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Courses

Sundays

Rabbi's Hour/Java Nagila *Rabbi Edward C. Bernstein*

Discussions with Rabbi Edward C. Bernstein on parenting throughout the Jewish year. For parents of children of all ages! (all adults welcome)

Dates: October 30, November 20, December 18, January 22,

February 26, April 1

Time: 9:30 am-11:00 am

Location: Wasley Chapel

Dealing with Verbal Abuse *Peter Commanday*

Have you ever been in a situation in which you felt you were verbally abused? These five workshops offer practical techniques that are immediately useable at home, on the streets, at work and during retirement.

Dates: January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5

Time: 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: Wasley Chapel

Ethics *Rabbi Debra Eisenman* **Cancelled**

This course in Jewish ethics addresses everything from which charities one should support to proper business protocols to end-of-life issues. Come learn why Judaism is not just prayer and practice, but a grand guide to a truly ethical and meaningful life!

Dates: January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 26

Time: 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Facebook for the Digitally Challenged

Rabbi Bernstein/Cantor Mondrow

Rabbi Bernstein and Cantor Mondrow will demonstrate Facebook. Two computers will be set up, and you will be able to see the nuances of Facebook projected on a large screen.

Date: *To Be Announced*

Location: Social Hall

Time: 9:30 am-11:00 am

Mondays

The Art of Photography *Harold Zipkowitz*

The objective is to enable participants to get better photos by understanding the basics of the art.

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Harold Zipkowitz continued

Basics:

- ✚ Observation (seeing), expressing an idea, composition and presentation of the photo.
- ✚ Looking through the camera - what do we want to include in the photo? What do we want to exclude?
- ✚ Taking a photograph or making a photograph - altering the image digitally that you have in your picture.

Dates: January 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Memoirs of a Freedom Rider Rabbi Sid Shanken Moved to Mitzvah Day

Forty percent of the freedom riders in the 60's, in some actions, were Jews. Why did we Jews feel so strongly about this movement? Rabbi Shanken will discuss how some synagogues in the north and south reacted to their Rabbi participating, some personal impressions of Dr. Martin Luther King and the movement in general and its aftermath and what we have learned from it. These are some of the topics that will be discussed in an open and free forum after a talk by Rabbi Shanken, who is a veteran of several "rides."

Date: *To Be Announced*

Time: 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Tuesdays

Torah Study for Women Only Jan Courte

We will study the Parshat HaShavua - the Portion of the Week- using the Etz Chaim Chumas, other translations and various commentaries. No Hebrew need, but helpful. We will look at various Hebrew words in the texts to see how they can inform our interpretations This will be an interactive, discussion-oriented course.

Dates: December 6, 13, 20, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Sanctuary

Jewish History 1812 to 1948 Rabbi Amos Miller

Rabbi Miller will continue his discussion of Jewish History, concentrating on significant events during the 19th and 20th centuries in Europe and the United States, as well as the rise of Zionism culminating in the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948

Dates: December 6, 13, 20, January 3, 10

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Science and Religion *Richard Townes*

The conflict between the “Scientific” view of creation and cosmology, and fundamentalist religious view points, is an old story, still alive and well and nothing new (remember the Scopes monkey trial immortalized in the movie, “Inherit the Wind?”). Do the new scientific viewpoints have merit? How were the theories of modern Science developed? How well do they agree with the Bible’s account? Must a Jew choose which set of data to believe? Are the different viewpoints mutually exclusive?

Can Science prove or disprove G-d? This course will explore these and other related topics in a spirited interactive manner. We hope to learn together!

Dates: December 6, 13, 20, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 28, March 6

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Leviticus *Fran Townes*

Come study and understand the Book of Leviticus in English, line by line. Bring a copy of a Bible with you, so we can share commentaries with the class.

Dates: December 6, 13, 20, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 28, March 6

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Wednesdays

Conversational Hebrew *Esther Adler*

This class is a continuation of the previous two years. While the emphasis is on conversation, we use the book, “Ivrit Sh’lav Bet,” to enhance reading ability, comprehension of text and the study of grammar. Newcomers welcome.

Dates: December 7, 14, 21, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 29, March 7, 14

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Sanctuary

Synagogue Skills *Elliot Fagin*

This course will concentrate on improving Siddur reading skills. In addition to reading, we will be discussing the meaning of the prayers, as well as the order of the Synagogue Service and many of the synagogue traditions.

