

SHAVUOT NIGHT OF STUDY AT GERMANTOWN JEWISH CENTRE

MANY PATHS TO THE MOUNTAIN

MULTI-FAITH PERSPECTIVES ON REVELATION

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, TIKKUN OLAM
CHAVURAH, PEACE ISLANDS INSTITUTE, GERMANTOWN JEWISH CENTRE,
MASJIDULLAH, RECONSTRUCTIONIST RABBINICAL COLLEGE,
GERMANTOWN MENNONITE CHURCH & P'NAI OR

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

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PROGRAM

PANEL DISCUSSION

“Exploring Revelation in Different Faith Traditions”

7:00-8:30 PM in the Charry Sanctuary

Panelists: Feyzi Eygoren (Peace Islands Institute), Rabbi Linda Holtzman (Tikkun Olam Havurah), Reverend Jarrett Kerbel (Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields), Imam Mikal Da'ood Muslim Shabazz (Masjidullah), Reverend Amy Yoder McGloughlin (Germantown Mennonite Church), Rabbi Adam Zeff (Germantown Jewish Centre)

Moderator: Rabbi Nathan Martin (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)

BREAKING THE RAMADAN FAST

8:33-8:45 PM in the Charry Lobby

We invite everyone to join our Muslim brothers and sisters in breaking the Ramadan fast.

PRAYER SERVICES FROM DIFFERENT FAITH TRADITIONS

8:45-9:30 PM in the Charry Sanctuary

Muslim Evening Prayer with Imam Shabbaz
Christian Evening Prayer with Rev. Amy Yoder McGloughlin
Jewish Evening Prayer with Rabbi Annie Lewis

INTERFAITH IFTAR DINNER

9:30-10:30 PM on the Front Lawn

All are invited to join the Peace Islands Institute on the front lawn, where we will learn more about the Muslim tradition of Ramadan and share a delicious meal together.

BEIT MIDRASH with Rabbi Michelle Greenfield

10:20 PM-6:00 AM in the Quitman Library

Beit Midrash is an open space for guided or independent learning. Please feel free to come and go. There will be a group studying the Torah Temimah on Ruth as well as other options.

MULTI-FAITH LEARNING SESSIONS

**10:20-11:45 PM in the Maslow Auditorium with Rabbi Marsha Prager & Rebecca Mays
Mount Sinai, Shavuot & Pentecost (Exodus 19:16-19, Acts 2:1-4)**

On the eve of Shavuot, seven weeks after the death of Jesus/Yeshua, his talmidim, the disciples, gathered in Jerusalem in hopeful expectation that on this sacred night of revelation, a message from their Master might emerge. Tonight we interweave the account of Ma'amad Har Sinai from Exodus with the happenings of that extraordinary night in Jerusalem.

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MULTI-FAITH LEARNING SESSIONS (continued)

10:20-11:45 PM in the Temin Canteen Room with Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer & Yaimina Bouguenaya Mermer: The Spiritual Practice of Fasting - A Multi-Faith Exploration

This session will explore the practice of fasting, in all forms, in the Jewish and Muslim traditions, examining views of fasting that include notions of fasting from food and speech.

CREATIVE READING OF EZEKIEL with Rabbi Linda Holtzman

11:45 PM on the Front Lawn

Join Rabbi Linda Holtzman for an English creative chanting of Ezekiel's encounter with the Divine!

PLEASE ENJOY FOOD & DRINK IN THE YOUTH LOUNGE FROM MIDNIGHT ON

LATE-NIGHT LEARNING SESSIONS

12:00-4:00 AM in the Maslow Auditorium

The Thunder: Perfect Mind with Rabbi Arthur Waskow

Join Rabbi Arthur Waskow to learn about a remarkable Coptic text found at Nag Hammadi that is neither specifically Jewish nor specifically Christian — it is an Utterance of the Paradoxical God Who begins each of about 40 verses with: "Anokhi" fitting the theme of the nature of Revelation.

