



Congregation
Beth Shalom
of the Blue Hills

Lunch & Learn or Evening Class Option with RabbiB

Who Knows 6?

How Interpretation Saved Judaism: Understanding the Mishnah and its role in the survival of Judaism

Join Rabbi Benjamin for an in-person 13 session bi-monthly class on Thursdays from 12:30 - 1:15 to learn about the Mishnah's pivotal role in Judaism's successful transition from being a sacrifice-centric faith. Even though they often disagreed, Rabbis like Hillel and Shammai were committed to the power and necessity of interpreting the Torah's written laws in ways that would sustain the essence of Jewish practice and maintain the unity of the Jewish people. Groups that eschewed interpretation like the Sadducees, Karaites and Samaritans preferring instead to stick to the Law's "original intent" didn't, to say the least, fare as well.

Each class session will cover a different topic that offers insight into the creativity and courage of rabbinic thinking during this time of great upheaval.

SCHEDULE:

November 2 & 16

December 7

January 4 & 18

February 1 & 15

March 7 & 21

April 4 & 18

May 2 & 16

EVENING CLASS OPTION - If there is sufficient interest, this class will be offered once a month starting in November for 7 sessions on either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:15 pm. Those interested should contact the office to share your preference for which evening would work for you. Schedule will then be determined according to what works best for the most people.

Please email office office@bethshalombluehills.org to register by **October 27, 2023**

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