



Federation Midreshet June 2021 Online

Classes begin first week of June via Zoom (registration deadline May 26)

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:45

J1. Jewish History in 36 (or more or less) Objects

An Iron Cross, an amulet, a pair of sandals, a greeting card. Join us as we travel through time and across continents to encounter the global arc of Jewish history through material culture. From a simple piece of cloth or an ornate ritual object, and many other items, we will learn about Jewish life in the past as well as how it is reflected in the Jewish world today.

4 sessions

Instructor: Carol King Berkman

Thursdays, 9:30-10:45

J2. Jewish involvement in American Popular Music

Over the course of four weeks, we will look at the history of Jewish involvement in American popular music – starting as early as the mid-19th century and following up through the modern period. From post-civil war Jewish songwriting to Tin Pan Alley to Broadway, the Brill building, Chicago and Philadelphia, we will come to understand how Jews helped shape American popular music. Our sessions will provide overviews of the lives of Berlin and Gerswhin, the Jewish part of Woodstock and even the Jewish contribution to the early Punk scene of the seventies.

Rabbi Leiken has studied the history of Jews in popular music and even wrote the Forward to Janet Macoska's photobook, Jews Rock. He spent time speaking at JCCS, synagogues and local Jewish communities.

4 sessions

Instructor: Rabbi Brian Leiken

Thursdays, 11:00-12:15

J3. American Jewry and the Civil War

We were there too... on the battlefields of the North and the South. Brother with Brother. Brother against Brother and, sometimes, Rabbi vs. Rabbi. Embraced and excluded.

We will look at the stories of Judah Benjamin, the Chaplaincy Controversy, the relationship with General Grant and the complex bond with President Lincoln to better understand what it meant to be a member of the 19th century American Jewish community.

4 sessions

Instructor: Sharon Halper

Instructor Bios

Carol King Berkman is an adjunct instructor of History at Rockland Community College and a Social Work Clinician at Rockland Jewish Family Service. She received her MSW/MA from Columbia University and The Jewish Theological Seminary. She has taught in a variety of educational settings.

Sharon Halper has been in the field of Jewish education for three decades, first in the field of informal youth education and as a Reform congregational educator and then as a Melton Adult Mini-School Teacher and Director. Sharon has also served as regional educator for the Union for Reform Judaism.

Rabbi Brian Leiken has been the Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth Sholom since June of 2012. He is passionate about social justice, Jewish history, and the study of modern American Judaism. As the religious leader of Temple Beth Sholom, Rabbi Leiken has transitioned the temple into a relational synagogue, one that is built upon the inter and intra-relationships between the clergy and its members. He attended the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion where he was ordained in May of 2007.



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Federation Midreshet Spring 2021 Registration (May 26 Deadline)

Cost: \$70 per course (no extra charge for spouses sharing the same screen)

Financial need scholarships are available. For more information, contact Barry Kanarek at bkkanarek@jewishrockland.org or (845)362-4200 ext 170.

To register online, click below or go to:

<https://jewishrockland.org/federation-midreshet-june-2021-online>

To register via mail, complete the following information and send with payment to Jewish Federation & Foundation, 450 W Nyack Rd, West Nyack 10994

Please register us for the following Federation Midreshet courses.

	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

Tuition covers course-related expenses such as teacher salaries. Please consider a voluntary contribution to the Federation 2020-21 general campaign (thank you!): \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone _____

Please indicate your choice of payment:

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