

“Hitting the High Spots of Exodus” - Rabbi Arthur Baseman and Leddy Hammock (not every single chapter/verse, but the general highlights that take us to “high places”). **3 to 4 pm, Thurs.afternoons:**

10/1 Class 1–High Spots, Ex. 1&2: Introduction I - “Meet Moses”

10/8 Class 2–High Spots, Ex. 3: Introduction II - “Moses, Meet God”

10/15 Class 3–High Spots, Ex. 4-6: “Moses & Aaron's Excellent Adventure”

10/22 Class 4–High Spots, Ex. 7-10: “Plagues and More Plagues”

10/29 Class 5–High Spots, Ex.11 & 12: “One More Plague – Enough, Already”

11/5 Class 6–High Spots, Ex.13&14: “Welcome to the Wilderness”

11/12 Class 7–High Spots, Ex.15&16: “Fast Food in the Desert”

11/19 Class 8–High Spots, Ex.17-20: “Up to High Ground & Down to Earth w. High Road Rules”

Our Instructors agree that the Bible reflects unfolding human understanding of divine inspiration; their shared intention for this class is to approach the scripture allegorically, believing that it is to be individually interpreted and personally applied. They are always pleased when anyone learns to go within and get inspiration direct from the Spirit of Truth. So far as we know, this class is a unique, first-time endeavor to present, *in a shared setting*, wisdom of Reform Judaism and traditional Unity.

Our class begins on Oct. 1, covers 20 chapters (half) of the Book of Exodus and concludes by Thanksgiving. Students may want to read the above chapters before class. *Let’s hit the high spots!*

This class is offered on a free will, love offering basis. Love offerings can be made online or mailed to Unity Church, 2465 Nursery Road, Clearwater, FL 33764, marked “Exodus.” Your gifts are all gratefully received and help to support UCC through our “journey through the current wilderness.”

For Zoom invite: preregistration (free) by email to info@unityofclearwater.org to be all set for the Zoom invite. Call 727 531 0992 and speak to Russ for assistance. **New students are welcome for every class.** Bring your favorite translation of the Bible – you might want to have pen and note paper handy, too. *Excellent!*

Optional Texts of interest (see Amazon): ***Metaphysical Bible Dictionary***, Charles Fillmore; ***The Hebrew Primer*** by Ruby G. Strauss with Ahuva Schuller/Lillian W. Adner; ***Let There Be Light***, Elizabeth Sand Turner.

The Aliyah - *Opening and closing prayers for the class:*

Aliyah in Hebrew means "ascent" or "going up") - the prayers traditionally said before and after Torah study.

Blessing before reading the Torah:

Barchu et Adonai hamvorach. Baruch Adonai hamvorach liolam va’ed.

Baruch atah Adonoi eloeinu melech haolam. Asher bachar banu michol

ha amim vanatan lanu et torato. Baruch atah Adonai notan hatorah.

**Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, King of the universe,
Who chose us from all the peoples and gave us His Torah.
Blessed are You, Adonai, Giver of the Torah.**

***Let us read with our eyes and listen with our souls and let
our lives be transformed to what God intends them to be.***

(Invocation by Charles Fillmore) **I AM now in the presence of pure Being, and immersed in the
Holy Spirit of Life, Love, and Wisdom.**

**I acknowledge Thy presence and Thy power, O blessed Spirit;
in Thy divine wisdom, now erase my mortal limitations and from Thy pure substance of Love,
bring into manifestation my world, according to Thy perfect law.**

Closing for each class:

Blessing after reading the Torah:

Baruch Atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha olam asher natan lanu torat.

Emet vechaya olam nata bitochenu. Baruch ata Adonai notan hatorah.

**Blessed are you, Adonai, our God, King of the universe,
Who gave us the Torah of Truth and implanted eternal life within us.
Blessed are You, Adonai, Giver of the Torah.**

**Divine Love, through me, blesses and multiplies all that I have,
all that I give, and all that I receive. Thank You, Father-Mother God.**

**“The Light of God surrounds us, the Love of God enfolds us, the Power of God protects us,
and the Presence of God watches over us. Wherever we are, God is,” *and all is well.***