



Bet Aviv

Bet Midrash 5783



ABOUT OUR BET MIDRASH 5783

OUR RABBI: LINDA JOSEPH



Our main faculty is our rabbi. Rabbi Joseph was born in Australia and is the second Australian woman to be ordained. Rabbi Joseph has worked in congregations in Australia and the United States and for the Union for Reform Judaism. She is passionate about God, the Jewish people and Jewish traditions, creativity, and Jewish texts. She enjoys teaching, prayer, community and connection. Her areas of interest are many and eclectic, and she loves to bring that diversity of interest to our congregation. Rabbi Joseph is entering her fourth year as our Bet Aviv rabbi.

OUR OFFERINGS

- ADULT EDUCATION
- LUNCH AND LEARN
- HOWARD COUNTY YOM IYYUN
- GENE KLEIN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Whether Bet Aviv education offerings will be online, in person or in a hybrid format will depend on health advisories, Bet Aviv policies, and the topic choice. For updates, refer to “What’s Nu?” and look for email announcements.

ADULT EDUCATION

Bet Aviv offers a series of Sunday programs chosen by our Adult Education Committee that are taught by our Rabbi and others. Free to members. Our series will begin online and we hope venues will become available for in person meetings as our year together progresses.

A Mystery Woman: Lilith

Lilith is a figure in Midrashic stories. She appears in many guises – the Midrash depicts her as a demon or the wife of Adam. In the feminist imagination her independence has turned her into a heroine. It is all fiction... but what is the truth we would like to believe in?

Sunday, 6th November 2022

@ 10:00AM

Via ZOOM



Jewish Grandparenting



Being a Jewish grandparent today can be complex in our assimilated society. How can we best pass on our heritage?

Join us for a discussion about bringing Jewish to our grandchildren, whether they are being raised Jewish, secular, or in an interfaith home.

Sunday 4th December 2022

@ 10:00AM

via ZOOM



Tales of Mossad

A lecture by Alfred Biegel, Colonel, US Army (Ret.)

Colonel Biegel, a member of Bet Aviv, served 26 years with the US Army and 25 years with the National Intelligence Community. After retirement from government service, he continues to lecture on political-military issues and on global hot spots to universities, colleges, think-tanks, social organizations, and lifelong learning institutes. He regularly participates in global seminars at the Wilson Center, Kennan Institute, Brookings Institute, and the Washington Institute of Near East Policy.

While the Mossad is now primarily focused on Iran, this lecture highlights how Israel has used the Mossad as one of its primary human Intelligence elements of its National Intelligence Community. Similar in scope to the CIA and Russia's FSB, Mossad has chalked up both successes and failures. Several key Mossad case studies will be addressed.

Sunday 5th March, 2023 @ 10AM
Via Zoom





Central Conference of American Rabbis at the March on Washington, 1963

Jews and African Americans: Siblings in Oppression

How do our stories intersect and how do they differ?

Let's explore the identification between Jews and African-Americans, against the backdrop of the Passover seder, in order to look how it can be a source of strength and a source of tension for both communities.

Our discussion will be based on materials from the Jewish Women's Archive, "Living the Legacy Project".

Sunday 2nd April 2023 @ 10AM

Location (virtual or in-person) to be decided

The Never-Ending Story

One characteristic of some Jewish tales is to leave the story with an open end. Together we will imagine what the possible ending of some of these stories might be, and what we might learn from the story being left unfinished and what we might learn from our conclusions.

Sunday 7th May 2023

@ 10:00AM

Location (virtual or in-person) to be decided



They Said
That in the
Bible?



Surprise! There are a great many common expressions that we use every day which have their origin in the Bible. Let's explore the phrases meaning today and compare it to its use and understanding and context in the Bible.

Sunday 11th June, 2023 @ 10:00AM

Location (virtual or in-person) to be decided

LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us for our Lunch and Learn education series on Thursdays from Noon – 1:30PM.

Our learning session begins at 12.30pm. Available both on Zoom and in-person.

Prepare yourself a bagged lunch, lunch at home, or meet with friends afterwards to eat.

Open to all.

Meeting House Theology

Join with the clergy and congregations of OMI as we delve into theological issues and discuss our common religious viewpoints and differences. Prior to this course being offered, we will send out a survey to our Christian and Jewish congregations asking them for topic preferences.