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Elliott Fagin continued

It is designed to make you feel comfortable when coming to Temple, by feeling at ease with the Siddur and knowing what to expect at the Service. Some knowledge of Hebrew reading is needed (at any level).

Dates: January 18, February 8, 29, March 7, 21

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Jews in Early Rock and Roll (mid- 1950's through the 1960's)

Neil Waldman

This series traces the history of the involvement of Jews in the foundations of rock 'n roll, covering various aspects of the business from record label owners, to song writers, and the recording artists themselves

Dates: February 29, March 7, 14, 21

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Cantor's Listening Room *Cantor Mondrow*

Explore the realms of Jewish, Cantorial, Classical and Popular Music. Each session will focus on a particular style, artist or aspect of the music world. Students will experience these often rare treasures through audio and video presentations.

Dates: December 14, 21, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 8, 29

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Weekday Davening Class and Torah Reading *Cantor Mondrow*

Davening: Students will lead a weekday davening, focusing on the Minḥa and Maariv Services in the correct traditional Nusach. Students who complete the course will have the opportunity to volunteer and lead shiva and daily minyanim for the congregation. (Hebrew reading proficiency required.)

Torah: Students will have the opportunity to learn how to chant from the Torah. All students will be assigned a portion that will eventually be read in front of the congregation on a Shabbat morning. (Hebrew reading proficiency required.)

Dates: December 7, 14, 21, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 29

Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Israeli Current Events *Chen Amir*

The main goal will be to expose the class to the day to day Israel, stepping away from the conflict and focusing on Israel internally. Dates: January 18, February 1, 29, March 14

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Thursdays

Canasta for Beginners *Bob Smith*

Includes basic (and variable) rules, as well as strategies for successful play. The four two-hour sessions combine learning with actual playing.

Dates: January 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Lectures

Wednesdays

Ancient Jewish History from Abraham to Herod – While Standing on One Foot *Rabbi Bruce Warshal*

What does Torah and Tanach tell us about what really happened? This is not a lecture in Bible stories. It is an attempt to reveal real history. Given my personal biases (it's impossible for an historian to be completely unbiased), I will ask certain questions, such as: Is Solomon really as wise as our tradition tells us? Is Herod as evil as we are told? Were the Hasmonians (the Maccabees) good rulers or were they a bunch of opportunists? Who knows? But we will cover these questions and many more – while standing on one foot.

Dates: November 30

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Wasley Chapel

A Celebration of Lea Goldberg 100th birthday: Her Novel, *And This is The Light* recently translated into English. *Dr. Avram Horowitz*

Lea Goldberg (1911-1970) was born in East Prussia (now Russia) and began writing Hebrew verse as a schoolgirl in Lithuania. She received a PhD in Semitic languages from Bonn University before immigrating to Palestine in 1935. Best known as a poet, Goldberg was the founder of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Department of Comparative Literature.

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Dr. Horowitz continued

Dr. Horowitz will discuss Goldberg's semi-autobiographical novel published in 2011 by Toby Press, her outstanding achievements as poet, and will project selected segments from the 2011 Israeli documentary movie *The Five Houses of Lea Goldberg*.

Date: December 7

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Wasley Chapel

Let's Make a Scene *Seymour Goldstein*

Scenes and biographies of famous writers, poets and playwrights will be featured in the interactive theater experience..

Date: December 14

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Wasley Chapel

A Great Trial of Jewish History and Its Lingering Impact Today *Rabbi Charles Agin*

Under the general title listed above, Dr. Charles Agin will speak on "Illinois vs. Leopold and Loeb - Clarence Darrow and the Capital Punishment Debate." Take a front row seat at one of the most influential trials Americans have experienced in their history.

Our speaker will bring to life - through narration and video - powerful prosecution, eloquent defense and a controversial verdict that impacts to this very day. This is a courtroom controversy that still engenders heated discussion.

Date: December 21

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Wasley Chapel

Judaica through the Ages *Fred Behrend*

The instructor discusses Jewish life through a collection of late 16th Century to early 18th Century Jewish artifacts and memorabilia, combining that with tales of the lives of Jews from that period. Using a family diary written by his forefathers, living in the small village of Rodenberg, Germany, the instructor paints a picture of Jewish life in Europe and through history. Some of these antiques will be displayed for the class to view and discuss.

