

Presenter Bios

Kathy Amrom is an artist and Germantown Jewish Centre (GJC) member. For many years she led children's services that included a vast array of her own hand-made puppets.

Julie Benioff is a 3rd year rabbinical student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) and next year will serve as the advisor to the Hillel at Arcadia University and the rabbinic intern at Mishkan Shalom.

Shoshana Bricklin is a Kohenet, textile artist and political justice activist who by Shavuot will have completed knitting a yoni for each day of the Omer to reclaim the Divine feminine in Her journey through the wilderness. She is a member of Mishkan Shalom.

Corri Gottesman is an environmental educator and active member of GJC who nurtures the Israel garden.

Aliza Green is chef manager of Baba Olga's Cafe at Material Culture in East Falls. She is also a member of Congregation Or Hadash where she puts on programs related to Jewish culinary history.

Michelle Greenfield graduated from RRC in 2012 and has served as Education Director at Kehillat Hanahar and taught Talmud at RRC this past year.

Becca Hanna is a lifelong actor and educator and currently works as an assistant teacher in GJC's Early Childhood Program. She will be attending law school at Villanova this fall.

Tobie Hoffman works with international students at Drexel University, is a singer/songwriter and is a member of both P'nai Or & GJC, where she periodically leads services.

Linda Holtzman is the rabbi and organizer of the Tikkun Olam Chavurah and has been a long-time instructor in practical rabbinics at RRC.

Tamar Kamionkowski is Chair of the Department of Biblical Civilization and an Associate Professor of Bible at RRC.

Melissa Klein is a rabbi and an active member of GJC who integrates healing, social justice, and creativity into Jewish life.

Annie Lewis serves as Assistant Rabbi at GJC. She was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2012.

Yael Levy serves as Rabbi at Mishkan Shalom and also serves as Director of "A Way In: Jewish Mindfulness Center."

Nathan Martin is a Reconstructionist rabbi who serves as the Director of Student Life at RRC. He recently completed a 2-year training through the institute for Jewish Spirituality on Mindfulness Practice

Susan Richards, LCSW, is a member of Mishkan Shalom and is trained as a soul collage facilitator, a practice that integrates her work as an artist and her background as a psychotherapist.

Alanna Sklover serves as the Rabbi/Educator at GJC. She was ordained at RRC in 2013.

Joshua Waxman serves as the Rabbi of Or Hadash, a Reconstructionist community based in Ft. Washington.

Elissa Yaffe is an educator, artist and writer, who delights in teaching children of all ages.

Adam Zeff serves as Rabbi at GJC where he has worked since 2002. He especially enjoys bringing music and storytelling to his rabbinic work.

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.

Thanks again to all our Participating Communities!

Germantown Jewish Centre
www.germantownjewishcentre.org

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
www.rrc.edu

Congregation Or Hadash
www.orhadash.com

Mishkan Shalom
www.mishkan.org

P'nai Or – Jewish Renewal Congregation of Philadelphia
http://www.pnaior-phila.org/

Tikkun Olam Chavurah
http://www.tikkunolamchavurah.org/

REVELATION AND THE ARTS

SHAVUOT 2014

6:30pm – 7:45pm	<u>Geared for children, families and adults</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice cream and flower arranging Art for "the wedding" Young children's Shavuot Service (7pm) 	
	<u>Geared for adults</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receiving Revelation: A Spiritual Writing Workshop Cheesecake Secrets – with Recipes and variations Soul Collage 	
Break	Refreshments in the Charry Lobby	
8-9:45pm	Recreating Sinai: An Experience in Multiple Modalities & Ma'ariv Service OR Teen Programming with Rabbi Sklover	
Break	Refreshments in the Charry Lobby	
	Text, Creativity & Spiritual Experience	Art and Embodied Practice
10pm – 10:55pm	The (Comic) Book of Ruth OR Tending the Fire	Authentic Movement
11pm – 11:55pm	Cave Torah-Field Torah	Singing our way through the Torah
	Creative Learning	
Midnight	Reading of Ezekiel	
12:30am	Text Study on Creativity	
1:45am	Are Ruth & Naomi in a Romantic Relationship?	
3:00am	Curtain Call to the Torah	
4:15am	Walking towards Torah	
5– 6am	Special Morning Communal Davening	

Beit Midrash – Immersive Text Study with Rabbi Michelle Greenfield (10pm – 5am)

Contemplative Space in the Chapel for reflection (Midnight – 5am)

Refreshments – After 10 PM refreshments can be found in the Youth Lounge (Room 306)

Session Descriptions

Ice Cream and Flower Arranging! (Suitable for all age groups.) Corri Gottesman & Kathy Amrom will be helping us to connect two Shavuot traditions: eating dairy and symbolically gathering the fruits of the harvest.

