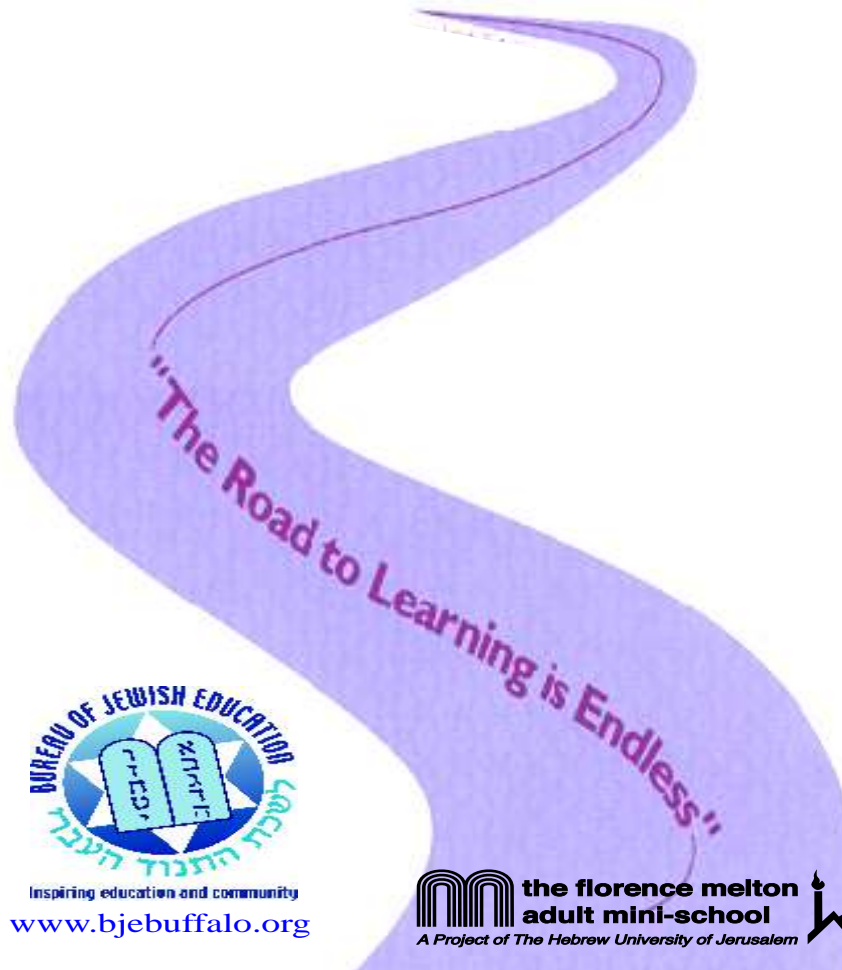


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# Acquire a More Profound Understanding of What it Means to be Jewish

"MY THANKS TO THE MELTON SCHOOL FOR ADDING INSPIRATION AND WISDOM TO MY JEWISH STUDIES...IT WAS A MEMORABLE AND TRANSFORMATIVE TWO YEARS."



## The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School is:

- \* **A global network of learning communities** where adults study together to acquire a deeper knowledge of Judaism.
- \* **A course of study** designed for adults at all levels of knowledge and practice.
- \* **An educational approach** that is non-denominational, drawing upon scholarship from different Jewish movements.
- \* **A curriculum** that draws upon both classical and modern Jewish texts to explore Jewish practices, history, theology and ethics.
- \* **A classroom experience** that is interactive, encouraging open discussion and multiple understandings.
- \* **A comprehensive body of knowledge** taught by dedicated, qualified adult-educators.

## There's Nothing Like It

### **The Mini-School offers a uniquely pluralistic perspective.**

Students are welcomed whatever their Jewish orientation, choice of belief or practice.

**The curriculum, designed by scholars and educators at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Melton Centre for Jewish Education,** is built upon research in course content and best practices in adult learning.

**Mini-School students are invited to become continuing learners** through our Israel seminars and graduate programs.

**The International Alumni Association,** open to all graduates, supports the growth of the Mini-School and offers members additional learning opportunities, such as the annual Alumni Kallah.

**There are no tests,** no homework, no grades and no prerequisites.



"CLASSES WERE CONDUCTED WITH AN OPENNESS THAT GENERATED SPIRITED DIALOGUE."

## History

“In 1980 it was unheard of in Jewish education to even consider that adults would participate in formalized education, where they would go to a school on a regular basis and pay tuition and have a pluralist environment in a classroom. But I knew it was going to fill a human need that was not being met.”

— Florence Melton

## Impact

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School

- ◆ Gives new meaning to pre-existing Jewish activity.
- ◆ Develops involvement and interest in Jewish learning.
- ◆ Connects ethics and everyday life.
- ◆ Inspires an appreciation for the traditions of Judaism.
- ◆ Enables students to become more active role models and teachers for their families.
- ◆ Increases affiliation with Jewish networks and community institutions.

“THE MELTON EXPERIENCE HAS REKINDLED MY PASSION FOR LEARNING. . . I’VE LEARNED THAT THE MORE I LEARN, THE LESS I KNOW AND THAT THE QUESTS TO FIND ANSWERS ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT.”

## Curriculum

The core curriculum is a commitment of 28 sessions per year for two years. Classes are held once a week and last 2-1/4 hours.

### Year One

Rhythms of Jewish Living introduces students to the ideas, beliefs and practices that shape a Jewish life. Purposes of Jewish Living provides an overview of the theological foundations of Jewish life and religious practice.

### Year Two

Dramas of Jewish Living Throughout the Ages is an exploration of specific dramatic events, experiences and issues from different periods of Jewish history. Ethics of Jewish Living examines Jewish ethical issues, using case studies from Talmudic, rabbinic and contemporary literature.

ORIENTATION FOR  
FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS  
WEDNESDAY, September 15, 2010  
5:00 PM  
BRODER CENTER FOR  
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## Faculty

Purposes of Jewish Living  
*Dr. Gerald Berkowitz*  
Rhythms of Jewish Living  
*Marta Braiterman*  
Ethics of Jewish Living  
*Rabbi Harry Rosenfeld*  
Dramas of Jewish Living  
*Dr. Aaron Hughes*

**Classes Begin Wednesday,  
September 15, at 6:30 PM**

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THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL \$75  
MATERIALS FEE

### First-Year Students

- \* *Purposes and Rhythms Student Reader* notebook from Hebrew University
- \* *Tanakh, The Holy Scriptures (Bible), The New JPS Translation According to the Traditional HebrewText*, Jewish Publication Society

### Second-Year Students

- \* *Dramas and Ethics Student Reader* notebook from Hebrew University
- \* *The Rutledge Atlas of Jewish History* by Martin Gilbert, Sixth Edition