

Why Melton?

"It has made me proud of who I am and where my roots lie. I think more about the holidays, the Sabbath, and leading a charitable life now. I feel more connected to my Jewish community and world. It has made me a happier person."
~Anonymous

"I love learning details about Judaism that I never knew. Melton classes make me more aware of why we do what we do as Jews." ~Robin

"I came to Melton to fill in the holes in my Jewish learning and I stayed because I found here what I was missing." ~Anonymous


"Melton classes satiate my appetite for a deeper understanding of our faith." ~Heidi

"I love telling my children that I am going to school and afterwards we discuss what we have learned. It's a great conversation starter." ~Seth

"The interchange among students, as well as between students and teacher is exciting. I enjoy the warmth in the classroom that accompanies the learning experience." ~Phyllis

"Melton allowed me to provide my children with a role model of lifelong learning. They saw me discovering new and exciting ways of viewing my own religion." ~Anonymous




 the florence melton school
of adult jewish learning
A PROJECT OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

invites you to begin a

Journey of Jewish Self Discovery

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We'll give you 5776 years!

A REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF HEART AND MIND

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And we will connect you to your
Jewish past, present, and future.

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning is an inspiring and empowering adult learning experience. It enables participants to achieve a strong foundation of Jewish knowledge in just two years. Students of varying backgrounds form a community of learners who explore Jewish texts and begin to understand how Judaism developed and what Judaism means to them. The pluralistic approach fosters an atmosphere of warmth, respect, and mutual understanding.

As Melton students say, Melton is...

- Learning the "whys" of everything Jewish from inspired teachers in a relaxed but focused environment
- Learning from one another while exploring original source texts, both ancient and modern
- Learning and sharing different perspectives in a non-judgmental atmosphere

The Curriculum

Engaging and eye-opening, the curriculum was developed and is constantly revised by a team of scholars at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Classes integrate Jewish history, law, beliefs, practices, ideas and terminology through the study of texts—from ancient to contemporary. Instructors are experienced educators, trained to teach adults representing all segments of the Jewish Community.



The Program

Classes meet once a week for 30 weeks, beginning in the fall. Each session consists of two one-hour classes, with a short break. Although there are no prerequisites, exams, or grades, participants are asked to make a serious commitment to regular study. Students register for one year at a time, and those who complete the full two-year program earn a Certificate of Jewish Learning from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



Courses

Core Class:

RHYTHMS

What does it mean to live Jewishly? What are the ideas, beliefs, and practices involved? This course examines a wide variety of Jewish sources to discover deeper meanings underlying holidays, lifecycle observances, and Jewish practice.

PURPOSES

What do Jews believe and why? How do Jewish thinkers answer life's BIG questions? Explore both ancient and modern responses to many major issues of Jewish thought and theology.

CROSSROADS

Merges the concepts of history and memory in order to better understand how each has shaped Jewish life today. Emphasis on reclaiming the richness of Jewish history and discovering significant points in time that shaped our shared identity and destiny.

ETHICS

Can ancient Jewish teachings help us to deal with contemporary issues? This course explores the wisdom of ancient and modern rabbis, scholars and thinkers, and offers multiple Jewish approaches to conducting our lives. Business, interpersonal, and medical ethical dilemmas will be explored.

MELTON Graduate School:

Graduates of the two-year core curriculum are eligible to continue their studies in our Graduate Melton School, which offers a wide array of topics taught by dynamic and knowledgeable instructors.

Melton School Season:

October 2015 – June 2016

For more information, contact the Melton office at 973-530-3519 or visit us at www.jccmetrowest.org/jewish-life

Melton School • Registration Form 5776

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Synagogue Affiliation, if any _____

Yes! Please register me for:

MELTON CORE CLASS: RHYTHMS & PURPOSES

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Morning • 10:00am – 12:00pm | Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Evening • 7:00pm – 9:00pm | JCC MetroWest, West Orange |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Morning • 9:30am – 11:30am | Birnbaum JCC, Bridgewater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Evening • 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Congregation Adath Shalom, Morris Plains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Evening • 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Congregation Agudath Israel, Caldwell |

MELTON CORE CLASS: CROSSROADS & ETHICS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Morning • 10:00am – 12:00pm | B'nai Shalom, West Orange |
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MELTON GRADUATE CLASS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Morning • 9:30am – 11:30am | Birnbaum JCC, Bridgewater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Morning • 9:30am – 11:30am | Congregation Agudath Israel, Caldwell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Morning • 10:00am – 12:00pm | Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Morning • 9:30am – 11:30am | Congregation Adath Shalom, Morris Plains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Morning • 9:30am – 11:30am | JCC MetroWest, West Orange |

MELTON FOUNDATIONS OF JEWISH FAMILY LIVING — A rich learning experience for parents to help them transmit Jewish knowledge & values to their children. This class meets once a month for 10 sessions a year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Evening • 8:00pm – 9:30pm | Work and Play, 19 Prospect Street, South Orange |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Evening • 7:30pm – 9:00pm | Temple Emanu-El, Livingston |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Evening • 7:30pm – 9:00pm | Temple Beth Shalom, Livingston |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Morning • 9:30am – 11:00am | Congregation Adath Shalom, Morris Plains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Morning • 9:30am – 11:00am | Temple Beth-El Mekor Chaim, Cranford |

The Melton program is heavily subsidized.
The actual cost is approximately \$1,000 per student.

TUITION: (includes curriculum materials)

JCC Member & Member of Melton Partners by Sept. 25	\$675
Guest/Member after Sept. 25	\$725
Foundations class	\$180/\$200
1/2 Graduate class	\$350/\$375

Tax deductible donation (used for scholarship funds): _____

Total: _____

PAYMENT METHOD

Check enclosed (payable to JCC MetroWest)

Visa Master Card American Express

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Please return this form and payment to:

Rhonda Lillianthal • Florence Melton School
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