Thursdays; September 1st, 8th, 15th,
22nd, 29th; October 6th

Noon – 1:30PM



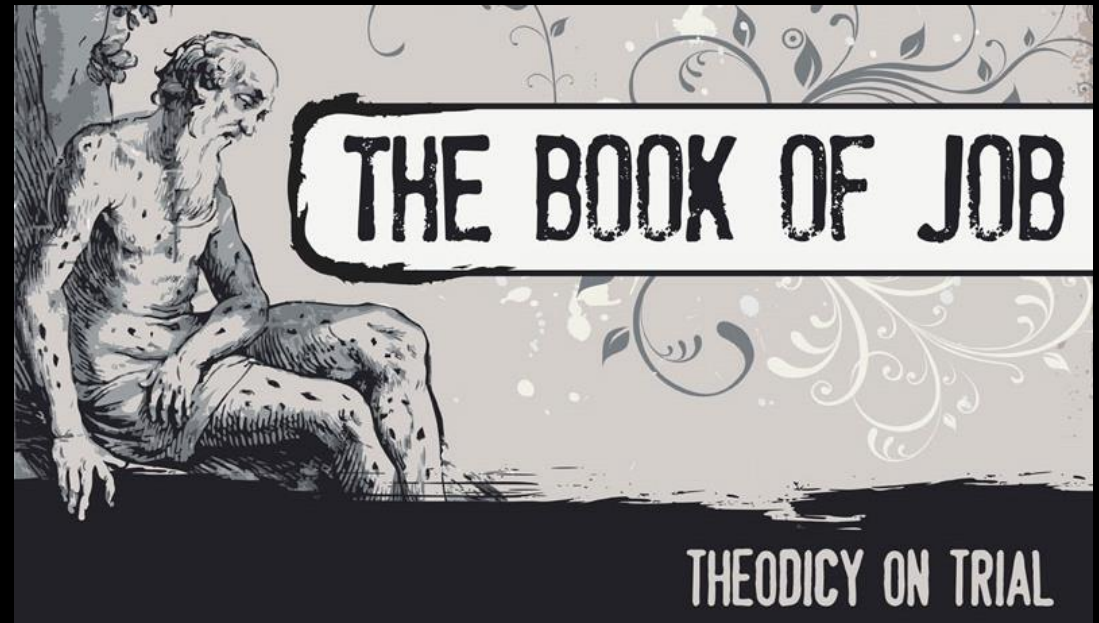
Popping into Jewish Podcasts

Each week, we will be introduced to a different Jewish podcast and explore its purpose. We will then listen to all or part of that Podcast and discuss the issues raised by the presenters.

Thursdays; January 12th, 19th, 26th; February 2nd, 9th, 16th

Noon – 1:30PM





Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

The first book that dealt with theodicy was not written by Rabbi Harold Kushner! The biblical story of the book of Job delves deeply into this eternal dilemma of how evil can exist in the world, and why the good suffer. We will follow Job's story and see what we can learn from the wisdom of this text.

Thursdays; April 13th, 20th, 27th; May 4th, 11th, 18th

Noon – 1:30PM

GENE KLEIN SCHOLAR-IN- RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Our annual Scholar-in-Residence weekend.

A Zoom event.



About Our Scholar: Dr. David Kaufman

Dr. David E. Kaufman is a well-known American Jewish historian, a former tenured professor on the faculties of the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY. He is the author of two books--*Shul with a Pool: The 'Synagogue-Center' in American Jewish History* (1999) and *Jewhooing the Sixties: American Celebrity and Jewish Identity* (2012), and is currently an independent scholar working on several projects related to the history of the Jews of New York City.

Dr David Kaufman presents:

Saturday January 21st, 2023

@ 10:00AM

Via Zoom

HISTORY AND MEMORY IN THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE

An '*al regel echad*' (on one foot) overview of Jewish history, viewed through the lens of the history/memory dichotomy.

Sunday January 22nd, 2023

@ 10:00AM

Via Zoom

CELEBRITY AND IDENTITY IN THE AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

A summary of Dr. Kaufman's last book, exploring the nexus between American celebrity, Jewish identity, and the early 1960s.

HOWARD COUNTY YOM IYYUN PROGRAM

Our annual learning event with the other Jewish congregations in
Howard County



A Difficult Mitzvah: Conversations About Death, Dying and Afterlife

NOVEMBER 20th, 2022

2PM – 8:30PM at the OAKLAND MILLS INTERFAITH CENTER

The Howard County Board of Rabbis is hosting a Day of Learning exploring Jewish end of life, rituals, customs, ethics and ideas of the afterlife. Join Howard County Clergy and expert speakers in the field for this afternoon and evening event.

Presenters: Jewish Clergy of Howard County, David Zinner (Kavod V'Nichum), and authors: Rabbi Anne Brener (Mourning & Mitzvah) and Reb Simcha Paull Raphael (Jewish Views of the Afterlife)

Calendar of Our Education Offerings

September 2022

Meeting House Theology

Thursdays: 1st, 9th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

noon – 1:30PM

October 2022

Meeting House Theology

Thursday: 6th

noon – 1:30PM

November 2022

A Mystery Woman: Lilith

Sunday: 6th

10:00AM

A Difficult Mitzvah: Conversations About Death, Dying and Afterlife

(Howard County Day of Learning)

Sunday: 20th

2:00PM – 8:30PM

Calendar of Our Education Offerings

December 2022

Jewish Grandparenting

Sunday 4th

10:00AM

January 2023

Popping Into Jewish Podcasts

Thursdays: 12th, 19th, 26th

Noon – 1:30PM

Gene Klein Scholar in Residence:

Dr. David Kaufman

Saturday 21st, 10:00AM

Sunday 22nd, 10:00AM

Calendar of Our Education Offerings

February 2023

Popping Into Jewish Podcasts

Thursdays: 2nd, 9th, 16th

Noon – 1:30PM

March 2023

Tales of Mossad with Alfred Beigel

Sunday: 5th

10:00AM

April 2023

Jews and African-Americans: Siblings in Oppression

Sunday: 2nd

10:00AM

Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

Thursdays: 13th, 20th, 27th

noon – 1:30PM

Calendar of Our Education Offerings

May 2023

The Never-Ending Story

Sunday: 7th

10:00 AM

**Why Do Bad Things Happen to
Good People?**

Thursdays: 4th, 11th, 18th

noon – 1:30PM

June 2023

They Said *What* in the Bible?

Sunday: 11th

10:00AM

Other special education offerings may come available during the year. Watch for them in announcements at services, your email and in “What’s Nu?”