

**Continuing ADULT EDUCATION on Wednesdays at PCS with RABBI JULIE**

**Feb. 3 and 24, 7:30 pm.**

**All are welcome and no previous knowledge is necessary.**

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Part One: February 3, 7:30 pm

**The Whole Megillah**

*The Megillah in the Context of the Bible*

What is the "back story" of the Book of Esther? Its historical context?  How does the Book of Esther both fulfill and subvert other biblical traditions?**Is it history, melodrama, satire, the first Jewish novel maybe?**

This is your opportunity to read the **Whole Megillah** and understand it like you never learned in Hebrew School!

Part Two: February 24, 7:30 pm

**Does this Book Belong in the Bible?!**

*The Megillah in the Context of Rabbinic Thought and Theolog*y

**The Scroll of Esther is full of sexual innuendo, violence, and court intrigue** -- and it doesn't mention the name of G-d even once. Yet some consider this story of assimilated diaspora Jews a uniquely holy expression of divinity. We will look at Talmud and Midrash, and ponder how this book got into the Bible at all.

Following our Talmudic sages, we will take a vote at the end of class if we think it belongs there.

Lots of participation and discussion!

Each class stands on its own, but together you get the whole picture -- the **Whole Megillah**!

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