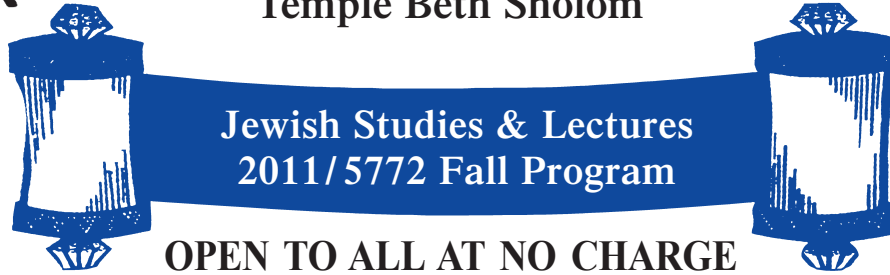


The Herbert Tarr North Shore Institute for Adult Jewish Education

at
Temple Beth Shalom



Jewish Studies & Lectures
2011/5772 Fall Program

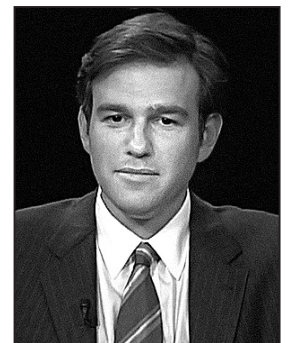
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011, AT 7:15 P.M.

BRET STEPHENS WILL DISCUSS “THE AFTERMATH: A LOOK AT THE MIDDLE EAST AS THE ARAB SPRING TURNS TO FALL”

Bret Stephens, a brilliant, highly engaging and informative speaker, is currently the Foreign Affairs Columnist for the Wall Street Journal, as well as Deputy Editor of the editorial pages of the Wall Street Journal’s European and Asian editions. He is the former Editor-in-Chief of the Jerusalem Post, a position he assumed in 2002 at the age of 28, and for which he is credited with overseeing the most extensive redesign of the paper in its then 70-year history.



Mr. Stephens has been the recipient of numerous journalism awards and was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. He has interviewed dozens of world leaders and has twice been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

In 2009, the Atlantic Monthly named Mr. Stephens one of the 50 most influential pundits in the United States.

ABOUT HERBERT TARR

Sixteen years ago the North Shore Institute for Adult Jewish Education was renamed to memorialize Rabbi Herbert Tarr, the bestselling author and humorist whose warmth, wit and wisdom exemplified in his critically acclaimed novels (*Conversion of Chaplain Cohen, Heaven Help Us!, So Help Me God, A Woman of Spirit, etc.*) reached both Jew and non-Jew, enhancing their appreciation and understanding of Judaism. Rabbi Tarr was the quintessential Jew and truly believed that all Jews should respect and be responsible for one another—be they Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist or Reform. This Institute, now comprising 18 synagogues and the Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center, abides by this philosophy. We are honored to fulfill Rabbi Herbert Tarr’s legacy.



Our program offers a diverse spectrum of courses designed to broaden your knowledge and understanding of our rich heritage. The first hour will be devoted to the course you select; the second hour will feature a different guest lecturer each week who will speak on contemporary Jewish issues.

COURSES IN JEWISH STUDIES

Beginning Monday, October 31st, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Please select one 4-week course

Monday, October 31st, November 7th, 14th and 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Course # 1

Title: *ADONAI, OPEN MY LIPS THAT MY MOUTH MAY SING YOUR PRAISES*

Instructor: **RABBI CECILIA BEYER, TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM**

Differentiating between two modes of Jewish worship, 20th-century scholar, Professor Louis Finkelstein, said "When I pray, I speak to God; when I study, God speaks to me." Professor Finkelstein imagined a dialogue of sorts, but how do we speak to God? Where do we find the words? How do we balance the words of our heart with those of our tradition? Together we will study the liturgy of Shabbat, from Kabbalat Shabbat through Havdallah, exploring the very human document that is our prayerbook, through which we endeavor to dialogue with the Divine.

Course # 2

Title: *ANGELS IN THE BIBLE AND IN OUR LIVES*

Instructor: **RABBI TODD CHIZNER, TEMPLE JUDEA**

Angels are spiritual beings often depicted as messengers of God in the Hebrew and Christian Bible, as well as in the Quran. Have you ever wondered if angels are a part of Judaism? They are! Have you ever wondered what role angels play in Judaism? It's huge! Are you curious about how angels affect our daily lives? Then come and learn with us!

