

Hamilton Beit Midrash 2019 Class Schedule

Sunday August 18	Monday August 19	Tuesday August 20	Wednesday August 21	Thursday August 22
9:00 – 10:45 Havruta for Talmud	9:00 – 10:45 Havruta for Talmud	9:00 – 10:45 Havruta for Talmud	9:00 – 10:45 Havruta for Talmud	9:00 – 10:45 Havruta for Talmud
11:00 – 12:00 Shiur for Talmud <i>with Rav Yonah</i>	11:00 – 12:00 Shiur for Talmud <i>with Rav Yonah</i>	11:00 – 12:00 Shiur for Talmud <i>with Rav Yonah</i>	11:00 – 12:00 Shiur for Talmud <i>with Rav Yonah</i>	11:00 – 12:00 Shiur for Talmud <i>with Rav Yonah</i>
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch	12:00 – 1:00 Lunch	12:00 – 1:00 Lunch	12:00 – 1:00 Lunch	12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 2:30 Cycles of Life Through Four Billion Years <i>with Torsten Bernhardt</i>	1:00 – 3:15 Birkoth Hanehenin (laws of blessing experiences) <i>with R. Hillel</i>	1:00 – 3:30 Hilkhot Tsedaqah (laws of righteous giving) <i>with Sarah Magidson</i>	1:00 – 3:15 Birkoth Hanehenin (laws of blessing experiences) <i>with R. Hillel</i>	
2:45 – 5:00 Forest Mishnah <i>with Rav Yonah</i>	3:30 – 4:15 Birkath Halvanah (blessing the waxing moon) <i>with Rav Yonah</i>			
				7:00 - ? Ending Celebration at Planted in Hamilton

To sign up or for more information, please write to: hamiltonbeitmidrash@gmail.com

Attendance options include:

- 1) the whole day
- 2) just the morning classes
- 3) just the afternoon classes (RSVP or just drop in!)

Options 2 and 3 are no charge.

Course Descriptions

Talmud

We will be learning a section rich in aggadatha (story) from Masekhet Ta'anith, a tractate dealing with rainfall, drought, ritual relationship to natural rhythms, and catastrophe.

Cycles of Life Through Four Billion Years

Torsten Bernhardt zaps us into perspective with some *really* ancient history. This slide-filled lecture on paleobiology, extinction cycles, and more will culminate in a fossil hunt in the stone walls of our very own Beth Jacob building. Torsten Bernhardt has carried out experiments in evolution, studied biological illustration, and put together books and displays for the Redpath Museum of natural history. He is currently a pedagogical consultant at the Biology Department of McGill University.

Forest Mishnah

We will go to the wooded area of the nearby Chedoke Radial Trail to learn Mishnah oldschool: by hearing and repeating. No books allowed! Sensible clothing sternly recommended.

Birkoth Hanehenin

This practice centres around elevating our awareness of the seemingly mundane world. Learn about blessings said over eating and other experiences, and get good practice reading rabbinic legal codes while you're at it. (They're much easier than Gemara.) Includes havrutha and shiur.

Birkath Halvanah Workshop

Chanting and dancing "at" the moon is a mitzvah with ancient roots, which is still considered mainstream and normal. But due to the nature of this ritual – going outside at night – many of us are not familiar with it. Although the moon cycle will not be in the right place to perform Birkath Halvanah, we will learn how to do it right for the next time the moon is waxing.

Hilkhot Tsedaqah

Are resources "ours"? How is possession inextricably linked with caretaking? What are our responsibilities? The ingenious Sarah Magidson takes us through the Shulhan Arukh on this topic.

Ending Celebration at Planted in Hamilton

Planted is Hamilton's only restaurant with Kashrut certification, from our very own R. Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli. It is also vegan. Here we will enjoy one another's company and listen to the insights we have each refined over the course of the week.