

HIGH HOLIDAY TEXT STUDY

with Student Rabbi Maria Pulzetti

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Please join Student Rabbi Maria Pulzetti in the Quitman Library for text study on both days of Rosh HaShanah and on Yom Kippur. We gather with participants from all our various prayer groups to study the Torah readings, the liturgy, and centuries of interpretation. Considering these sacred texts together has the potential to deepen our experience of prayer and transformation during the Days of Awe. Texts will be provided in English and Hebrew.

Rosh ha-Shanah Day 1 | Thursday, October 3 at 12:00 PM

Tochecha (Reproof) Leads to Love

**Please note that the text study begins after the Chayry Service sermon ends.*

The Rosh HaShanah Torah reading concludes with a dispute between Abraham and Avimelech over a well; the dispute ends peacefully. We'll study this story and later interpretations of ethical reproof. The ancient rabbis teach that this story is here to guide us on the ethical way to do tochecha, reproof, and they teach that reproof can lead to love. How could this become part of our process of teshuvah for disputes between us and other people?

Rosh ha-Shanah Day 2 | Friday, October 4 at 12:00 PM

Dreaming about the New Year

In the Torah, God communicates with our ancestors through dreams, and the ancient rabbis were fascinated with dreams and dream interpretation. We will study some ancient texts and later commentaries about daring to dream of a better world, and about shattered dreams and the need for healing. As Rabbi Tamar Elad Appelbaum teaches, "Prayer itself contains the power of dreaming, a power passed from generation to generation of Jewish dreamers."

Let's dream about this new year together.

Yom Kippur | Saturday, Oct. 12 at 12:00 PM

Liturgy Spotlight: Al Het

The Al Het is the long confessional prayer we recite only on Yom Kippur. In it, we address some of the most difficult mistakes to repair: mistakes between us and other people. We will study some of the medieval origin texts of the Al Het and also contemporary versions, including some focusing on the positive acts of the past year: the actions we have taken to repair, restore, and love.