Memes and Midrash: Unpacking Internet Discourse as Oral Torah of our Times with Zack Wiener

Are you more Baba Metzia than Buzzfeed? More Tannas and Amoras than text messages and emojis?

Does your inbox or newsfeed have you reaching for your lexicon, or wishing for some Rashi?

Fear not! You are cordially invited to a discussion to engage Internet discourse through rabbinic forms, and vice versa. No "screentime" required!

An Exploration of the Story of Ruth with Rabbi Linda Holtzman

This session will involve a close reading of the Book of Ruth, particularly focusing on themes of dislocation and immigration.

The Torah of Late Night Torah with Rabbi Alanna Sklover

Why are we awake at 3:30 AM studying Torah? Come and learn, from King David until today, what it is about these wee hours of the morning that helps us raise up and innovate our holy texts.

MORNING BLESSINGS with Rabbi Nathan Martin

4:30-4:45 AM in the Maslow Auditorium

**FESTIVE SHAHARIT SUNRISE SERVICE & READING OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
4:45-6:00 AM with Rabbi Linda Holtzman & Rabbi Adam Zeff in the Maslow Auditorium**

PANELIST & TEACHER BIOGRAPHIES

Feyzi Eygoren (Peace Islands Institute) is a Turkish-American who was born in Chicago, and raised in The Turkish Cultural Center. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Connecticut. He later served as the first director of the Pittsburgh branch of Peace Islands Institute. Feyzi continues to work on PII, and is now a law student at Villanova Charles Widger school of Law.

Rabbi Nancy Fuchs Kreimer is a graduate of RRC (1982) and holds a Ph.D. from Temple University Religion Department. She is the founding director of the Multifaith Studies and Initiatives Program at RRC and the co-editor with Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell of *Chapters of the Heart: Jewish Women Sharing the Torah of our Lives*.

Rabbi Michelle Greenfield is a 2012 graduate of RRC. She earned her B.A. at Brandeis University and has taken courses in Special Education through Hebrew College and Arcadia University. Michelle has experience working with people with special needs in a variety of settings, as well as experience training both teens and adult teachers to do the same. She is a member of Minyan Dorshei Derekh, and works for the inclusion of people with disabilities in Jewish communities.

Rabbi Linda Holtzman (Tikkun Olam Chavurah) is the organizer of Tikkun Olam Chavurah, a group that pursues social justice work together as a community. She is the former rabbi of Congregation Mishkan Shalom, Beth Israel Congregation, and Beth Ahava. She is the founder of the Reconstructionist Hevra Kadisha. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Temple University, her Bachelor of Arts in Hebrew letters from Gratz College and her rabbinic ordination from RRC.

Rev. Jarrett Kerbel (St. Martin-in-the-Fields) was educated at Northwestern University, the University of Chicago and Union Theological Seminary in NYC. He was ordained Priest in 1995, becoming Rector of St. Martin's in 2011. He is the co-chair of Philadelphians Organized to Witness Empower and Rebuild (POWER), a board member of Teen Uprise, and active in Heeding God's Call, a gun violence prevention organization. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Princeton Theological Seminary where he co-teaches a class on Faith Based Community Organizing, Theology and Practice.

Rabbi Annie Lewis (Germantown Jewish Centre) joined the GJC community 2012, and is about to embark on a new adventure, leaving GJC at the end of June. She was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 2012, where she was a Wexner Graduate Fellow, and received a master's degree in Jewish Women's and Gender Studies. She finds joy in creative writing, singing, improvisational comedy, and mindfulness meditation. She believes Torah holds sparks for transforming the world.

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Rabbi Nathan Martin (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College) serves as the Director of Student Life at RRC, and is also the Associate Rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel in Media, PA. Prior to entering the rabbinate, Nathan earned a master's degree in international relations, with a concentration on Middle East studies, from Johns Hopkins University. Additionally, he spent nearly 10 years working in the field of energy efficiency policy as a researcher and policy analyst, developing a focus on industrial-energy efficiency. Nathan is an active member of Germantown Jewish Centre and Minyan Dorshei Derekh.

