



Curriculum for Fall 2009

(Sept 14 – December 10)

TORAH TEXTS

Monday morning: 10:00 – 11:30 am

Sinai & The Ten Commandments

Leaving Egypt was the easy part. This course picks up the narrative from the moment Israel departs Egypt until that moment when everyone stands at Sinai and listens to a new covenantal vision. How do you change a slave into a free-thinking person? Why are the 10 Commandments so challenging to keep and...were there really 10 of them?

Study the text and explore the various *midrashim* that show how this ancient Code continues to shape and enrich our modern realities.

PROPHETS & SCROLL TEXTS

Monday afternoon: 1:30 - 3:30 pm

King Solomon's Ecclesiastes (*Kohelet*)

We will study the final years of King Solomon and discuss what would bring him to author the book of Ecclesiastes. Famous for giving us the phrase: 'there's nothing new under the sun', how would we then view modern technology including issues of medical ethics. We will explore Solomon, Ecclesiastes and questions of innovation and Jewish ethics within genetically enhanced foods, are they kosher, and issues of medical ethics that are at our doorstep.

WOMEN & JUDAISM

Tuesday morning: 10:00 - 12:00 pm

The Prayers of Women

Whether or not Jewish women have been welcomed into public Jewish ritual throughout our history seems to be irrelevant to the fact that we found women have written prayers and said them for millennia. Together we will explore some of the more famous and some of the newly discovered prayers authored by women and said by women. We will also explore the modern initiative of women and prayers in order to glimpse the unique voice that a woman brings and discover how it has a place everywhere in the Jewish world.

HOLIDAYS

LUNCH, LEARN & LINGER

NEW!!!

1st Wednesday of every month: 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Begins October 12th

Is it that holidayAGAIN ???

Please be our guest for lunch as each month, we study new perspectives on a particular Jewish holiday. With new insights and information, as well as rich brainstorming and sharing of traditions, we are able to keep holiday rituals from becoming the 'same old same old'.

Come hungry for lunch and eager for sharing.

Please RSVP at info@rachaelscentre.org if you plan to attend.

*** Pre-registration necessary**

MUSSAR

Thursday morning: 10:00 - 12:00 pm

This course is an ongoing study of the *Mussar* methodology and practicality within our lives. Based on the *Mussar* schools of Europe, we learn a Jewish system of inner transformation that expresses into the world with ethical actions.

Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, is the goal of *Mussar* and along the way it reveals a beautiful world of personal choice, empowerment and growth. As subtle changes are brought into our daily lives each person experiences a change in their perspective and a reduction in their stress and anxiety levels.

The study structure of this class consists of 1 hour of text study and 1 hour of personal sharing of *Mussar* techniques.

DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND TRUST BUILT WITHIN *MUSSAR*, THIS GROUP HAS A MAXIMUM OF 15 PARTICIPANTS.

SPACES ARE FILLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

ONGOING MITZVAH PROJECT:

KESHARIM

Tuesday Afternoon: 1:30 - 3:30 pm (Day subject to change)

The most effective way to learn a language is to engage in a project instructed in that language. We will knit & crochet blankets and quilts to be donated to medical facilities. By creating a personal item to be used by someone while engaged in healing, **we offer the *mitzvah* of supporting someone who is ill and promoting their well-being.**

At the same time, the group will learn conversational Hebrew including things as names of colours, directions and everyday chit-chat spoken in **simple and easy to learn Hebrew.**

This group is ideal for anyone who wants to engage in this kind of Mitzvah and share a fun and warm environment with other learners.

APPROPRIATE FOR ANY LEVEL OF HEBREW SPEAKER AND ANY LEVEL OF KNITTING & CROCHETING.

Join the group and watch how easily Hebrew can be learned when in an informal and enjoyable surrounding engaged in a meaningful *Mitzvah*.

- We provide all the materials needed
- The group is lead by **Galila Turkienicz**
- Rachael is hoping a spot will be saved for her to attend

COMING IN THE WINTER SESSION...

THE VISION OF A NEW SOCIETY (Monday morning: Exodus)

THE BOOK OF JOB (Monday afternoon)

THE LIFE STAGES OF A JEWISH WOMAN (Tuesday morning)

KESHARIM (Tuesday afternoon)

IS IT THAT HOLIDAY...AGAIN?? (1st Wednesday of every month)

MUSSAR (Thursday morning)



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Application Form Fall 2009

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Cell: _____ Email address: _____

I give permission to share my email contact information with the participants of the *Beit Midrash* Programme.

Courses: (Please select the courses you will be attending.)

Sinai & The 10 Commandments Monday 10:00-11:30 am

King Solomon's Ecclesiastes (*Kohelet*) Monday 1:30-3:30 pm

The Prayers of Women Tuesday 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Kesharim Ongoing *Mitzvah* project (Tuesday 1:30-3:30)
(Day subject to change.)

***Is it that holiday... AGAIN???* Lunch, Learn & Linger**

Wednesday 12:30-2:00 pm (1st Wednesday of every month) Begins October 12th

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Mussar Thursday 10:00 am-12:00 pm (**limited to 15 students**)

* All classes require a minimum enrollment of 10 students

* Courses are recorded and may be used for sales and promotions

* Rachael's Centre is a kosher facility. Please respect this when bringing food or drinks into the Centre.



Tuition

Tuition: Received **before June 30, 2009** \$1440 + \$72 (GST) = \$1512.00

Received **after June 30, 2009** \$1760 + \$88 (GST) = \$1848.00

Payment

Debit

Cheque or money order enclosed (payable to Rachael's Centre)

Credit Card VISA Mastercard

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Signature: _____

I give my permission to keep my credit card information on file.

