

# ADULT EDUCATION • YOUTH GROUPS

## **Continuing Education**

Adult continuing education is a priority at Gates of Prayer. From in-depth study of Torah to Jewish cooking – questions about our faith, our history, our culture, and our lives within our community are addressed each year through a diverse array of programs. Guest speakers and professionals from within our community lead workshops and discussion groups, and each year the endowed Landau Lectureship brings a nationally recognized visiting scholar to spend a weekend with our adults and children.

Ongoing opportunities for study and learning include:

- Lunch and Learn – relaxed study and discussion of Torah and Mishnah with Rabbi Loewy.
- Introduction to Judaism – For those either new to Judaism or those wishing to enhance their basic knowledge.
- Adult Hebrew – skills to enhance the worship experience, possibly leading to adult b'nai mitzvah.

Recent series and programs have included:

- Jewish Mysticism – three rabbis, three approaches
- Understanding Prayer – the how's and why's of our worship service
- Mid-life issues – examining family relationships in a time of transition
- Parenting your Jewish child
- Summer Delight Series – Book discussions, Jewish cultural and entertainment

Programs are usually held on Weekday evenings or Sunday mornings during religious school and are open to all congregants, usually at no fee. It's a great opportunity to meet friends or make new ones as we gain insights into our Judaism.

## **Youth Groups**

At Gates of Prayer we offer our students three different youth groups to participate in as they grow and mature. Students in the Fifth through Sixth Grades participate in our Rishon Youth Group. Our Seventh and Eighth Grades move on to Junior Youth Group and our High School students participate in our award winning Youth Group called GOPTY.