

# TEMPLE ISRAEL OF LONDON – NOVEMBER 2006

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## SHABBAT SERVICES

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.**

In our Torah portion, Avram – who will later be renamed Avraham – is summoned by God and begins his journey toward his destiny. Partially experiential, this service will explore where each of us may be on our life's journey.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.**

This lay-led service will be conducted by a member of the Ritual Committee.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m.**

We will be using copies of *Mishkan T'filah*, the newly published prayer book of the Reform Movement (or, if it hasn't yet arrived, an earlier edition of same!), which we will integrate into our pattern of worship.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.**

Our first FAMILY SERVICE of 5767, conducted by students in CHEVRA HEY and intended especially for families with young children and those in our Religious School! Baby sitting available (please call office by November 22)! Birthday blessings and treats for children celebrating birthdays, June – November. Story-sermonette.



## A JEM OF A PROGRAM

J.E.M. (Jewish Intellectual Manna - Intellectual Food for the Wondering Jew). Once again Or Shalom and Temple Israel have joined forces to create a community year-long program of Jewish Adult Education. Free of charge. Coffee and snacks will be available at 7:15 p.m., with classes starting promptly at 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Temple Israel**

**Presenter: Kivi Shapiro      Chronicles: A Little-Read Book of the Bible**

Drama. Action. War. Dancing. Intrigue. Compelling characters. David, Solomon, Jehosaphat, the Queen of Sheba. Exciting, and so racy that it could come with an "R" rating. So how come so few people have read it? And what was the author trying to accomplish?

**TUESDAY, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Temple Israel**

**Presenter: Paul Liptz      Religious Pluralism in Israel: Does your Jewishness Count?**

Israel is unique in that it is both a religious state and a democracy. The state religion, of course, is Judaism. There are many ways to interpret Judaism but the Israeli Government has largely codified Orthodox Judaism as the "state religion," creating schisms between Jews and Jews. Conservative and Reform Judaism have not been considered as legitimate as Orthodox Judaism, which is – by rule of law – the Israeli version of "normative" Judaism. Thus Reform and Conservative Jews do not have certain rights that, for example, Christians and Muslims do have in Israel.

Professor Paul Liptz will address the history of this situation, and the current status of pluralism after many years of legislation and negotiation. He has taught for many years at Tel Aviv University and HUC-JIR/Jerusalem, where he teaches modern Jewish and Israeli history and politics.

**Mondays, November 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – Temple Israel**

**Presenter: Art Benjamin      An Introduction to the Talmud (A Two-Session Program)**

The Talmud is the central body of literature for Jews. Its contents took centuries to construct and can take lifetimes of study. These two sessions will provide an introduction to what it is, how it was prepared and what its significance is today. No knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is necessary.

## TUESDAY LUNCH AND LEARN (Tuesdays at 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.)

**Considers the lives of modern rabbinic leaders**

The long-running LUNCH & LEARN group is looking into the lives of some of the great rabbinic leaders of the past half-century: Gunther Plaut, Nelson Glueck and Jack Stern, to name some. You are invited to attend, so pack a lunch if you wish; dessert and coffee are provided free of charge.

November 7<sup>th</sup> - Gunther Plaut & "Unfinished Business"

November 14<sup>th</sup> - Lunch with Professor Paul Liptz

November 21<sup>st</sup> - Nelson Glueck: Biblical Archaeologist and HUC-JIR President

November 28<sup>th</sup> - Jack Stern & "The Right NOT to Remain Silent"

## WEDNESDAY MORNING MINYAN SERVICES

**The Wednesday Minyan meets at 7:30 a.m. for t'filot (except November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:15 a.m.) and 8:00 a.m. for breakfast.**

You'll find it's a pleasant and uplifting way to start a day, so why not give it a try!? And don't let the name fool you: it's an egalitarian gathering of both sexes and all ages, united by our common heritage, open, accepting and supportive. Hope to see you there!

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