* If you require a payment plan schedule, please contact us at 416-630-6488 or info@rachaelscentre.org

* The Tyrus Reiman Education Fund is available to assist with tuition fees. If interested, please inquire with Uliana. Privacy and confidentiality are respected and no questions are asked.

* Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) does not permit the issuance of tax receipts for adult education. Rachael's Centre and rachaelscentre.org's courses are classified as adult education.

Tzedakah Initiatives

“Choose Your Zero”

All participants in the *Beit Midrash* Programme also participate in our *tzedakah* initiative with an \$18.00 donation. We encourage those who can, to ‘choose your zero’ and add it to your donation amount.

Please accept my **tax-deductible** gift of:

\$18 \$180 \$1800 \$18 000 Other: _____

“Reaching Out”

Please consider donating to expand the reach of the programmes at Rachael’s Centre. Your contribution provides an important source of funding to operate Rachael’s Centre programming on a balanced budget. Your gift goes directly to the creation, design, development, production and promotion of the unique programmes at Rachael’s Centre and rachaelscentre.org

Please accept my **tax-deductible** gift of:

\$54 \$108 \$180 \$360 \$540 Other: _____

Tyrus Reiman Education Fund

This fund has been established to assist those who may be experiencing economic challenges and ensures their participation in Rachael’s Centre programming. As we learn from *Hillel*, regardless of financial circumstances, no person shall be denied access to studying Torah. Please consider partaking in this *mitzvah*, by contributing to the Education Fund.

Please accept my **tax-deductible** gift of:

\$54 \$108 \$180 \$360 \$540 Other: _____

Tzedakah Echoes

The commandment to give *tzedakah* applies to us all, including those who receive *tzedakah*. With this in mind, Rachael's Centre will make a donation in your honour. In this way, the *mitzvah* you initiate continues to create *tzedakah* ripples within our community and beyond. We have chosen to honour you with a donation of water to Israel through JNF. As women, our connection to both water and the land of Israel is woven throughout our texts and we are fortunate to be able to sustain Israel in this way.

May we all continue to move from strength to strength.

Please accept my **tax-deductible** gift of:

\$54 \$108 \$180 \$360 \$540 Other: _____

Tzedakah Initiatives Payment

Please process my *tzedakah* initiatives payment of: _____

Debit

Cheque or money order enclosed (payable to Rachael's Centre)

Credit Card VISA Mastercard

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Policies

General Refund & Credit Policy

In the event of a student withdrawal from the *Beit Midrash* Programme, **prior** to its start date, a refund or credit will be issued for the full amount of the programme fee, minus a \$50.00 administration fee. If a student withdraws **after** the first class, a full refund or credit will be issued minus a \$100.00 administration fee. Following the second class, refunds or credits will not be issued; with the exception of significant personal or family circumstances. In these cases, a refund or credit will be issued on a pro rata basis minus a \$100.00 administration fee.

Web Access and CD Borrowing Policy

Class recordings of currently offered courses will be available, at www.rachaelcentre.org, to all participants of the *Beit Midrash* Programme. The complete library of class recordings will be available throughout the course duration and for one week following the date of the last class. We will continue to make CDs available for borrowing on a limited basis.

Cancelled Class Policy

In the unlikely event that Rachael's Centre cancels a class, every attempt will be made to schedule a make-up class. If you are unable to attend the make-up class, a CD will be available for borrowing.

Privacy Policy

Rachael's Centre for Torah Mussar & Ethics respects the privacy of any personal information provided by you and protects it through its Privacy Policy. Rachael's Centre reserves the right to disclose any information provided by you as it deems necessary to satisfy any applicable law, regulation, legal process, government request, to protect the Services or the rights of Rachael's Centre, or as otherwise required or permitted by law. Rachael's Centre may use information provided by you in order to identify or resolve technical problems concerning the Services, to tailor its Services to you, to facilitate your use of the Services and to communicate with you.

Information that is acquired by Rachael's Centre is for communications and internal use and is not shared with any other person(s) or organization(s).

Rachael's Centre does not retain on its site credit card information that is acquired temporarily to facilitate electronic commerce transactions for donations, courseware and e-store purchases unless instructed to do so by the cardholder.

Security

Our online programs and web environment is protected by a certified SSL provider which specializes in restricting outside persons from accessing our databases and forms. We will use all commercially reasonable efforts to restrict access to the data you store in your account to persons accessing such data through use of your account or password, including authorized viewers. Rachael's Centre reserves the right to access your account for support requirements, and to verify that your account is not being misused. Rachael's Centre will not be liable for any loss or liability that you may incur as a result of anyone else using your password to access your account data, either with or without your knowledge or permission. Your account access is for your sole use and is not to be shared. You will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to any servers or software controlled by Rachael's Centre, or access such servers or software for unauthorized purposes.

Derech Eretz Policy

Everyone who participates at Rachael's Centre understands and is committed to the Jewish focus of '*Derech Eretz*', ways of interacting together and studying together, while stressing courtesy and respect toward the other person at all times.

To help understand expressing these concepts, it is important to remember that if you are troubled by anything you see in your environment at Rachael's Centre, please communicate this privately and respectfully to anyone who represents Rachael's Centre. We are interested in hearing from you should you have a concern.

All classes have an open seating approach. Seats are not reserved and anyone occupying a seat is welcome to it and should not be asked to relocate.

We thank you for helping us build our concept of Torah values and communication.

Signature

Date