

The Changer and the Changed

Talmud served up the old-fashioned way—hardcore, queer, and radically inclusive.

Dates: Sundays; June 6, 13, 20 & 27

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM CDT

Location: Zoom

Cost: Set your own tuition level from \$10-\$100

Note: Please register early (ideally by May 24) so that we can ensure that you will receive the materials that you need!



Supplies Pick Up – June 1-4

Each learner will receive a resource folder, snacks, and other learning essentials. These Talmud learning packs will be available for pick up at the following times and locations

1. Talmud Torah of St. Paul
768 Hamline Av S., St. Paul
Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM when school is in session.
Call 651-698-8807 with any questions.
2. Sara Lynn's home in Mendota Heights
Please email sara.lynn@ttsp.org to let her know when you'd like to come by.
3. Mir Graham's home in Minneapolis
Please email MGraham@jfcsmpls.org to let her know when you'd like to come by.

If you cannot come to pick your learning pack, please note that on your registration form. We will mail learning packs to those who can not come to pick up.

Dictionaries

We will use two dictionaries: Marcus Jastrow's Dictionary of the Targumim, Talmud, and Midrashic Literature and Yitzhak Frank's Practical Talmud Dictionary.

We have **some loaner copies** of each that will be available for pick up if you request it on your registration. This will be on a first come first serve basis.

Online version: There is an online version of the Jastrow dictionary. Jastrow is the primary dictionary and will be sufficient for this course if you can't get a Frank dictionary.

Purchase: You can purchase Jastrow and Frank directly from their publishers. These books are pricey.

The Changer and the Changed – Flow of the Sessions

Session 1 – All are invited, AND this is a must for folks who are brand new or relatively new to SVARA-style learning and/or Talmud study. We will discuss the fringy, queer, radical nature of the Talmud and the nuts and bolts of what is on the page.

Sessions 2-4 will include the following components for our liberatory learning.

- **Chevruta Learning (study in pairs):**

You sit with your chevruta (study partner), your text, and your dictionaries and work to prepare the text.

No translations, your text is in the original Hebrew and Aramaic, no matter your learning experience. Learning in the original language slows you down and gives you the opportunity to create your own meaning of the text. The process of looking up words demands your attention and presence, asking you to use "beginner's mind," dropping your expectations of what you think you know and opening up to multiple possibilities.

- **Shiur (whole group lesson)**

After everyone has spent time deciphering the day's text, we will come together as a group to unpack what we've learned, discuss it, and share our questions and insights.

- **Chazara (review) (sessions 3 and 4)**

You've translated, unpacked and discussed the text. Now it's time to own it, to really get it into your own *kishes*/insides. At the start of chevruta time in the 3rd and 4th session, you'll return to previous week's text for chazara (review) to the point of deep understand, ownership, and memorization (it isn't as scary as it sounds!!).