

Spring into learning

Thursdays 5-7 PM at Temple Sinai.

with the Vermont Hebrew Chai School

Courses are for 8-12th graders.

Thursdays from January 21 – April 22

The Vermont Chai School is the only after school high school in Vermont for Jewish teens regardless of synagogue affiliation *and regardless of whether or not a student has ever attended Hebrew School.*

Co-sponsored by **Temple Sinai** and **Ohavi Zedek Synagogue**, the Chai School is dedicated to bringing compelling classes to all Jewish teens in the Greater Burlington area and beyond.

If you would like to become involved, please contact:

Judy Alexander at (802) 862-5125 directorjudy@templesinaivt.org or

Rabbi David Steinberg (802) 864-2018 x 25 rabbidavid@ohavizedek.com

Courses are held at Temple Sinai; 500 Swift Street; So. Burlington

Cost \$150 per semester for 2 courses, \$100 for one class, includes Pizza dinner from 5:45-6:15.

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT www.templesinaivt.org. Click on STUDY, then CHAI SCHOOL. If you do not have online access, you may **COMPLETE & RETURN THE ATTACHED BY JANUARY 20th** to:

VERMONT CHAI SCHOOL

c/o TEMPLE SINAI - ATTN: JUDY ALEXANDER;

500 SWIFT ST.

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT 05403

Please make checks payable to the Vermont Chai School

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Address: _____

BLOCK 1 (5:00-5:45PM)

___What's The Deal with Jewish Comedians? History of the Funniest Jews in America: by Dana Rachlin

Chai School students who know the importance of comedy in everyday life will want to familiarize themselves with the most influential comedians of our times. Many are familiar with successful Jewish comedians today such as Jon Stewart, Adam Sandler & Jerry Seinfeld. Not everyone realizes they owe their success in no small part to the great Jewish comedians who paved the way for them. Comedians such as Rodney Dangerfield, George Burns, Jack Benny, Mel Brooks, Milton Berle, and the Marx Brothers are among some of the most important Jews in comedy in the last century. They along with Lenny Bruce, Woody Allen, Sid Caesar, Milton Berle and others will be highlighted in this class. Some of today's modern favorites such as Seinfeld, Silverman, Stewart and Larry David will also be on the schedule.

This class will cover comedians from the Vaudeville era, the Borscht Belt of the Catskills, radio and television. Audio and video clips of the comedians themselves will be presented along with discussions of typical Jewish themes of comedy such as family, money, self-mockery & Anti-Semitism.

___ Jewish Life Seen Through Film: A Multigenerational Course:* by Rabbi Glazier

During this course we will experience the American Jewish experience through film. Three films will be presented during the Spring Semester: "Hester Street," "Gentleman's Agreement" and "Keeping Up With The Steins." Each film will be discussed from our respective Jewish points of view. The course is open TO ALL AGES GROUPS (ADULTS AND HEBREW CHAI STUDENTS).

___ What Do You Stand For? PART 1: by Penny Pizer

What are intolerance, prejudice, and genocide? Can good come out of bad? Are we able to impact intolerance as individuals? Explore through time how individuals took impossible situations leaving us positive messages through art, poetry, video, and photography to see hope in seemingly hopeless situations. This will be a thought provoking class with individual and group projects to leave our own positive messages for the future. Sculpture, photography, and other medium will be used for projects. Creativity with open expression of ideas is part of the experience. **This is a 2-session class.** Session 1 will focus on topics, thoughts, and discussion. Session 2 will be implementing of your thoughts and ideas artistically. **Join one or both sessions.** Artwork and thoughts will be on display at the end of the semester. I look forward to exploring your views and expression working towards a tolerant world.

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BLOCK 2 (6:15-7:00PM)

___ **Conversational Hebrew 2:** This Course continues where Level 1 left off. Students will continue to increase the four main skills: reading, writing, speaking and understanding of the Hebrew language. By [Gidon Bavly](#)

___ **What Do You Stand For? PART 2:** by [Penny Pizer](#)

* This course is open to adults, who are encouraged to participate in order to gain a multi-generational perspective.

Biographies

Gidon Bavly teaches Hebrew at the University of Vermont. He volunteers as an adaptive skiing and sailing instructor teaching children and adults with different physical, emotional and developmental disabilities. Gidon received his BA from the College of Administration, Tel Aviv, and his MS in Administration from St. Michael's College.

James Glazier has been the Rabbi at Temple Sinai for the past 28 years. He was ordained at HUC in Cincinnati and lives in South Burlington with his wife and children.

Penny Pizer has worked extensively with Jewish youth, often combining her artistic talents with her love of Jewish theology & education. Penny has created programming for all ages—from preschool through senior citizens, often with an emphasis on *Tzedakah* and *tikkun olam*. Penny was chosen as one of three U.S. delegates to participate in the Jewish Partnership Program, partnering with delegates from Israel and South Africa to study and foster closer relationships with each other's Jewish communities. Penny is also a published illustrator of a children's book. She has taught several classes at the Chai School, most recently "Art Midrash Extravaganza." She lives in South Burlington with her husband and three of her four children.

Dana Rachlin: Former Temple Sinai Librarian, an Internet and computer instructor for the last 18 years, Dana is currently a Para educator at Frederick Tuttle Middle School in South Burlington. She has taught 'Jewish Influence on Modern Rock And Roll' and 'The Holocaust on Film' for the Chai School. She is married to David and has two sons, Zach and Eli.