Date: January 4

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Wasley Chapel

The Dramatic Life and Times of Joseph Flavius, Jewish Historian of the 1st Century *Bilha Ron*

Was he a Traitor or a Hero? Bilha Ron will discuss the tragic first century in Jewish history, as seen through the writings of this great and controversial historian. He was an eyewitness to the rebellion and destruction of the first temple, and his description of this event is the best we have to date.

Date: January 11

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Wasley Chapel

The Jewish Calendar *Rabbi Gerald Chirnomas*

The development of the Jewish calendar will be discussed. What they did before this development, how it differs from the Gregorian calendar, how to read the calendar, what the Jewish calendar based on, how many days are in the Jewish calendar, what is a Jewish leap year, how do we treat a Jewish leap year and how the Jewish calendar affects our lives.

Date: February 1

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Wasley Chapel

Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza

Bilha Ron

Bilha Ron will discuss the discovery and research of the treasure Trove of the ancient Jewish manuscripts found in the oldest synagogue of Cairo, as presented in the book, “Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the *Geniza* (Jewish Encounters),” by Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole, 2011.

Date: February 8

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Wasley Chapel

The New World According to Fred *Fred Berhend*

This series of historical and anecdotal remembrances is presented by a former European refugee who came to the US at age 14 (in 1940). Detailed are escapes and rescues, kindertransport, the influx of European Jews who chose this country to make their home and family chronicles traced from the 1500s. The sessions follow a timeline leading up to the Holocaust, arrival in the US, and progresses to the present.

Date: February 29

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Wasley Chapel

Dr. Avram Horowitz

The first 60 years of Israel, as seen by Tommy Lapid (1931-2008), journalist, Minister of Justice and Deputy Prime Minister (to Ariel Sharon): His biography, *Memories After My Death*, was written by his son, journalist Yair Lapid.

Born in Serbia, Yosef, Tommy Lapid survived the horrors of the Holocaust and arrived in Israel at age 17. Lapid was a journalist, playwright, international businessman, TV star, the leader of the *Shinui* (change) party and the leader of the anti-ultra-Orthodox movement.

Dr. Horowitz will discuss Lapid's career and political opinions - he belonged to neither left nor right – as reflected in his biography published in 2011, in England by Elliot and Thompson.

Date: March 14

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Wasley Chapel

From Despair to Hope *Fred Berhend*

The details of the gains made in this country by the influx of the Jews from Europe, who came here to make it their new home. It chronicles their struggles and climb up the ladder with neither help nor money to make it in Art, Music, Science and Industry. An example for future refugees to never lose faith.

Date: March 21

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Wasley Chapel

Sundays

The Jews of Ancient Egypt *Professor Jodi Magness*

There was a large Jewish Diaspora community in ancient Egypt. Two of these communities - at Elephantine and Leontopolis - even had their own temple buildings, where Jewish priests offered animal sacrifices to the God of Israel. In this lecture, we discuss the archaeological and literary evidence for the ancient Jewish communities of Egypt.

Date: February 19

Time: 1:15 pm–2:45 pm

Location: Sanctuary

There is an additional \$10 fee for this lecture.

Shabbaton

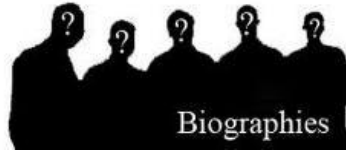
The Life and Times of Bertha Pappenheim *Rabbi Hy Krantz*

PM Dinner before Shabbat

Date: February 24

Time: *See flyer for time information*

Location: Social Hall



Esther Adler is a graduate of the Teacher's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Her extraordinary list of lifetime achievements is far too many to list. She has taught Judaic studies on numerous levels. Esther is the author of plays, books, articles and other educational materials for a wide variety of audiences. She is the recipient of various grants and awards, and has an extensive resume of speaking engagements.

Dr. Charles G. Agin is presently the Dean and Professor of Jewish Literature at The Rabbinical Academy in Woodmere, New York. He holds a Doctor's Degree from the Jewish Teachers Seminary. Dr. Agin is a graduate of Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Rabbinic Ordination, Doctor of Divinity and Master of Arts in Hebrew Literature), and the Long Island Institute for Mental Health (certification in family and couple therapy).

