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5784 Spring Classes 2024



LIVING WISDOM: YEAR OF DISCOVERY: Members of the Tribe

6 TUESDAY MORNINGS, 9:30-11:00AM

WITH RABBI ADAM SCHAFER

MARCH 12, 19, 26, APRIL 2, 9, 16

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MEETS IN-PERSON AT HAMAKOM IN WOODLAND HILLS AND VIA ZOOM

Dive deep into a fundamental, challenging question: "What is the overarching purpose of living Jewishly?" We'll discuss the responsibilities, pressures, and misconceptions that come with being called "the Chosen People." Together, we'll learn the meanings behind rituals like kashrut, symbols like mezuzah, and why Israel matters so much. A deeper understanding of "the Tribe" informs and enriches both the nation's collective actions as well as individual responses to life's big questions.



Pirke Avot: More Wisdom From Our Sages

10 TUESDAY MORNINGS, 9:30-11:30AM

WITH MICHAEL RAILEANU

MAR 19, 26, APR 2, 9, 16, MAY 7, 14, 21, 28, JUN 4

\$340

VIA ZOOM

Study the ethical teachings and maxims from the Talmudic sages which, among others, includes the famous saying: "If I am not for me, who will be for me? And when I am for myself alone, what am I? And if not now, then when?" -R Hillel. We will be using Sage Advice by Rabbi Yitzchak Greenberg as our primary textbook. However, any version of Pirke Avot is acceptable. This 2,000-year-old text remains as relevant today as ever. This course will examine in depth these timeless texts. **This course is designed by local faculty.**



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Who wrote the Bible?

10 WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, 9:30-11:30AM

WITH MICHAEL RAILEANU

MAR 20, 27, APR 3, 10, 17, MAY 8, 15, 22, 29, JUN 5

\$340

VIA ZOOM

This course is for students who are interested in learning the answer to this great and oft asked question: Who wrote the Bible? Using Biblical, extra-biblical, and contemporary sources we will work together to find a cohesive answer. Richard Friedman's book, Who Wrote the Bible will be our guiding text, however other sources will be studied as well. Students are asked to bring a copy of "Who Wrote the Bible" by Richard Friedman. **This course is designed by local faculty.**



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Jewish Mysticism: Tracing the History of Kabbalah

10 THURSDAY MORNINGS, 9:30-11:30AM

WITH REVITAL GOLDRICH

MAR 21, 28, APR 4, 11, 18, MAY 9, 16, 23, 30, JUN 6

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This course provides a deep and intellectually honest understanding of the historical development of Kabbalah. Together we will examine how centuries of societal and cultural changes shaped Jewish mysticism, including its cryptic nature and its controversies. Learners will have the opportunity to explore the rich source material itself on a rigorous, scholarly level, and to discuss the timeless mysteries of human existence and the laws of the universe.

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The Early Prophets: Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings

10 THURSDAY MORNINGS, 9:30-11:30AM

WITH BENZY KOGEN

MAR 21, 28, APR 4, 11, 18, MAY 9, 16, 23, 30, JUN 6

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These four books that comprise The Early Prophets look at tribal rivalries, dramatic changes in leadership, and the evolution/development of the people's relationship with the Divine. This course will explore the messages of these Prophets while investigating what we 21st century Jews might glean from them today. **This course is designed by local faculty.**



Jeremiah and Ezekiel in Conversation

10 THURSDAY EVENINGS, 7:00-8:30 PM

WITH REVITAL GOLDRICH

MAR 21, 28, APR 4, 11, 18, MAY 9, 16, 23, 30, JUN 6

\$295

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In the 6th century BCE, Jeremiah lived in Judah and Ezekiel in Babylon. Did the two ever meet? There is nothing in the Bible to contradict this idea. Employing a theme-based approach, this course will attempt to find out who they were. Did their backgrounds and personalities impact their understanding of prophecy, Torah, God, and the historical time in which they lived? What did they agree on and where did they differ? Through text, music, and art explore whether and how this is relevant to us today. **This course is designed by local faculty.**



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