

Congregation Anshei Israel
~ ADULT STUDIES KOLLEL ~



**“PAUSING FOR
A SHMITTA YEAR”**

Reimagine society. Renew Jewish Life.

With our observance of Rosh Hashanah this past September, we began what is referred to as a Shmitta (Sabbatical) Year. Shmitta literally means ‘release.’

Of biblical origin, this is the final year of a shared calendar cycle, when land is left fallow, debts are forgiven, people look inward, and a host of other agricultural and economic adjustments are made to ensure the maintenance of an equitable, just, and healthy society. The questions about how Shmitta actually worked – if it worked – are enormous.

In this 3-week class, we will review the Biblical and Rabbinic texts regarding the origins and nature of the observance of Shmitta, and ask:

What might this Shmitta year look like in a modern context? In Israel and beyond? ... and not just for farmers, but for businesses, families, communities, and for each of us individually?

How might the wider Shmitta cycle hold the key to approaching the economic, environmental and societal challenges we are facing today?

**Wednesdays,
March 11, 18 & 25, 2015
7:00-9:00pm**

**\$18 for 3-week series
PLUS food or cash donation
for the Community Food Bank**
(Please bring items to class.)

**Please RSVP by Mar. 9
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