Rebecca Mays (Dialogue Institute) has been Executive Director of the Dialogue Institute since 2012. She holds a B.A. in English from Earlham College and an M.A. in Folklore and Folklife from the University of Pennsylvania, and she completed her M.A. in Religious Studies at Temple. Rebecca is focused on helping generate new program work for the Dialogue Institute as she completes the dissertation for the Ph.D. at Temple University in Religious Studies, with an emphasis on Interfaith Activism.

Rev. Amy Yoder McGloughlin (Germantown Mennonite) has been the pastor of Germantown Mennonite church since 2010. Prior to her pastoral call, she worked in Child Welfare and Behavioral Health in the Philadelphia area. Amy graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 2010. Amy is grateful for opportunities for interfaith conversations and worship; the rich religious diversity of NW Philadelphia has deepened her understanding of the Christian Scriptures, and offered her insight and appreciation for other traditions.

Yaimina Bouguenaya Mermer (Always Receiving Nur) directs Always Receiving Nur. Born in Algeria, with a Ph.D. in Quantum Physics earned in England, and intensive training in Islamic Studies in Turkey and in Syria. She has taught Arabic and Islamic Studies in various universities in the US. She has been holding study circles (halaqas) on the spiritual application of the Quran in daily life for decades, in various places, including England, Turkey, the States, and online!

Rabbi Marcia Prager (P'nai Or), Director and Dean of the ALEPH Ordination Program, is the rabbi of the P'nai Or Jewish Renewal Community and a prayer-leader, teacher, maggid, artist, and therapist. A graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and was chosen as part of the Sisterhood 50: America's Influential Women Rabbis. Marsha holds a B.A. in cultural anthropology, and an MFA from Pratt Institute, New York, in photography and drawing.

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PANELIST & TEACHER BIOGRAPHIES

Imam Mikal Da'ood Muslim Shabazz (Masjidullah) is the Resident Imam at Masjidullah. He also serves as the Regional Director of the Imam's Training Course in affiliation with the Muslim Teacher's College, a member of the Delaware Valley Mosque Cares Majlis Ashura, a member of the Council of Islamic Organizations of PA, and is a participant of the Mayor's Office of Faith-Based Initiatives. Mikal has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Drexel University. He has served as a U.S. Army Reserve Officer, and has received several Army Achievement and Commendation medals.

Rabbi Alanna Sklover (Germantown Jewish Centre) joined the staff full time as Rabbi Educator in 2013. She received her rabbinic ordination from the RRC with a specialization in the congregational rabbinate. A believer in the transformative power of youth group, Jewish summer camp, and experiential learning models, Rabbi Sklover brings her enthusiasm for creative Jewish education and passion about working with mindful Jewish communities to her work at GJC.

Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Ph.D., founded and directs The Shalom Center. In 2014 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award as Human Rights Hero from T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights. In 2015 the Forward named him one of the "most inspiring" Rabbis. He has written 22 books, been arrested 23 times, and his pioneering essay, "Jewish Environmental Ethics: Adam and Adamah," can be found in the *Oxford Handbook of Jewish Ethics*.

Zack Wiener is a first-year student at RRC. A few folks between Swarthmore College, the University of British Columbia, and Krieger Schechter Day School in Baltimore taught him how to "overthink" everything—and to do so with rigor, tenacity, and love.

Rabbi Adam Zeff (Germantown Jewish Centre) has served the Germantown Jewish Centre community since 2002, as Student Rabbi, Assistant Rabbi, and now as Rabbi. He received his rabbinic ordination from the RRC in 2007. He has trained as a singer and musician for many years, studying western classical music, South Indian classical music, and diverse Jewish musical traditions. Rabbi Zeff holds a B.A. in Anthropology from Yale University and a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania.

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www.germantownjewishcentre.org

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www.germantownmennonite.org

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www.masjidullah.org

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www.pnaior-phila.org

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