

FALL 2025 IPC WONDER YEARS/SEEKERS/TOPICS ADULT EDUCATION COURSE

The Biblical Prophetic Purpose: *A Jewish and New Testament Juxtaposition*

This lecture series will analyze how Rabbinic, Normative and Contemporary Judaism understand the biblical major and minor prophets compared to how New Testament writers understood them in the first century. Classes will focus on the following themes:

- Biblical Prophets: Purpose and Canonization
- Prophets: Fortune Teller or Moral Compass?
- Prophets: Cantankerous or Perpetual Spiritual Sufferers?
- New Testament Writers: True Believers of Biblical Prophets or Exegetical Masters?
- Prophetic Literature and Liturgy

Instructor: Rabbi Adam Wright

Book: *The Hebrew Prophets and Their Social World*; Victor H. Matthews, Baker Publishing Group, Baker Academic; 2nd ed. 2012

Fall Class Schedule: Class meets each Sunday morning, 10:00 – 10:50 am in Rm 305/306 beginning September 14th and continuing until November 23rd, excluding Sunday, November 2nd.

Rabbi Adam M. Wright is the spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-el. He is from West Bloomfield, MI – a suburb of Detroit. Adam earned his Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in Religion and Judaic Studies from Wheaton College (Norton, MA). After college, he pursued graduate studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School (Nashville, TN) where he earned a Master in Theological Studies focusing on the Ancient Near East and Early Judaism. After Adam's tenure at Vanderbilt, he enrolled at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Los Angeles to begin his rabbinic training. He is currently pursuing his doctorate at HUC-JIR. Rabbi Wright has served Jewish communities in California and was the Associate Rabbi at Temple Solel in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California, from 2014-2019. His wife Rachel is an internist and pediatrician at UAB, and they have a daughter, Lillian, and twins, Maisie and Teddy. Rabbi Wright played four years of collegiate tennis and still relishes his time on the court. He is also an avid Detroit Red Wings fan.



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