

NEW! Adult Confirmation Program:

An organic experience at Temple Emanu-El. A 3-year study in a variety of Jewish themes that culminate in adult confirmation.

Orientation Session: September 24, 2006

Pre-requisites: Bar/Bat Mitzvah or Adult B'nai Mitzvah and Aleph Hebrew Equivalent.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completion of one semester class or two mini courses (5 sessions or less) in each category is required.
2. 2. 4 elective semester classes or 8 mini courses (or combination of the two).
3. A culminating Adult Confirmation Class

I. Jewish History

- European
- Middle-East
- Holocaust
- Jewish Immigration
- Israel – History, Culture, Politics

II. Torah or Rabbinic Literature

- Talmud
- Midrash
- Siddur
- Mishneh

III. Philosophy/Theology

- Death and Dying
- Reform Judaism
- What does Judaism say about?
- What does it mean to be a Reform Jew
- God Talk
- What happens when we die?

IV. Liturgy

- The Prayer Book
- Development of the Prayer book
- Reform Changes to the Siddur

ELECTIVES (examples):

- Hebrew – Intermediate/Conversational; Biblical; PrayerBook or Hebrew.
- Kabbalah
- Comparative Religions
- Cooking
- Special Programs/Holidays (At least three one-day Lectures equals a mini course)
 - In the Sukkah... What is Sukkot?
 - December Dilema
 - Tu-Bishvat Experience – Nature Shabbat
 - Purim and Megillah reading
 - Second Seder
 - Shavuot Study Session
- Torah/Haftarah Trope
- Book club discussion group
- Film club discussion group
- Other classes (approved by Rabbi Magat)
- Individual Study (By arrangement with Rabbi Magat)