

TEACHERS AND COURSES

See <http://havurah.org/nhc-winter-2019> for complete course descriptions).

Solomon Mowshowitz

1 - Kissing in the Synagogue

2 - Black Fire on White Fire – the strange letters of the Torah

Solomon Mowshowitz is a past chair of the NHC, and taught gene-splicing at Columbia University.

Josh Schreiber Shalem

3 - Embodying "Koach" - Spiritual Strength

Josh Schreiber Shalem is an active member of Havurat Shalom in Somerville, MA, a popular NHC teacher, a certified teacher of the Feldenkrais Method® of Somatic Education and performing musician. He is currently studying in the Rabbinical program at Hebrew College.

Trisha Arlin

4 - Exploring "Kavvanot" - preparing the mind prior to the Shabbat Amidah (the "standing" prayer)

5 - Writing our own Kavvanot for the Shabbat Amidah

Trisha Arlin (www.trishaarlin.com) is a liturgist and author of *Place Yourself: Words of Prayer and Intention*, available at <https://www.patreon.com/trishaarlin>

Esther Africk

6 - Recent & Old News about Jerusalem's Old City

Esther Africk is a licensed Hebrew teacher and a graduate of Teacher's Institute of Yeshiva University. She has been teaching a women's group since July 2007 on such topics as: Mishlei, Jewish history, and Jerusalem.



Laura Bellows

7 - "Imperfections" in the holy books

8 - Jewish resiliency & the climate crises: a discussion across generations

Laura Bellows is an artist, environmental educator, rabbi, and life-long Havurahnik. Originally from the DC area (Fabrangen), she now serves as the Director of Prozdor and Youth Initiatives at Hebrew College. When not teaching, scribing, or dreaming up Havurah-inspired communities, Laura can be found practicing ukulele and snowshoeing at Jamaica Pond (not at the same time).

Aliza Arzt

9 - Erotic poetry in Song of Songs

10 - Life in the Fast Leyn: How to Read Lots of Torah on Short Notice

Aliza Arzt is a member of Havurat Shalom, and a long-time teacher at NHC retreats.

Sue Fendrick

11 - Us and Our Stuff: Part I

12 - Us and Our Stuff: Part II

Sue Fendrick went to every NHC Summer Institute for about 15 years (and taught at many) and then hasn't been to one in about 15 years. She's very happy to be back in the NHC fold. A rabbi by training, currently an editor and spiritual director, she delights in and perpetually declutters her possessions in Newton, MA, where she lives with her husband and their twin teenagers, near their three other 20-something kids.



Sue Gulack

13 - The Real Story of Hanukkah - where does it come from?

14 - Make and Take – Reusable Beeswax Food Wrappers

Susan Gulack is a Rabbi and chaplain from Albany, NY, and has been exploring the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical worlds through prayer and study, art and music for a long time. It is her joy to have others join her in these adventures.

Talia Laster

15 - Is There A Case Against Pluralism?

16 - Torah from the Womb

Talia Laster grew up attending Fabrangen Havurah in Washington, D.C., and is a lifelong member-leader in the National Havurah Committee. She has learned at Yeshivat Hadar and the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. She is currently studying for rabbinic ordination at Hebrew College.

Ronnie Levin

17 - Bible stories you didn't learn in Sunday school

18 - Approaching the "Shema" prayer: Yotzer Or: Parsing, Piercing and Forming the Light

Ronnie Levin holds a graduate degree in Bible and Tefilah, and has been a popular Havurah teacher for years.

Joe Rosenstein

19 - Sage advice: "Pirkei Avot" (Ethics of our ancients): The Message of Its First Chapter

20 - Pirkei Avot and The World to Come

Joseph Rosenstein is a former chair of the National Havurah Committee. He is the author of *Siddur Eit Ratzon* and *Machzor Eit Ratzon* (see newsiddur.org)

