



One of the NHC's greatest strengths is the diversity of its participants. We are musicians, doctors, students, furniture makers, retirees, Jewish professionals, homemakers, teachers, activists, and just about everything else.

At past Summer Institutes, our youngest participants have been under 6 months old and our oldest over 80, with many participants from all age groups in between.

We are Jews from birth, Jews by choice, people committed to both traditional and non-traditional Jewish practice, non-Jews, and people exploring Judaism; LGBT and straight; people of color, Sefardi, Mizrahi and Ashkenazi; urban, rural, and suburban; Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, Reform, Renewal, secular, and Jewish without labels; and people with

no formal Jewish education, people with Ph.D.'s in Talmud, and people with all other types of Jewish backgrounds.

The dynamic process of exploring together what Judaism and Jewishness means in our lives is a highlight of the Institute.



Register for Summer Institute 2010



Online registration for the National Havurah Committee Summer Institute 2010 is now OPEN! Please register for the Institute, choose courses and housing options, and order apparel in advance. Register for the Institute and find out about kids' camp, child care, work-study and scholarship and fellowship opportunities online at www.havurah.org or by phone at **215-248-1335**.

The NHC's flagship program, the week-long Summer Institute, is a unique opportunity for serious study, moving prayer, spirited conversation, late-night jam sessions, singing, dancing, swimming, meditation, and hiking – all in the company of more than 300 people from a wide range of backgrounds in a gorgeous setting. Each year, participants leave the Institute reinvigorated and excited to return to their home communities to share new ideas, skills, and experiences.

At the center of the Institute are a wide array of courses offered in morning and afternoon sessions. Each course has a maximum of 20 students and is led by a teacher who is also an Institute participant, presenting material that she or he loves in an inclusive style that encourages everyone to participate. Choose from classes in traditional texts, Jewish politics, poetry, Jewish ethics, dance and singing, Judaism and world religions, and contemporary topics.

MORNING

M01 - The Art of Sephardic Music
Samuel Asher, Poretsky Artist in Residence

M03 - Murder or Mitzvah: the Ethics of Animals as Food
Ellie Ash and Annie Bass

M05 - How to Write a Social Justice D'var Torah that's not a Dud
Guy Izhak Austrian

M07 - The Glass is Half Jewish: Mixed Heritage, Conversion, and Inter-marriage
Rebecca Ennen

M09 - Sixty Years of Israeli Poetry Between War and Peace
Hanoch Guy

M11 - The Clash of Wills and the Will to Heal: Pediatric Ethics and Rabbinic Thought
Hillel Gray

M13 - Should the law pierce the mountain? The role of communal narrative in Jewish law
Adam Gordon

M15 - D'raw Yikra
Luke Jaeger

M17 - Torah Queeries: Not Your Zayde/Bubbe's Parshat Hashavua
Diane Klein

M19 - What are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur All About?
Joseph G. Rosenstein

M21 - Freedom to Love - The Song of Songs in Biblical, Rabbinic, Mystical, and Modern Perspectives.
Jonah Chanan Steinberg

M23 - A Post-Modern Haredi Philosopher? The Thought of Rav Yitzhak Hutner
Miriam-Simma Walfish

M25 - The Exodus-Narrative: Text and Interpretations
Aryeh Wineman

AFTERNOON

A02 - Freedom Declared: Jewish Poetry Laboratories
Natalie Lyalin and Joshua Bolton, Poretsky Artists in Residence

A04 - The Art and Spirit of Prayer Leading
Julia Appel

A06 - Israel Through the Lens: Israeli Filmmakers Look at Their World
Susan Barocas

A08 - Lomir Zingen Frayheynt (Let's Sing Freedom)
Charley Beller

A10 - So You Think You Can't Dance
Walli Adler Chefitz



At the Summer Institute, families with children are not only welcome, they are a priority. The Summer Institute “village” is supportive of all kinds of families, and prayer services celebrate the inclusion of children. While parents participate in Institute offerings, children ages six months to twelve years attend Kids Camp, joining their older family members at mealtimes.

A12 - Al Shlosa Devarim ... On Three Things the World Stands: Truth, Justice and the American Way? Exploring the Relationship between Jews, Judaism and the American Comic Book
Brian Fink

A14 - Walking Humbly with God: Towards a Progressive Definition of Tzniut (Modesty)
Marisa Harford

A16 - The Ground Where You Are Standing is Holy: A Jewish Theology of Place
Jill Jacobs

A18 - The Black Fire
Solomon Mowshowitz

A20 - My Brother's Keeper: The Law of Lifnei Iver
Micha'el Rosenberg

A22 - “Amish” Yisrael?— Technology, Radical Simplicity, and Jewish Freedom of Choice
Regina Sandler-Phillips

A24 - Reading (and Writing) Midrash
Devorah Schoenfeld

A26 - Who Jew? You Jew? - The Complexities of Contemporary Conversion
Brent Chaim Spodek