

ADULT EDUCATION – SPRING 2023

- **“Siblings, Second Temple Judaism and the Development of Early Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism”** taught by Steve Stark-Riemer.

Tuesdays, May 9-June 13. 10-11:45 AM. VIRTUAL ONLY

This is the first six weeks of a two-part course focusing on the archaeology, history and religion of Ancient Israel during the Second Temple Period.

- **“Three Views of Jewish History”** taught by Professor Paul Finkelman.

Mondays, May 1-15. 7:30-8:45 PM. IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL.

Dr. Finkelman is a noted legal scholar and a specialist in American Jewish history. The topics for this course are:

May 1 – **Jews and the Black Death**, where we will discuss the horrific bubonic plague of the mid-14th century and explanations for the Jews’ relative immunity based on genetics and not the cultural myths attributing this to cleanliness and kashrut.

May 8 – **Jews and Slavery**, which will start with the biblical context and update the story to America through the 19th century as we learn about Jews as both slave owners and abolitionists.

May 15 – **Jews and the American Revolution** will examine how the presence of Jews and their active participation in the Revolution changed the United States.

Registration Form for “Siblings” and “Three Views of Jewish History”

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Siblings

Non-member _____ \$45

B’nai Sholom Member discounted fee _____ \$35

Three Views of Jewish History

Non-member _____ \$25

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