



# THE CITY CONGREGATION for HUMANISTIC JUDAISM

## Adult Education 2007-2008

**Adult Perspectives** is the over-all title of our Adult Education program. More specific offerings include **Judaism 101**, **Sunday Salon and Schmooze**, **Reading our Texts**, and **Parent Discussion**. These sessions are led by Rabbi Peter Schweitzer or by a member of the congregation. Guest speakers are also invited occasionally to make a special presentation. All are welcome to attend.

Sessions are held primarily on Sundays from 3:30 to 5:00 in the Social Hall at The Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 15 West 86th Street, between Central Park West and Columbus Ave. in Manhattan. Other programs may be scheduled for a weekday or evening, either at SAJ or another location.

*All dates and programs are subject to change.* To confirm events and for more information, contact the office at 212-213-1002 or [info@citycongregation.org](mailto:info@citycongregation.org).

### Wednesday, September 5

**Rethinking the High Holidays for Secular Jews**, SAJ, 7:30-9:00pm. Presented by **Rabbi Peter Schweitzer**. Open House. Please RSVP to 212-213-1002.

### Sunday, September 9

**A Secular Jewish Alternative: An Introduction to Humanistic Judaism**, SAJ, 3:30-5:00pm. Presented by **Rabbi Peter Schweitzer**.

### Sunday, October 14

**Reading our Texts: *Jews and Tattoos***, SAJ sanctuary, 3:30-5pm. **Rabbi Peter Schweitzer** explores what our primary sources have to say on the subject.

### Sunday, October 28

**A Beautiful Rainbow: Exploring the Diversity of Our Congregation**, SAJ, 3:30pm. Members will share their multicultural connections.

### Sunday, November 11

**KidSchool Trip to Ellis Island**. All members are welcome.

### Sunday, November 18

**Sunday Salon and Schmooze: *The Legacy of American Jewish Communists***, SAJ, 3:30pm. **Larry Bush**, editor of *Jewish Currents*, will read from his book *Bessie: A Novel of Love and Revolution*, that explores how successive generations have grappled with the Communist-party connections of their relatives and ancestors. TCC member and author, **Janice Eidus**, will lead this session and share her own thoughts on the subject as developed in her latest novel, *The War of the Rosens*.

Sunday, December 16

**Sunday Salon and Schmooze: The Colors of Jews - Exploring Our Multiracial Identity**, SAJ, 3:30pm. **Melanie Kaye Kantrowitz**, noted writer, poet, activist, and professor at Queens College, questions assumptions about race and Jewishness and examines the diversity, complexity, and richness of Jewish identity.

Sunday, January 27

**Judaism 101: Machers, Mavens, Priests and Prophets - What and Who are all these Jewish Jobs and Roles?** SAJ, 3:30pm, From kohens to rebbes, shochets to mohels, our culture is replete with functionaries. Let's not forget the kvetchs and shlemiels, the yentas and baalabustas, the list goes on. **Rabbi Peter Schweitzer** will fill you in on who all these people are and their role in our culture.

Sunday, February 10

**Parent Discussion: Raising Secular Jewish Children.**, SAJ, 3:30pm. **Rabbi Peter Schweitzer** leads a discussion on The Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Self-Reliant Children, by Wendy Mogel

Sunday, March 2

**Judaism 101: Israel Update - News and Analysis**, SAJ, 3:30pm. **Milton Pincus**, lecturer of Middle East affairs and long-time instructor in Brooklyn College's Institute for Retirees in Pursuit of Education (**IRPE**), will set the historical context and assess the current political situation in Israel.

Sunday, March 30

**Sunday Salon and Schmooze: From Shmear to Eternity - The History of the Bagel and Other Deli Foods**, SAJ, 3:30pm. **Gil Marks**, award-winning cookbook author, will explain how, where and when lox, herring, pastrami, pickles – and also bagels – entered Jewish culture.

Sunday, April 6

**Reading our Texts: *Did the Exodus Really Take Place?***, SAJ, 3:30pm. **Rabbi Peter Schweitzer** explores what our primary sources have to say on the subject.

Sunday, May 4

**Sunday Salon & Schmooze: *Insane Hypocrisies and Illogical Premises***, SAJ, 3:30pm. **Marion Winik**, author and NPR commentator, and **Janice Eidus**, author and TCC member, will read selections from their work and reflect on sorting out their Jewish identities.