Dr. Agin is Rabbi Emeritus of the Free Synagogue in Flushing, New York and has served as a Chaplain-Officer on active duty in the United States Army, chaplain in the New York City Department of Corrections and adjunct instructor at various colleges in the New York area. Dr. Agin has served as a board member of a number of significant national charitable and social service organizations, has appeared on television and radio and lectures widely. His speaking style is both entertaining and educational.

Chen Amir grew up in Givatayim, near Tel Aviv, and served the Israeli Air Force as kick-boxing instructor, completing her service as a sergeant. Chen studies Political science and international relations at the Open University of Israel, and has served as an Israeli Culture Counselor at a JCC summer camp in Northbrook, Illinois, for two summers (06'-07'), through the Jewish Agency Summer Shlichim Program. Chen has a wide variety of interests and a deep commitment to the Jewish people, education and strengthening Jewish identity. She is currently on her second year of "Shlichut."

Special Note: The Jewish Agency for Israel partners with communities and institutions across North America on widening and deepening the engagement with Israel, in particular for young Jews.

Our *Shlichim*, or Israeli educators, are at the center of our mission. Working in a wide variety of educational and communal settings, these *Shlichim* provide a living bridge to Israel, engage thousands of young Jews with Israeli life and society and provide a critical resource for Israel education, engagement and advocacy. There are over 300 *Shlichim* in North America, working on University campuses, at Federations, in schools and Jewish Community Centers, in synagogues and with youth movements.

Rabbi Edward C. Bernstein began his tenure at Temple Torah in July, 2011. He was ordained in 1999 by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City. He received bachelor degrees from Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary in American History and Bible, respectively. Rabbi Bernstein has studied extensively in Israel, including at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Yeshivat HaMivtar in Efrat, and The Schechter Institute in Jerusalem.

After ordination, he served four years as Associate Rabbi of Beth El Synagogue Center in New Rochelle, NY, then eight years as Rabbi of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah in Beachwood, OH.

Rabbi Bernstein is a Greenfaith fellow, North America's only comprehensive education and training program for clergy and laity as religious-environmental leaders. Rabbi Bernstein has been recognized nationally for his work advocating for the environment and social justice, and he serves on the Social Justice Commission of the International Rabbinical Assembly as well as on the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of the Palm Beaches. He writes a blog on Judaism and the environment for the Huffington Post, a renowned online news and opinion journal.

Rabbi Bernstein continued

Rabbi Bernstein is passionate in his support for the State of Israel as well as his commitment to a strong and vibrant Conservative Judaism in America, Israel and around the world. In this context, he serves on the board of MERCAZ USA, the Zionist arm of the Conservative Movement in America, and he has attended two World Zionist Congresses in Jerusalem.

Fred Berhend After fleeing Nazi Germany with his mother and father, Fred arrived in Cuba, where his family remained for almost two years. He arrived, at the age of 14, in the United States, was drafted into the U.S. army and spent much of the war working with German POWs in Camp Clairborne, LA. Afterwards, Fred set out to make the “American Dream” a reality, opening a flourishing business in New York. Fred is a frequent lecturer on the holocaust and Jewish history. Using both his own (fascinating) life experiences and a family diary dating back to 15th century Germany, he is able to take audiences on a unique and humorous journey through European Jewish History.

Rabbi Gerald Chirnomas, Pulpit Rabbi and fulltime Mohel, S’micha from The Lubavitcher Yeshiva in Brooklyn, NY, BA from University of Maine and Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Jewish Theological Seminary, NYC. Rabbi Chirnomas recently celebrated 50 years in the rabbinate and practicing as a Mohel.

Rabbi Chirnomas is Past President of the NJ region of the Rabbinical Assembly and Past Vice-President of the Hebrew Academy of Morris County, NJ. Heavily involved in Federation, NJ activities, founding co-chair of the Interfaith Crystal Nacht Memorial Service, Rabbi Chirnomas has done many Brit Milot of grandchildren of Temple Torah members, and, co-incidentally, performed the bris of your current Rabbi's older son.

Peter Martin Commanday

Practical Experience:

28 years, New York City Board of Education

15 years as a teacher and dean in the South Bronx, New York:

*controlled a hundred in-school gangs

*reduced number of gangs in the school

*broke up over 5,000 fights *non-violently*

*satisfactorily settled thousands of disputes

Training Experience:

13 years as Coordinator of Professional Training, Division of School Safety, New York City Board of Education.

