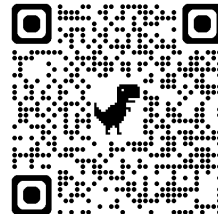


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PROGRAM GUIDE: FALL 2024

Schwartz/Reisman Centre for Adult Jewish Learning

- ✦ Scan the QR Code to check the website for detailed descriptions and registration links
- ✦ Programs are open for in-person and online participation, unless otherwise noted.
- ✦ Registration is always appreciated and sometimes required.



DURING THE HIGH HOLY DAY SEASON

- ✦ **Selichot, Saturday Night, September 28:** *Judaism is about Love* with Rabbi Shai Held, President of the Hadar Institute
- ✦ **Shabbat Shuvah, Saturday, October 5, 10:30 am:** *Fool Me Once...Reflections on an Infamous Day (What I Knew and Didn't)*, with Rabbi John Moscovitz, Rabbi Emeritus
- ✦ **Yom Kippur Afternoon, Saturday, October 12, 1:00 pm:** *How the Light Gets In: Reflections on the Last Year* with Bob Rae, Ambassador to the U.N. one among multiple Study Sessions (livestream available for congregants only)

VISITING RABBIS AND SCHOLARS—IN—RESIDENCE

- ✦ **Shabbat Ki Tavo, September 20-22:** Rabbi Michael Zedek, *Taking Miracles Seriously: A Journey to Everyday Spirituality*, Kabbalat Shabbat Drash, Shabbat Morning Torah Study & Sermon, and Sunday Book Talk
- ✦ **Shabbat Bereshit, October 26:** Rabbi Seth Goren, CEO of Hillel Ontario, *Preventing and Responding to Antisemitism on Campus*, Torah Study & Sermon
- ✦ **Shabbat VaYera, November 16:** Rabbi Erica Asch, President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, *How Our Stories Shape Future Generations*, Torah Study & Sermon
- ✦ **Shabbat Chayei Sarah, November 22-24:** Rabbi Hadas Ron of the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, *On Israeli Resilience*, Kabbalat Shabbat Drash, Shabbat Morning Torah Study & Sunday Workshop

WEEKLY LEARNING

- ✦ **Saturdays, 9:00 am:** Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Splansky
- ✦ **Wednesdays, beginning September 18, 7:00 pm:** *Beit Midrash*, Learning Inspired by the Shalom Hartman Institute, with Rabbi Kaye
- ✦ **Thursdays, 9:00 am (online):** Gleanings from the Talmud with Mark Goodman
- ✦ **Mondays-Thursdays, 5:00 pm (online):** *L'Chayim!* with Jack Kugelmass
- ✦ **Tuesdays after Mincha/Maariv, 6.30 pm (online):** Bereavement Discussion Group with Jack Kugelmass, MSW

CENTRE FOR ARTS & CULTURE

- ✦ **Every second Tuesday starting September 3, 10:30 am (online):** Good Books with Cynthia Good
- ✦ **Tuesdays, September 10, 10:30 am (online):** What Gillian's Watching with Prof. Gillian Helfield
- ✦ **Thursdays, October 31, November 7, 14 & 21, 10:30 am (online):** Contemporary Jewish Fiction with Cynthia Good
- ✦ **Monday, November 4, 7:00 pm (in-person):** *The Man Who Saw the Angels Fall: A Leonard Cohen Tribute* with author Christophe Lebold
- ✦ **Tuesday, November 12, 7:00 pm (in-person):** The Toronto Symphony Orchestra Chamber Soloists play Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*
- ✦ **Sunday, December 8, 4:00 pm (in-person):** Gifts of Light, Annual Interfaith Concert
- ✦ Charles Pachter, *Selected Works*, Exhibit in our Lower-level Gallery, until December 7, 2024

ISRAEL & ADVOCACY

- ✧ **Thursdays, starting September 12, 12:00 pm (online):** *Israel Dialogues* with International Scholars and Commentators
- ✧ **Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 pm:** *Remembering Adi: One Year Later*, as told by her parents, Jacqui Rivers Vital and Yaron Vital.
- ✧ **Monday, October 28, 7:00 pm (in-person):** *Count Us In: How the Soviet Jewry Movement Can Inspire Today's Activism*, with Wendy Eisen
- ✧ **Wednesdays, 11:00 am:** *Crisis and Continuity*, with Mark Goodman

KEHILLAH KEDOSHAI (Sacred Community for Life's Ages & Stages)

- ✧ **Sunday, September 29, 10:30 am (in-person):** *The Old Cosmic Spine: A Walking Tour of Jewish Spadina* for HaTzipporim (Empty Nesters)
- ✧ **Sunday, November 3, 10:30 am (in-person):** *Caregiving for our Aging Parents* over bagels for HaTzipporim (Empty Nesters)
- ✧ **Monday, November 11, 7:30 pm:** *In God's Image: Mental Health in the Jewish LGBTQ+ Community*, with thanks to the Luke Sklar Mental Health Initiative

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- ✧ **Tuesdays, 12:30 pm (in-person):** Dorot Games & Gathering in the Schwartz/Reisman Atrium
- ✧ **Tuesday, September 17, 11:00 am (in-person):** Dorot Fall Launch with Concerts in Care Ontario
- ✧ **Tuesday, November 12, 11:00 am (in-person):** *Grandparenting in Today's World*
- ✧ **Tuesday, November 19, 11:00 am (in-person):** *Dorot Presents: A Chat with Charlie Pachter*
- ✧ **Tuesday, December 10, 11:00 am (in-person):** *A Joyful Pre-Chanukah Celebration*

IN THE BEGINNING

- ✧ **November 25, December 2 & 9, 7:00 pm (in-person):** *HBT 101: Everything You Wanted to Know About Holy Blossom Temple, but Never Had the Chance to Ask*, team-taught by Holy Blossom leadership
- ✧ **Mondays, beginning October 28, 1:00 pm (in-person):** *Hebrew for Beginners* with Dalia Alalouf
- ✧ **Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, beginning February 2025:** *Introduction to Jewish Living (IJL)*, a two-semester, pre-requisite course for conversion to Judaism, Rabbinic sponsorship required. (online, with in-person components)
- ✧ Independent Study, *Choose Your Own Learning Adventure in our Max Enkin Library* (Temple hours)

YAD: NEXT GEN (Young Professionals)

- ✧ **Wednesday, October 2, 5:30 pm (in-person):** An Erev Rosh HaShanah L'chayim
- ✧ **Monday, October 21, 6:30 pm (in-person):** *Pizza in the Hut* with Ha'ikar, in Celebration of Sukkot
- ✧ **Thursday, November 14, 7:00 pm (in-person):** Board Games and Bevvies
- ✧ **Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 pm (in-person):** *Axe-Throwing like M'axe-a-bees*, in Celebration of Chanukah