



Congregation Beth Torah

Adult Education Committee

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Upcoming 2011 High Holiday Study/Learning Opportunities

The CBT Adult Education Committee would like our members to be aware of two valuable study/learning opportunities this High Holiday season.

“Returning the Awe to the Days of Awe”

Taught by Rabbi Joel Zeff and Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger
Jewish Studies Initiative of North Texas

Thursday Evenings, Sept. 15 & 22, and Oct. 6, 2011, CBT Sanctuary

The CBT Adult Education Committee will start off the new year with a series of three classes aimed at bringing a deeper understanding and richer appreciation for the high holiday season of Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. We will pay particular attention to Chassidic literature and the teachings of Rabbi Abraham Isaac Hakohen Kook. Among the themes to be discussed will be:

- “The joy of Teshuva,”
- “Is God our father, or our King?” and
- “Sukkot as the glorification of the simple-minded.”

All interested persons—both within and outside the Beth Torah community—are encouraged to attend. Those of us who have experienced the joy of studying and learning with Rav Schlesinger and Rabbi Zeff strongly encourage those of you who have not, to take advantage of this opportunity. There will be no charge or registration. Regular Adult Ed classes will commence following the High Holidays. Please check the Adult Ed web pages for additional information.

“The Book of Jonah: A Seriously Funny Book”

Conservative Community wide Selichot Program
Congregation Anshai Torah,
5501 West Parker Road, Plano, TX
Saturday, September 24, 2011, 9:00 pm

led by Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky
Asst. Professor, Jewish Theological Seminary



Amy Kalmanofsky

[Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky](#) will be a visiting scholar at Congregation Anshai Torah in Plano, Texas, on Saturday, September 24, 2011, leading a *Selichot* program in which she will examine a Torah reading for the High Holidays and offer a fresh, alternative interpretation. Her talk, entitled “The Book of Jonah: A Seriously Funny Book,” will be sponsored by JTS, along with Congregation Anshai Torah, Congregation Shearith Israel, and Congregation Beth Torah. The rabbis at all three synagogues—Rabbi Stefan J. Weinberg at Anshai Torah, Rabbis William Gershon and David Glickman at Shearith Israel, and **Rabbi Rafi Cohen** at Beth Torah—are graduates of The Rabbinical School of JTS.