Trained school staff, police, security, psychologists, administrators, emergency hospital personnel and multiple parent groups.

Workshop-Seminar Experience:

From 1978 presented workshops and seminars nationally and internationally to over 350,000 people.

Guest Appearances:

20/20, ABC TV

Today Show, NBC TV

Geraldo Rivera Show, CBS TV

Donahue Show, NBC TV

9 Broadcast Plaza, with Matt Lauer, WOR TV

News Programs: CBS, NBC, Fox, ABC, WOR, WPIX

Radio interviews in 10 states, Canada and Australia

Write-ups:

NY Times, Daily News, New Yorker, multiple local newspapers across USA.

Published in education and safety journals.

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Peter Commanday continued

Peter Commanday was a professional photographer specializing in advertising and catalog photography. It has also been his hobby, and he has exhibited in various art shows in NY and recently also here in Florida.

Jan Courte, chaplain with Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, serves as a Jewish educator, service leader and cantorial soloist in the Palm Beach area. She has a Bachelor's Degree with Honors from San Francisco State University in Jewish Studies, History and Philosophy, which includes studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and more recently in Jerusalem at the Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism. She co-leads bereavement groups with a Jewish focus at several area synagogues and has been actively involved with synagogue ritual at Temple Torah of West Boynton Beach. Originally from Philadelphia, Jan has lived in Durango, Colorado, New York City, and Princeton. In 2006, she relocated from San Jose, Northern California where she served as a Jewish Chaplain at Stanford Medical Center, Executive Board Member for Hillel of Silicon Valley, board member at Congregation Sinai. Jan tutors children and adults for Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and teaches Jewish topics to an extensive population.

Rabbi Debra Eisenman is one of fifteen generations of rabbis on her father's side. A graduate of Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, she is the recipient of many prestigious awards for her scholastic achievements. She has been spiritual leader in Illinois, Freeport NY and, from 2001-2006, served as Rabbi to Congregation Beth Tikvah in West Boca Raton. Rabbi Eisenman founded and directed the Eitz Chaim Jewish Learning Center, designed to provide a top quality Jewish education to students at all learning levels.

Elliott Fagin has been involved in the field of education for his entire adult life - both as a public school teacher and in yeshivot. He has worked extensively with children through USY and leader of Junior Congregations. He is highly skilled at reading Torah and leading services on the Sabbath and Festivals.

Seymour Goldstein is a native of Port Washington, NY. He received his training for teaching and school administration at NYU, Hofstra, Harvard and Columbia. He served as Secretary and Vice President of the Huntington Jewish Center and was President of the Nassau County Principals Association, and Chairman of the Nassau County Red Cross. In retirement, he is a tutor in adult literacy and presents programs for local schools and libraries.

Dr. Avraham D. Horowitz, a lecturer of modern Israeli literature, received a B.Sc. degree at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. In parallel to his career as scientist at the General Motors Research Laboratories in Michigan, he established and ran Israeli literature book clubs. Dr. Horowitz is publishing Israeli literature book reviews in Florida's Jewish Journal and lectures on Israeli Literature across South Florida. At Temple Torah, he has taught classes on Modern Israeli Literature in English translation for the last eight years.

Rabbi Hy Krantz is a graduate of Yeshiva University. He served as rabbi in Boonton N.J. for six years and as rabbi in Glen Rock, NJ, for 34 years. He held voluntary positions as Chairman of the Juvenile Conference Committee, Chairman of the Local Assistance Board and Chaplain to the Glenrock PBA. He also founded a community support group for widowed spouses.

Dr. Jodi Magness holds a senior endowed chair in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism. From 1992-2002, she was Associate/Assistant Professor of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology in the Departments of Classics and Art History at Tufts University. She received her B.A. in Archeology from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Magness is the author of many books and dozens of scholarly articles relating to the archaeology.

Rabbi Amos Miller was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary and is the author of scholarly books on Jewish practices. He was named Rabbi Emeritus after serving for 46 years at Congregation Beth Shalom of Lido Beach. Rabbi Miller served as Chairman of the Israel Commission of the Rabbinical Assembly and as Co-director of the Hillel Institute of Conversion.

