Justice and the Arts*)

Saturday, January 4, 2020, 1:00 p.m., ***Topic TBA***, Risha Devi (Parvati.Org)

Saturday, February 1, 2020, 1:00 p.m., ***On Jewish Museums***, Prof. Shelley Hornstein (York University)

Saturday, March 7, 2020, 1:00 p.m., ***Matriarch or Trans...***, Rabbi Justin Lewis (University of Manitoba)

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 1:00 p.m., ***Wandering Home: A Jewish Response to Climate Change***, Prof. Andrea Most (University of Toronto)

Saturday, May 2, 2020, 1:00 p.m., ***Jewish Poetry and the Forms of Belonging***, Prof. Karen Weisman (University of Toronto)

Saturday, June 13, 2020, Annual Pride evening, **Topic and Speaker TBA**



The members of our shul's education committee, sometimes in consultation with our rabbi, plan these programs and events, and often develop curriculums and content. We could use a few new people who are willing to work on future initiatives.

Please get in touch at shirlibeynu@yahoo.ca