

WORKSHOPS

Satan in Jewish Theology, Lore, and History

Satan is just a bit player in Jewish theology, plays a somewhat larger role in midrash, and then has a leading, but tragic, role in Jewish history. This workshop will explore each of these aspects of the concept of Satan, and ask why that role changed over time. We will also ask whether Satan should have any role in societies that claim to be monotheistic and why Satan has always had such appeal to people involved in nature worship.

David Brooks is Ritual co-chair of Adath Shalom Congregation and a water policy specialist who works in North America and the Middle East.

Jewish Renewal and the Reconstruction of Jewish Theology

This workshop will examine how the Jewish Renewal movement has reconstructed Jewish theology. Rooted in Jewish tradition and orthodoxy, the movement pushes the boundaries of Jewish practice, yielding contemporary, postmodern approaches including ekokashruth, psycho-halakhah, nature-based Torah, and neohasidism. As part of this workshop we will construct a 3-D physical approximation of Reb Zalman's description of our relationship with the Divine.

Josée Posen received a PhD for the first doctoral dissertation to discuss the contemporary Jewish Renewal movement. A former federal public servant, she has degrees in applied chemistry, anthropology and religious studies, is a professional leadership and transition coach, and an active member of the Ottawa Jewish Community and Agudath Israel Synagogue.

Bringing Kavanah and Joy to our Davening

We will learn more Chassidic nigunim and sing and dance together as we work to bring joy and ecstasy into our shabbat davening in the woods.

Joel Yan attended the Imun ritual leadership program through the USCJ in 1981. Joel loves to sing and daven and share prayer melodies. Joel teaches bar mitzvah, leads services and is Ritual co-chair at Adath Shalom Congregation in Ottawa.

Why are there so many Kaddishes?

The Mourner's Kaddish, the Half Kaddish, the Full Kaddish, the Rabbi's Kaddish, and others. What is the origin of this prayer, and what are its meanings? What is its role in the liturgy? Is there a mystical element to it? How does it "hallow" or sanctify? We'll start with the texts in Hebrew and English. I'll also refer to Leon Wieseltier's wonderful book/journey: *Kaddish*.

Alan Livingston makes Jewish prayer accessible. He holds degrees in Comparative Religion and Education. He is an active member of Beth Jacob Synagogue in Hamilton. He still hasn't explained to his Yoga teacher the benefits of Jewish ritual.

Toxic relationships: Recognizing, preventing, and escaping from them

What is the truth behind the popular myth that social problems such as abuse and domestic violence do not occur in the Jewish community? In this workshop we will consider warning signs and defining characteristics of toxic relationships, and the implications of aspects of Jewish life such as the importance of shalom bayit and avoidance of lashon hara. We will discuss the role of the community as well as of individuals in addressing the problem of toxic relationships.

Jim Sinclair is a counsellor and a disability educator. Jim has been coordinator of Autism Network International since 1992.

The Unlikely Nature of God: A Kabbalistic Perspective

How can we reconcile a loving, compassionate, and all-powerful God with human suffering and tragedies? This workshop will present a view of God, based on tradition going back to the Torah, that will redefine God in a way that accounts for the problem of theodicy, that is, the relationship between God and suffering.

Jerry Steinberg is a rabbi (presently at Temple B'nai Shalom V'Tikvah in Ajax, Ont.) and psychotherapist. He has just completed a book with the workshop title and has written other works on Kabbalah and spirituality.

Yoga: for relaxation, self-reflection and healing

Tama Soble has been practicing yoga since 1984. She teaches students at all levels. She leads yoga and meditation workshops and retreats in Ontario, Costa Rica and Israel. Her special focus is working with anxiety and anxiety disorders. Tama co-owns Esther Myers Yoga Studio.

Creation, creatures, and creativity for the S'fat Emet

The Torah interpretations by Rabbi Judah Aryeh Leib Alter are found in his book, the Sefat Emet (al ha-Torah). We will study the Gerer Rebbe's commentaries on the book of Deuteronomy, written while his Hassidim confronted a modernizing Poland before World War I.

Roger Kohn has a PhD in medieval Jewish history. He catalogs Hebrew books at the Library of Congress, lives in Silver Spring, MD., and practices meditation.

"What, there are poor Jews?!! I don't believe you."

This workshop will explore facts and myths surrounding poverty in the Canadian Jewish Community, what is being done to address the issue, what can be done both locally and globally, fascinating projects around the world that are providing innovative solutions to poverty, and how we can all play a part in the mitsva of 'tikun olam'.

Dalia Margalit-Faircloth a certified Shamash, has been involved in many aspects of Jewish community work including ritual coordinator of the First Narayever Congregation in Toronto. She is currently coordinating a special project dealing with poverty in the Jewish community.

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Poetry: Sharing our Inspirations.

This workshop is dedicated to our love of poetry; poetry we have read and even better, poetry we have written. Please bring your favourite poems of any type and, without criticism, we will share with each other and we will inspire one another.

Bobby Minkoff is a psychologist and teacher who loves to tell stories, write poetry and share the joy.

Rabbis for Human Rights: Necessary or Naive?

We will look at the role played by the human rights organization Rabbis for Human Rights and some of the stands it has taken which are critical of Israel. At the end of the day, is an organization which publicizes Israel's flaws to the world helpful or harmful to the Zionist project? What is the unique place of a Jewish religious human rights organization in the debate concerning Israel's democratic mandate versus its serious security challenges?

Rabbi Ed Elkin is the spiritual leader of the First Narayever Traditional Egalitarian Congregation in Toronto.

Bridges and Bridge Building for Children (ages 8 to 11)

Participants will learn about the different kinds of bridges and what makes them strong. They will also get a chance to build their own bridges.