Bilha Ron was born in Israel and graduated from the Levinski Teachers College in Tel Aviv. She was a member of the Hagganah, and served in the 1948 War of Liberation. A popular lecturer on Modern Hebrew Literature in Ohio and Florida, Bilha Ron has earned a B.A. in English Literature at Walsh University in N. Canton, Ohio, was the Education Director of the Temple Israel Religious School in Canton, Ohio, and the Jewish Education Specialist for the Canton Jewish Community Federation.

Rabbi Sidney Shanken was ordained by the Jewish Institute of Religion. There, he was awarded a Master's degree of Hebrew letters and published a textbook on biblical Hebrew grammar, "Epicene Nouns in the Bible." At New York University, he received a Master's degree in The Middle East. The Jewish Theological Seminary granted him an honorary Doctorate of Divinity. He served as Rabbi in Dobb's Ferry, NY, and 25 years in Temple Beth El, Cranford, NJ, which had given him his seventh year sabbatical during, which time, he studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and taught history at The Israel Goldstein Youth Village in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Shanken also taught Post Biblical History as Adjunct Professor at Rutgers University in NJ. For his freedom rides, he was presented an award by the American Jewish Congress and read a paper before the Herbert Lehman Institute on Ethics in NY, which was published as "The Rabbi's Involvement in Social Issues." He was president of The Rabbinical Assembly, NY Region, the Cranford Clergy Council and was on the Cranford Mayor's Committee on Open Housing. Rabbi Shanken is married to Gloria Shanken, a retired high school chemistry teacher. They have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. Gloria's hobby is Israeli dancing, Rabbi Sidney's is reading Syriac.

Bob Smith has a background in education and hospital administration. He has been playing and teaching canasta for many years. He has organized the Villaggio Canasta Club. He will provide hands-on learning for Beginners Canasta and will use handouts and playing experience to teach the rules and fundamentals of the game. Upon completion of this course, the student should feel comfortable playing this game.

Fran Townes has been a teacher of Judaic studies to both children and adults in the USA for over 50 years. She has taught children at all grade levels, in day schools and Synagogue schools, from Kindergarten to eighth grade. She has also taught adult education classes in various synagogues. She speaks fluent Hebrew (having lived in Israel for five years). She was also a principal of a synagogue religious school. At present, she has been teaching Torah classes for the adult education program in Temple Torah.

Richard Townes is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (1961) and New York Polytechnic University (1972), receiving Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Electrical Engineering and Industrial Management. He worked at Grumman Aerospace Corporation in Long Island for 27 years, retiring in 1992 as the Principal Engineer for

Weapons System Evaluation and Demonstration. His name is on the moon, courtesy of the Apollo 11 project, and on the Carl Sagan Mars Lander through the Planetary Society. He is also a 1946 graduate of the Yeshiva Rabbi Chaim Berlin in Brooklyn NY.

He has taught Science and Judaism Adult Education classes at Temple Beth Kodesh and Temple Torah, Ethics in the 24th century (based on a Star Trek episode) at the Tapestry program at the Boynton JCC and various Judaic history and other courses such as the Sacred Books of the Jews, the history of the Holy Land, the festivals of the Jewish calendar, and presently, the Essential Talmud classes at Temple Torah.

Neil Waldman grew up in Brooklyn as a "baby boomer". His older brother introduced him to the "oldies" in 1956, when Neil was only 9. He has been in love with the music ever since.

Neil Waldman is a collector of "oldies" music and has numerous publications detailing the history and the business of music in the era. Neil has a BA and MA from Brooklyn College. Professionally he was a teacher in the New York City school system for 39 years, until his retirement and relocation to Florida.

Rabbi Bruce Warshal received his law degree and masters in economics from Yale University. He was ordained as a Reform rabbi from Hebrew Union College. He has practiced law and has been the spiritual head of congregations in Ann Arbor, Michigan, New Orleans, Louisiana and Coconut Creek, Florida. Rabbi Warshal was the founding executive director of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County and was the publisher of the Jewish Journal. He is currently publisher emeritus and a columnist for that paper. He is the author of the recently published "Provocative Columns, A Liberal Rabbi Reflects on Beliefs, Israel and American Politics."

Harold Zipkowitz was a professional photographer specializing in advertising and catalog photography. It has also been his hobby. Harold has exhibited in various art shows in NY and, recently, also here in Florida.