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JEWISH LIFE

**Shlichei Tzibur Training Program**  
**January-June 2023**  
**Schedule (Draft)**

**Class #1, 1/17/23:** Welcome and introduction. The role of the *Shaliach Tzibur* in Jewish tradition: its history, and its present role.

**Class #2, 1/31/23:** Understanding Kabbalat Shabbat: The study of its structure, davening, and sharing melodies and creative *kavanot*. Best practices and tools for leading with confidence.

**Class #3, 2/14/23:** Kabbalat Shabbat, continued. How to build a cohesive worship experience.

**Class #4 :** In-person sessions. Practice leading Friday evening services (*\*cohort members will be grouped by synagogue denomination or affinity to a certain denomination, or the prayer book they use. This will make the practice more effective and relevant.*) **Dates, time and location will be selected with input from participants at the start of the program.**

**Class #5, 3/07/23:** Havdalah ceremony and song circle gatherings: exploring Jewish liturgical and non-liturgical songs, secular songs, *niggunim*, and best practices to get people to sing both known and unknown new melodies.

**Class #6, 3/28/23:** Understanding Shabbat Shacharit: The study of its structure, davening, and sharing melodies and creative *kavanot*. Best practices and tools for leading with confidence.

**Class #7, 4/11/23:** Shabbat Shacharit, continued. How to build a cohesive worship experience.

**Class #8:** In-person sessions. Practicing leading a Shabbat Shacharit service (*\*cohort members will be grouped by synagogue denomination or affinity to a certain denomination, or the prayer book they use. This will make the practice more effective and relevant.*) **Dates, time and location will be selected with input from participants at the start of the program.**

**Class #9, 5/02/23:** Introduction to Jewish spiritual practices: What is it? How is it valuable? How do I get started?

**Class #10, 5/16/23:** Visiting the Mourners' Home: How to prepare for your visit. The study of the Arvit Shiva: the study of the weekday Arvit davening, and the special prayers to be recited at a house of mourning. How to prepare oneself to visit a house of mourning.

**Class #11:** In-person session. Practicing leading Havdalah and song circles. *Dates, time and location will be selected with input from participants at the start of the program.*

**Maine Conference for Jewish Life, June 9, 2023 (attendance required):** Participate in leadership of Friday-night service.