

Temple Sholom Jewish University – Fall 2021
ZOOM ONLY
Tuesdays: October 12 – Dec. 7, 2021
(No class Nov 2, 2021)

Please return this form with your check to the temple office by **Oct 5th, 2021**
You can also e-mail it to rabbimedwin@me.com and send the check separately to the temple with a note saying what it is for. (Temple Sholom, PO Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701)

Two classes are being offered this Fall taught by Rabbi Medwin:

1: Back to Basics: Torah Study

2. American Jewish History

(See Page 3 for course descriptions.)

I am interested in attending the following Rabbi Medwin’s Sholom Jewish University Fall Classes:

_____ **1: Back to Basics: Torah Study**

_____ **2. American Jewish History**

Name _____

Best Phone number to reach you at: _____
(Home, mobile, work, other)

Alternative Phone to call: _____
(Home, mobile, work, other)

E-mail _____

(Print carefully! This is where we will send the Zoom link.)

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I am a member in **good standing** of Temple Sholom.

_____ Back to Basics: Torah Study \$36

_____ American Jewish History \$36

I am **not** a member of Temple Sholom.

_____ Back to Basics: \$54

_____ American Jewish History \$54

_____ **Registration Fee \$5.00 (Waived if registration form is at the temple office by June 15th with a check for tuition.)**

I am enclosing a check for \$_____ made out to “Temple Sholom” with “Sholom University” written in the memo.

Mail to: Temple Sholom, PO Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701

***ALL CLASSES WILL BE DONE THROUGH ZOOM.
YOU WILL GET A WEEKLY EMAIL WITH THE LINK TO THE CLASS.**

Sholom Jewish University – Summer 2021
Course Descriptions

All classes are **open to the community**. Please tell your friends and neighbors.

Back to Basics: Torah Study from the Beginning

Tuesdays from noon-1:15 p.m.

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We will be continuing from where we left off Summer Semester. (Exodus Chapt. 7) We will read verse by verse and discuss the various ideas and concepts that come up. What are the messages we gain from the text? How does the verse speak to me personally? **You are welcome to bring any Torah commentary you have to add to the discussion.** You do NOT need to have taken this class before. You will be able to follow along without any previous knowledge of Torah.

American Jewish History

Tuesdays from 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

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We will be starting with World War I (Chapter 5) and explore the following: How did freedom of religion affect American Judaism and Jews ability to flourish or assimilate? In what ways did Judaism flourish and differ in America? What were the greatest influences on the American Jewish community? How important is Judaism to America? How did Judaism influence other Americans?

American Judaism is largely a result of adapting to a religious environment shaped by American Protestantism, the canons of free market competition, the ideals of freedom, and the reality of diversity. This will be the background to understand explore such questions in this class. Using the book, **American Judaism: A History SECOND EDITION** by Jonathan Sarna, we will learn the dynamic story of people struggling to be Jewish and Americans, a story of people who lost their faith and then regained their faith, a story of assimilation but also a story of revitalization. The following topics from the book will be covered:

- An Anxious Subculture
- Renewal
- Into the 21st Century – American Judaism at a Crossroads