

Come Join the Rabbi's Torah Class!

A hidden jewel in the TBA crown is the Rabbi's Sunday morning Torah class, which has held steady through at least our last two rabbis. It is an easy and painless way to introduce oneself to the essential Jewish book, as everything is in English and there is no homework. There is learning, camaraderie, and a good Ashkanazi breakfast.

I was not raised in Judaism, knew no Hebrew, and felt ignorant and fearful of Jewish learning when I first joined the Temple. I was cajoled into going to Torah class since it was deemed unfair that my two kids had to go to Sunday and Hebrew school and I did not have to do anything. After a few sessions where I initially thought everyone else had imbibed rabbinic knowledge in their mothers' milk, I started to catch on and catch up. It became interesting and very accessible. It was my first steps into Jewish knowledge and into Temple life. I learned that there are no right answers and the class members brought different perspectives into the material. The Rabbi could be and was often challenged with impunity. I learned Torah and other Jewish secrets.

So, I urge you not to be intimidated as I was and to take a risk by attending a few Torah classes this fall to see what it is. You may be glad that you did.

Rabbi's Torah class:
Impulsive God, flawed forebears,
Rosenfeld's bagels

Harvey Weiner