(6:30-7:45pm, Drop in & out, Israel garden)

Art for the Wedding! (Suitable for all age groups.) Shavuot is understood as the "wedding" of the Divine and the Jewish People. Join Elissa Yaffe in creating art that will reflect your dreams, the intentions that you bring to this "marriage," and your own special gifts of the heart.

(6:30-7:45pm, Drop in & out, On the front lawn)

Family service. Engage in a fun and interactive service geared to young people (2nd grade and below) and their families with Rabbi Linda Holtzman, to welcome in the Shavuot holiday.

(7-7:45pm, Maslow)

SoulCollage® is an intuitive collage process that can help us cultivate receptivity. Join Susan Richards as she guides us for a fun non-verbal way to transition into the chag with kavannah."

(6:30-7:45pm, Canteen)

Receiving Revelation. A Spiritual Writing Workshop with Rabbi Melissa Klein that offers an opportunity for inner exploration and opening to creativity and mystery. Bring a journal, a favorite pen, and an open heart. **(6:30-7:45pm, Magil Chapel)**

Cheesecake Secrets with Recipes & Variations Chef Aliza Green will demonstrate how to make a luscious cheesecake topped with crushed local strawberries--combining the Jewish tradition of serving dairy foods for Shavuot with Green's eco-conscious focus on eating locally-grown, in-season foods.

(6:30-7:45pm, Canteen Kitchen)

Recreating Sinai: An Experience in Multiple Modalities & Special Communal Ma'ariv Service.

Join Rabbis Adam Zeff and Shawn Zevit, and Dr. Tamar Kamionkowski, as they lead the community in an interactive session that explores multiple modalities for experiencing Sinai – music, language, and drama. The service, organized and led by Rabbi Annie Lewis, Julie Benioff and Tobie Hoffman, will bring together creativity of multiple streams of Judaism and communities.

(8-9:45pm, Charry Sanctuary)

The (Comic) Book of Ruth. Join Rabbi Joshua Waxman as you explore a recent Israeli graphic novel edition of the Book of Ruth that incorporates art and midrash directly on the page.

(10-10:55, Maslow)

Tending the Fire. Face within face the One spoke to you on the mountain in the midst of the fire (Deut. 5:4). Join Rabbi Yael Levy for this session which will focus on awakening to our calls and tending the fires of love, devotion and creativity.

(10-10:55pm, Room 307)

Authentic Movement: The Torah of our Bodies with Rabbi Melissa Klein. This is a spiritual practice which allows movement to arise from within. This practice allows our bodies' movements to be informed by our inner, authentic selves. Dance experience is not required; rather, a readiness to open and explore.

(10-10:55pm, Magil Chapel)

Beit Midrash. Interested in an immersive text study experience? Join Rabbi Michelle Greenfield and others as they study and engage with traditional Jewish texts throughout the evening. All levels welcome! Also, people are free to come and go during any part of the evening!

(10pm – 5am, GJC Library)

Cave Torah-Field Torah. Join Rabbi Annie Lewis for a session on the story of the Talmudic "caveman" Rabbi Eliezer and Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai from

Masechet (Tractate) Brachot. We will discuss where Torah can be found, what happens when it is walled off from society and how it can be integrated into the world for life and for good.

(11-11:55pm, Magil Chapel)

Singing our way through the Torah with Tobie Hoffman. Marvel at the many melodies, familiar and new that are created from Torah. We will roll the Torah from Bereshit (Genesis) to Devarim (Deuteronomy), singing as we go.

(11-11:55pm, Maslow)

Reading of Ezekiel at Midnight. Join Kohenet Shoshana Bricklin for an English creative chanting of Ezekiel's encounter with the Divine at the midnight hour! **(Outdoors)**

What Can we Learn about Creativity from our Texts & Tradition? Join Rabbi Alanna Sklover to explore how Jews have thought and written about the creative process. All backgrounds welcome!

(12:30am, Maslow)

Are Ruth and Naomi in a Romantic Relationship? and Other Fascinating Questions about the Book of Ruth. Explore the Book of Ruth with Rabbi Linda Holtzman, take a close look at the relationships among characters, the position of women in the story, and the source of the story's great power.

(1:45am, Maslow)

Curtain Call to the Torah. Join Becca Hanna for an engaging and fun acting workshop playing on the themes of revelation, inspiration and storytelling.

(3:00am, Maslow)

Walking Toward Torah. Join Rabbi Nathan Martin in a session that will combine meditative walking with textual teachings and reflections on movement and revelation. **(4:15am, Charry Sanctuary)**