Etta Kaner is an award-winning author of children's books and teacher resources. Most of her twenty-one books are non-fiction and are written for a range of ages and science topics. These include sound, bridges, towers, tunnels and animal behaviour.

GROUP PROGRAMS

Erev Shabbat Program (Friday night 9:15 pm): Welcoming Shabbat with Story and Song

Bobby Minkoff will tell stories holy and humorous. **Joel Yan** will enrich with songs of praise and uplift. All are invited to join, as listeners, singers or storytellers.

KEHILLAH (facilitated interactive session): Moses, Jewish Leadership, Moral Decision-Making, and You

What were Moses' strengths and weaknesses as our leader? Is he a role model? He didn't live in Israel; he was a murderer; he wasn't active in raising his children; he didn't attend regular worship services. What can we learn about his character and his life that sheds insights into our personal struggles today with good and evil, salvation and redemption?

David Nitkin is the founder and President of *EthicScan*, one of Canada's leading firms in the field of business ethics, organizational integrity assurance, and ethical investing. David is also very active in Toronto synagogues and Jewish life.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2009

- 3:30 + Shalom. Check In.
- 5:00 pm Shabbat Candle making for kids & adults
- 6:30 pm Community Dinner
- 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat: Greet Shabbat with song and prayer
- 8:30 pm Kiddush, Singing, Dessert
- 9:00 pm Babysitting begins.
- 9:15 pm Erev Shabbat: Singing, storytelling, making new friends

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Meditation in the tent
- 9:15 am Children's Program begins and runs until lunch
- 9:30 am Shabbat Shahrith (morning) Service with new and traditional melodies
- 12:30 pm Shabbat Lunch with Singing
- 1:00 pm Pool is open (weather permitting) to 5:00 pm
- 2:30 pm Children's program resumes until 6:30 pm.
- 2:30-4:00 pm Workshops
- 4:30-6:00 pm Workshops
- 6:10 pm Mincha (afternoon) Service with Torah Reading
- 6:30 pm Seudah Shlishit: Shabbat Dinner
- 7:45 pm Kehillah: Community Study Children's Program resumes until Havdalah
- 9:20 pm Ma'ariv (evening) Service and Havdalah with Children Babysitting begins immediately after Havdalah
- 9:45 pm Melavah Malkah: Celebrate the new week with music, dance and campfire kumzits Israeli Folk Dancing Silent Auction and Judaica sale begin—and conclude Sunday morning

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Children's talent show Children's Program resumes until noon
- 10:00-11:30 am Workshops
- 12:00 pm Closing Ceremony
- 12:30 pm Lunch for the Road
- 1:00 pm Pool is open (weather permitting) to 3:00 pm

REGISTRATION

NO ON-SITE OVERNIGHT REGISTRATION WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL

Please complete and mail with payment to:
in CANADA: Dalia Margalit-Faircloth, 168 Walmer Road, Toronto, ON M5R 2X9
in USA: NHC Shabbaton, c/o Beller, 172 Azalea Rd. Rochester, NY 14620

Adult 1 _____
 Adult 2 _____
 Adult 1 Phone _____ Adult 1 E-Mail _____
 Adult 2 Phone _____ Adult 2 E-Mail _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ Prov/State _____ Postal/Zip _____

List Children and Dates of Birth:
 Child 1 Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Child 2 Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Child 3 Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Child 4 Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Credit Card: (Visa only, please) _____ Exp. Date _____

DAY VISITORS. We welcome Day Visitors to participate and share in our workshops, recreation and meals. Day Visitor rates in \$CAN:

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Adult	\$47.25	\$94.50	\$47.25
13-19	\$36.75	\$73.50	\$36.75
1-12	\$26.25	\$52.50	\$26.25

	\$CAN	# People	Amount	\$US	# People	Amount
Administration fee.....	\$ 35			\$ 28		
Adult (over 20 yrs.) cabin rate.....	\$235	x _____ =		\$200	x _____ =	
Bothwell deluxe residence per person.....add:	\$110	x _____ =		\$ 90	x _____ =	
Age 13 to 19.....	\$175	x _____ =		\$140	x _____ =	
Age 1 to 12.....	\$100	x _____ =		\$ 80	x _____ =	
<i>If applicable, add the following:</i>						
ADD: NHC membership (optional), per adult**.....	\$ 30	x _____ =		\$ 24	x _____ =	
DONATION for our children's program.....	\$ 18	x _____ =		\$ 18	x _____ =	
CANCELLATION INSURANCE (5% of basic fee)***.....						
LATE REGISTRATION (postmark after June 6).....	\$ 31.50			\$ 25.50		
Americans please remember you'll need enhanced documents to cross the border after June 1.						
GRAND TOTAL \$CAN* _____				GRAND TOTAL \$US* _____		

* Subsidies: for information call Peter Gold at (416) 927-1796 or Ceidlen Beller (585) 208-4813.
 ** NHC membership usually costs \$45 CAN or \$35 US, but it is discounted to \$30/\$28 for retreat attendees who are paying full fees.
 *** Registrations with full payment postmarked by May 15 receive free cancellation insurance; fees to be applied to next year's retreat, less administrative fee.

REGISTRATION

Our success depends on volunteers. /we volunteer for:

- Registration
- Set-up for Shabbat
- Children's or Teen activities
- Children's Shabbat service
- Reading Torah/Haftarah
- Can offer ride for _____ people

Things to Bring include:

- Stories, songs, and instruments for the evening programs
- Toys and games for children
- Items to donate for the Silent Auction
- Judaica to sell (a portion of the proceeds will go to the NHCC)

Special needs:

- Lower bunk
- Special childcare arrangements
- Need ride for _____ people
- Special dietary needs
- Like to room with: _____