

Just the Name Has Changed

Several months ago, the Federation announced an exciting adult learning opportunity for people in Greater Middlesex County----the **Me'ah** Program. Our event in March brought more than 50 interested parties.

We have just been advised that the program, originally known as **Me'ah**, has undergone an organizational transformation and it will now be known as **ConText**—The Adult Jewish Learning Program of the Jewish Theological Seminary. The program will be guided by the same academic director and will feature the same outstanding faculty previously in place.

ConText is a four-semester program conducted over two years. Each academic semester will consist of eight sessions and will have a month long break in January. The curriculum focuses on two major themes: Jewish Texts and Interpretation and Jewish Cultures and Communities. **ConText** will provide sophisticated adult learners with a framework for understanding the Jewish past, refining their personal approach to the challenges of contemporary Jewish life, and a basis for developing a unique and informed outlook toward the Jewish future.

We are recruiting for a Greater Middlesex County **ConText** program for 2010-2011 and are very pleased to support this multi-congregational collaborative that transcends denominational boundaries. Sessions will begin on Tuesday, October 26 at a local site. All sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings. Each semester will consist of eight academic sessions with a month-long break in January.

Join us to learn more specific details about the program and participate in a mini-learning session at a special **Intro to ConText**:

Tuesday, September 28 at 7:30 PM At the offices of the Jewish Federation 230 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River

Registration information will be provided. Those who enrolled previously in "Me'ah" will be asked to re-register.

Tuition for the program year (two semesters) is typically \$695. The Jewish Federation is providing a \$200 subsidy for **every** registrant that is a member of a Greater Middlesex County synagogue, bringing the annual tuition fee down to \$495.

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