Course # 3

Title: *READING THE TORAH'S "DIFFICULT" PASSAGES*

Instructor: **RABBI MARTIN S. COHEN, SHELTER ROCK JEWISH CENTER**

In this series of four classes, we will discuss the Torah's lessons that are most morally challenging (and ethically problematic) for moderns to consider. The four topics to be covered and the texts upon which they are based are:

- 1) The genocidal war against Midian: (Numbers 3)
- 2) Laws pertaining to relationships with female prisoners-of-war: (Deuteronomy 21:10-17), and betrothal of female slaves: (Leviticus 19:20-22)
- 3) Sacrifice of a wife's virtue: (Genesis 12:10-20, 20:1-18, 26:6-12)
- 4) Exaggerated punishment (Numbers 14, 15:32-36, 20:1-13)

Study with us and see how relevant these topics are to the times in which we live and to our own lives.

Course # 4

Title: *TURNING TO JUDAISM IN TIMES OF CRISIS*

Instructor: **RABBI BENJAMIN DAVID AND RABBI MICHAEL WHITE, TEMPLE SINAI**

The first half of the course will use Biblical and Talmudic texts to demonstrate the ways in which our people have overcome tragedy and difficulty by embracing Jewish ideas and values. We will examine the lives of such iconic figures as Jacob, Moses and Akiba and think together about how Judaism helped them through the most trying personal and communal challenges. How might their experiences carry meaning for us?

The second half of the course will focus specifically on issues of divorce and loss and will explore the ways in which Judaism provides for us in particular ways throughout such troubling times. The writings and thinking of our sages and commentators indeed have provided generations with a greater sense of perspective and understanding. How might their work now grant us guidance and comfort? How might their stories and teachings now inform our own lives?

Rabbi David will teach Oct. 31 and Nov. 7. Rabbi White will teach Nov. 14 and Nov. 21.

Course # 5

Title: *THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF RABBI SCHLOMO CARLEBACH*

Instructors: **RABBI IRWIN HUBERMAN AND CANTOR GUSTAVO GITLIN, CONGREGATION TIFERETH ISRAEL**

In this course we will explore the life, music and teachings of one of the most influential and controversial Jewish liturgical composers of the 20th century. Join Rabbi Huberman and Cantor Gitlin as they explore the songs, melodies and stories of Schlomo Carlebach, the Rabbi who profoundly changed the face of Jewish communal prayer.

Course # 6

Title: *CAN WE TALK ABOUT ISRAEL ANYMORE?*

Instructor: **RABBI ALAN LUCAS, TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM**

It is getting harder and harder for Jews to talk to each other about the important issues of our day. At one extreme are those who seem to believe that Israel can do no wrong, and at the other extreme are those who seem to believe that Israel can do no right. Those of us who know Israel know a more complex and nuanced reality. We raise a critique and we are accused of being traitors to the cause. We defend a policy and we are dismissed as sycophants. Precisely when we need to be more sophisticated in our approach, we are becoming more simplistic. In these sessions we will see how we can all learn to think differently about Israel. We will discuss ways to break away from old paradigms and open ourselves to new modes of commitment and relationship.

Course # 7

Title: *JERUSALEM, THE HOLY CITY*

Instructor: **RABBI MICHAEL STANGER, OLD WESTBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

Jerusalem is the holy city of the three major Abrahamic religions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The status of Jerusalem is one of the core issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict today. In this course, we will study the past, present and future implications of Jerusalem from a historical, political and religious perspective.

LECTURE SERIES FOLLOWING COURSES

Registration in the Jewish Studies Courses (pg. 2) includes complementary admission to the following weekly lectures.

Monday, October 31, 2011, 8:40 p.m.

Title: “SACRED TRASH: THE LOST AND FOUND WORLD OF THE CAIRO GENIZA”

Guest Lecturers: ADINA HOFFMAN AND PETER COLE, CO-AUTHORS

The Cairo Geniza is the most vital cache of Hebrew manuscripts ever discovered. It opened up an entire history of Jewish life in the Muslim world providing a rich picture of a little known vibrant Mediterranean Jewish life.

Information was found in these papers about Maimonides, Yehuda Halevi and other important Jewish philosophers. This was authenticated by Solomon Schechter who recognized the enormous significance of this accidental historical find by two Scottish sisters traveling in Cairo in 1896.

Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole, a husband and wife team from Israel, co-authored this book and present a fascinating discussion.

Monday, November 7, 2011, 8:40 p.m.

Title: THE PERIPHERY OF THE JEWISH DIASPORA – MONGOLIA, MANCHURIA AND SIBERIA

Guest Lecturer: RABBI MARVIN TOKAYER

Who would believe that the written language of Mongolia until the 20th century was Hebrew...Who would believe that the finest Jewish community ever produced was in Manchuria, Northern China...Who would believe that the station sign of a trans-Siberian railroad station is in Yiddish... And this is only the beginning...

Come hear the rest of this incredible story from Rabbi Tokayer, a raconteur extraordinaire as well as a prolific author. Rabbi Tokayer currently leads tour groups through the Far East lecturing on the wealth of Jewish history buried in these remote areas.

Monday, November 14, 2011, 8:40 p.m.

Title: THE UGLY WAR AGAINST ISRAEL ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Guest Lecturers: IRVING ROTH, DIRECTOR OF TEMPLE JUDEA'S HOLOCAUST RESOURCE CENTER AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR

**JEFFREY WIESENFELD, TRUSTEE OF BOARD OF CITY UNIVERSITY OF NY (CUNY)
AND FORMER FBI FOREIGN COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE AGENT**

Rampant hostility towards Israel and Zionism on college campuses today is a fact of life. The Michael Oren incident, that occurred at the University of California, Irvine, was not an isolated case. College campuses in the U.S. and Europe have been infiltrated by anti-Israel/anti-Zionist department chairs, faculty and the AMS (Association of Muslim Students). Both Jewish and non-Jewish students fall prey to propaganda that rejects and delegitimizes Israel.

Information based on research, anecdotal data and personal experience will be presented to help all of us, parents and students, understand this pernicious tide.

Monday, November 21, 2011, 8:40 p.m.

Title: ISRAEL, OBAMA AND NETANYAHU – AND IRAN!

Guest Lecturer: PROFESSOR STEPHEN BERK

Personality counts in history! Today two men of different backgrounds representing different countries are trying to bring about a resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute. Given the different environment, it is not clear that a successful outcome is possible. It should be remembered that Israel is a good country in a bad neighborhood, and it is not clear, the Arab spring notwithstanding, that the neighborhood is getting better. If this is not enough to keep policy makers in the United States and Israel up at night, then there is always the question of Iran.

Prof. Berk is a professor of history, Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Union College. His college lectures as well as his lectures on the trips he leads for the World Jewish Heritage Trips of the Traveling University are legendary.

Monday, November 28, 2011, 7:45 p.m. – FINAL SESSION (No classes before)

Title: “CORRIE REMEMBERS” – A SUSAN SANDAGER DRAMATIZATION

WHICH WAS PRESENTED IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN ISRAEL AT “Yad Vashem”

Susan Sandager's powerful one-woman presentation of the legacy of Corrie Ten Boon, a Christian Woman who hid Jews in her home in Holland, is an amazing story. Betrayed to the Gestapo and arrested for hiding Jews, Corrie survived Ravensbruck Concentration Camp. Her life and love for the Jewish people is inspirational and heartwarming and has profound lessons for both Christians and Jews today. The message of love demonstrated through the life of this simple woman is timeless and compelling. It is a riveting tale of faith ultimately triumphing over evil.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY BY MAIL

Please complete form below & mail with a \$25.00 registration fee for each individual, made payable to:

Herbert Tarr North Shore Institute

**Mail to: Herbert Tarr North Shore Institute
c/o Temple Beth Sholom
401 Roslyn Rd., Roslyn Heights, NY 11577**

*The \$25.00 registration fee includes one class (4 sessions)
PLUS the entire lecture series.*

*For those not registering for a Jewish Studies course, there will
be a fee of \$5.00 per person for each lecture, payable at the door.*

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** We reserve the right to cancel any course due to insufficient registration.
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Service Road east to Roslyn Road. Right turn onto Roslyn
Road to traffic light. Left turn into Temple driveway.**

Northern State Parkway to Exit 29.

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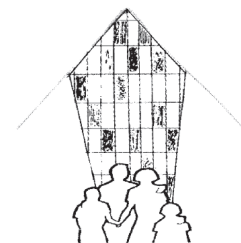
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*Gather the people, the men,
women, and children, and the
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they may hear and learn...*
Deuteronomy 32:12