**Temple Beth Shalom’s February classes open to people of all faiths**

People of all faiths are welcome to participate in Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley’s education classes, “America’s Four Gods” and “Gratitude,” in February at the Temple, 12202 N. 101st Ave. Sun City.

**America’s Four Gods**

This interactive four-week program will be led by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan and Temple President Fay Henning-Bryant from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23.is based on the book, *America’s Four Gods:* *What We Say About God — And What That Says About Us*, written by Paul Froese and Christopher Bader.

The authors developed a self-administered survey instrument that enables each participant to answer a series of questions that provides them feedback about how they conceive of God and the role God plays in their daily lives. Individual survey results are private. Drawing on their study of American religious beliefs, the authors found that regardless of one’s religious tradition (or lack thereof), Americans worship four distinct types of God: benevolent, authoritative, distant or critical.

Through discussion led by Kaplan and Henning-Bryant, participants will be able to see how one conceives of God is relevant to current conditions in America and to better understand how perceptions of God are powerful predictors of how we feel about some of the most contentious issues in America today.

Cost is $18 for members and $36 for non-members. Advance registration and payment is required by Jan. 30. Contact the Temple Beth Shalom office at 623-977-3240 or templebethshalomaz@gmail.com to register.

**Gratitude**

This four-week class about gratitude will be led by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan and Reva Litt, a Temple Beth Shalom member, from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

The program will draw from many sources, including “The Psychology of Gratitude and The Little Book of Gratitude: Create a life of Happiness and Wellbeing by Giving Thanks.” Gratitude will be explored from many perspectives. Throughout history and around the world, religious leaders, philosophers, psychologists and research scientists have extolled the virtue of gratitude:

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