

November 2021

Dear Current and Prospective Hebrew College Open Circle Jewish Learning Faculty and Liaisons,

I am pleased to share that we are now accepting course proposals for Hebrew College's Open Circle Jewish Learning Classic, Social Action, and Young Adult/20's and 30's classes starting in the Winter/Spring of 2022.

We invite you to submit your course proposals here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CMVXG78>

We will be accepting proposals until Friday, December 3, 2021, and will notify you regarding the acceptance or rejection of your course proposal by December 23, 2021.

Some guidelines and expectations:

- We are requesting that Hebrew College's Open Circle Jewish Learning courses start no earlier than February 7, 2022.
- In general, Hebrew College's Open Circle Jewish Learning Classic courses consist of no more than eight, 90-minute class sessions.
- We recommend limiting Hebrew College's Open Circle 20's and 30's and Social Action classes to no more than six, 90-minute class sessions to keep classes more affordable.
- Faculty and class liaisons, as in previous years, will also be expected to recruit participants.
- Our team will provide flyers, registration links, and send out broader-level emails and social media posts to the Hebrew College community to assist in recruitment.
- Hebrew College requires a minimum of 10 participants to run a traditional Open Circle Jewish Learning class, and a minimum of 9 participants for 20's and 30's or Social Action Open Circle Jewish Learning classes.
- We are delighted to note that we have not increased class fees next year and hope and believe our classes are an affordable and exciting way for all adults, regardless of background, to learn together in community.

We expect that most classes will continue to be offered remotely via Zoom, and others will be in person, with all participants and the instructor being vaccinated. Please talk this over with your cohort to determine what will work best for your group. As we transition towards meeting in person, we must bear in mind the advantages of technology that have been a life saver for many of our adult learners

who may live far away or do not have ready access to transportation. If your class is meeting or working with a host institution, please check with them to determine the Covid-safe rules for meeting in person, erring as always on the side of inclusion of all interested students.

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions. We look forward to a brilliant Winter/Spring full of community and adult learning!

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