

Shavuot Night of Study: The Many Faces of Torah
Detailed Schedule

Time	Program
8:00-9:00pm	Join us in the Charry Sanctuary for singing, Ma'ariv (Creative Evening Service), and Shavuot preparation (Rabbi Marcia Prager & Hazzan Jack Kessler along with Rabbi Annie Lewis and Rabbi Alanna Sklover)
9:15-10:30pm	Praying for King & Country with Dan Werlin [Room 305] Although a traditional component of the liturgy for more than a millennium, this prayer's protean nature exposes an interesting perspective on how Jews have understood (and understand) exile and their relationship to the State.
	Anti-Semitism in Our Lives and in Today's World: How Can We Respond? with Rabbi Linda Holtzman [Magil Chapel] The American Jewish community has a complex relationship with anti-Semitism. We will explore perceived threats in the U.S. and abroad, as well as in relationship to Israel, all against the backdrop of the post-Holocaust era in which Jewish communities around the world have thrived.
	Sowing Seeds, Speaking Torah Today [Maslow Auditorium] with Elissa Yaffe A creative weaving of the journey of the Omer, Torah, and your own stories.
10:40-11:50pm	Interfaith Friendship as a Spiritual Practice: Cultivating Middot through the work of Interreligious Engagement with Rabbi Nancy Fuchs Kreimer [Magil Chapel] We will discuss some of the middot (virtues) that we might refine in the practice of mindfully encountering our religious "others" including humility, kindness, curiosity, self-awareness and honor.
	Standing Yet Again at Sinai: A Spiritual/Textual Exploration of Revelation with Rabbi Shawn Zevit [Maslow Auditorium] We will inter-act with Biblical, Rabbinic and later texts on revelation, and each other, as we open to what this Shavuot means for us in this moment standing alongside our ancestors.
Midnight	Creative Reading of Ezekiel with Shoshana Bricklin [Weather permitting Outdoors, in the Magil Chapel if necessary]

Beit Midrash study with Rabbi Michelle Greenfield and Rabbi Kelilah Miller will begin at 9:15pm in the Quitman Library at GJC. You are welcome to drop in and out of Beit Midrash as you wish.

Refreshments available at GJC and throughout the night and at Rabbi Linda's home.

Study will continue at Rabbi Linda's home - 635 Westview Street, Philadelphia, PA 19119 from 12:30-6 AM.
(Linda lives a short 10 minute walk or 2 minute drive from GJC)

Thank you to Germantown Jewish Centre, Mishkan Shalom, P'nai Or, RRC and Tikkun Olam Chavurah.
We would also like to thank all of the teachers, speakers and facilitators listed on the schedule,
as well as these additional members of our steering committee:
Gloria Hoffman & Elana Shaw

Note our early morning sessions too at **Linda Holtzman's Home: 635 Westview Street, Philadelphia, PA 19119**

12:30am	"Shmita and Shavuot: Exploring the Connections & Tensions," Rabbi Alanna Sklover
1:45am	"Moses Received <i>What</i> at Sinai?" Rabbi Michelle Greenfield
3:00am	"The Book of Ruth: Gleanings and Contemporary Relevance," Rabbi Linda Holtzman
4:30am	"The Torah of Holiness," Rabbi Nathan Martin
5:30am	Early morning Shavuot Davening (Service)

Shoshana Bricklin is a Kohenet, textile artist and political justice activist. She is a member of Mishkan Shalom.

Rabbi Nancy Fuchs Kreimer, Ph.D. is Director, Department of Multifaith Studies and Initiatives and Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

Rabbi Michelle Greenfield is a local Jewish educator and teacher, and is the coordinator of the Dorshei Derekh minyan at GJC.

Rabbi Linda Holtzman is the rabbi of the Tikkun Olam Chavurah, is active with POWER and is on the board of Jewish Voice for Peace.

Hazzan Jack Kessler directs the ALEPH Cantorial program and two international touring ensembles: Klingon Klezmer and Atzilut: Concerts for Peace. He has been a teacher of hazzanut and voice for over 30 years.

Rabbi Nathan Martin is the Director of Student Life at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

Rabbi Kelilah Miller is a native of Mt. Airy. In July she will begin serving as the Cantor and Education Director at Congregation Ohev Shalom in Wallingford, PA. Some of her best friends are 2nd Century rabbis.

Rabbi Annie Lewis serves as Assistant Rabbi at GJC.

Rabbi Marcia Prager, Director and Dean of the ALEPH Ordination Program, is the rabbi of the P'nai Or Congregation of Philadelphia and a prayer-leader, teacher, maggid, artist and therapist.

Rabbi Alanna Sklover serves as the Rabbi Educator at GJC.

Dan Werlin is a member of Minyan Masorti and GJC, works in healthcare IT. Off the clock, he studies, and occasionally teaches, liturgy and minhag (customs).

Elissa Yaffe is affiliated with P'nai Or, and is an educator by training, with a special interest in storytelling and theater.

Rabbi Shawn Zevit serves as Rabbi at Mishkan Shalom, and also works in the fields of congregational consulting, spiritual direction, prayer leadership, songwriting/performance and is a published author of two books.