

## Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

“Alice asked, ‘Would you tell me please, which way I ought to go from here?’

“ ‘That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,’ said the cat.”

From Alice in Wonderland  
by Lewis Carroll

The continuation of learning and the search for knowledge open wide the doors to new, informed insight and understanding. In the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class, we will discuss the guiding principles of Judaism and the theories about God that were taught by the great philosophers of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. We will look at the liturgy of the Shabbat evening worship service which will help us to genuinely find meaning in prayer. We will also enjoy a “mini introduction” to the Hebrew language. Our study together will help us find our personal answers to the difficult questions with which we struggle: good versus evil, the Holocaust, God, prayer, ritual, liturgy. Why do we pray the words we pray and do we believe them? Where is God when tragedy strikes? Reward and Punishment. And how do we reconcile the unanswerable questions? How blessed are we that we have the ability to think and to act. Take a step towards finding your personal path into living Judaism, through the privilege of study. *Then* will you know in which direction you are to go from here.

To sign up, please contact Talia at:

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358-6757

Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Oct. 13 – Feb. 2

Joel House

Fee for books \$100.00

Cantor Bornstein

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## Jewish Learning Academy

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Buses Don't Run on Shabbat: The Varieties of Judaism in Israel Today

November 15<sup>th</sup> - The Corners of Your Field: Translating Tzedakah into Action

November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jewish Folklore

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Chanukah, Christmas, & The December Dilemma

January 24<sup>th</sup> – The Make-up and Content of a Shabbat Service

February 7<sup>th</sup> – The Jewish Customs of Death, Dying, & Mourning

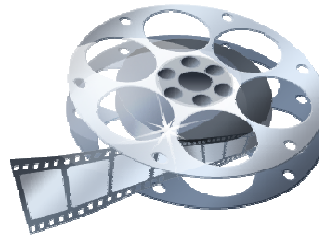
February 21<sup>st</sup> – The Book of Esther & Purim

April 18<sup>th</sup> – Jewish Identity in America

Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am  
Gumenick Chapel  
Rabbi Beifield

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## Beth Ahabah Loves Movies



“Defiance” Dec. 12, 4:00 pm, Joel House

“The Chosen,” Jan. 9, 4:00 pm, Joel House

TBA, Feb 20

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## Journey Through Jewish History

The first two parts of an ongoing, multi-year series exploring the richness and intricacy of Jewish history.

Early Biblical Period & Origins of Jewish People  
November 3, 10, 17 and 24

Second Temple Judaism & the Approach of Hellenism  
April 6, 13, 20, 27

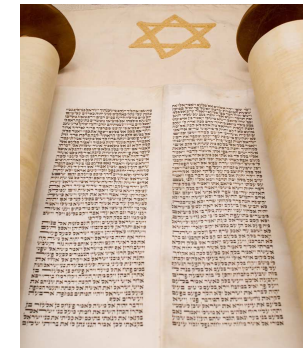
7:30 pm, Joel House  
Rabbi Beifield

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## Thursday Torah Study

Chapter by chapter discussion of the Torah. No knowledge of Hebrew is required.

Noon – 1:00 pm, Joel House  
Rabbi Beifield



## Health Care Forum

An open forum with and for Beth Ahabah members about the crisis in health care, health care insurance coverage, and health care reform. Particular focus on developments in Virginia.

The program is arranged under the auspices of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy.

Oct 4, 2009

Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.  
Program at 10:15 a.m.  
Goldburg Auditorium

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## Brotherhood Brunch Programs

Nov 1  
Jan 10  
Feb 7  
May 9

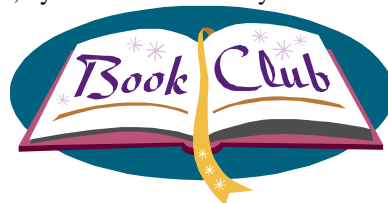
## Sisterhood programs

Sep 20  
Nov 8  
Jan 24  
Mar 7

9:30 – 11:30 am  
Goldburg Auditorium

## Book Discussion Group

*Bel Canto*, by Ann Patchett – Sep. 3  
*Austerlitz*, by W.G. Sebald – Nov. 12  
TBA – Jan. 7  
*Homesick*, by Eshkol Nevo – Mar. 4  
*Life of Pi*, by Yann Martel – May 6



7:00 pm  
At the home of Katy Yoffy  
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## Women's Retreat

Feb. 5-7  
Cantor Bornstein  
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## Dialogue with St James'

Interfaith dialogue and education

3 Wednesdays in the spring  
Date & time TBA, Joel House  
Rabbi Beifield & Rector Randy Hollerith  
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## Other Programs of Interest

Brotherhood Shabbat – Oct 30  
Sisterhood Shabbat – Jan 15  
Shabbat Shirah – Jan. 29

Day of Learning – TBA

## Adult Education

2009 – 2010



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(unless otherwise noted all programs are free of charge)