



B'NAI DAVID-JUDEA CONGREGATION

Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5768 ~ Sunday, June 8, 2008

Approaching the Sacred Text

11:00 PM

The Case of Jacob the Wrestler, a Study in Biblical Ambiguity ~ Orly Lieberman

This shiur will focus on reading the Biblical text through the lens of the Midrash. What aspects of a text motivate Midrashic sages to weave their midrashic tales? Through studying Bereishit 32:24-32, we will strive to answer these questions, while discovering new ones along the way.

12:00 AM

Black Fire on White Fire: The Law and Lore of the Sefer Itself ~ Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky

There is no object in Jewish life that begins to compare to a Sefer Torah in terms of the reverence, love, and honor that we accord it. Halachically, and beyond halachically, what affords a Sefer Torah its unique status? And how does this explain the laws and the lore that have grown up around it?

1:00 AM ~ Concurrent Sessions

Beyond, Against the Law? ~ Rabbi Daniel Greyber

Can we ever go beyond, or even against, Jewish law and still do God's will? This session will explore sacred Jewish texts that point to the limits of sacred texts, and beyond, in understanding God's will.

Sefirat Ha'Omer, Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Shavuot: A Continuum ~ Dr. Ivor Geft

Based on the ideas of Harav Mordecai Elon, this session explores the amazing connection between Sefirat Ha'Omer and Zionism, and arrives at the true meaning of Shavuot through Yom Ha'Atzmaut.

2:00 AM ~ Concurrent Sessions

The Lost World of the Mishnah ~ Alex Fax

Much of the Mishnah describes the detailed workings of the Bet Hamikdash. What relevance does that have for us today? How can we relate to this "timely" text?

Davening Without Moving Your Lips ~ Josh Sharfman

Explore an understanding of themes from our liturgy using dramatic exercises. Because there's more to prayer than just words.



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3:00 AM ~ Concurrent Sessions

What's in a Name? Or, When God is Lord and Vice Versa ~ *Shira Berman*

With the opening chapters of Sefer Bereishit as a backdrop, this session will look at how the use of different names for God can help us understand the evolving relationship between man and His Maker.

Deepening our Understanding of Matan Torah (Warning: Interactive & Bibliodramatic) ~ *Harry Nelson*

3:00 AM on Shavuot morning is no time to be passive. We will be using the Bibliodramatic method and Torah concerning Revelation at Sinai as a springboard for actually getting "inside" the text.

4:00 AM

Preparing / Pre-pairing: Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot Tish ~ *Reb Mimi Feigelson*

Join us for niggunim and stories approaching Matan Torah

4:55 AM

Vatikin Shacharit

Breakfast following Shacharit

About the Presenters:

Reb Mimi Feigelson (www.zieglerpodcasts.com) is the Mashpi'ah Ruchanit and Lecturer of Rabbinic Literature and Chassidic Thought at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University. Reb Mimi is an Israeli orthodox rabbi and holds an MA from Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Dr. Ivor Geft is a practicing cardiologist at Cedars Sinai Medical Center. He has delivered a weekly shiur on Parshat Hashavuah for the last 22 years, based mainly on the ideas of Harav Elon and the Netivot Shalom.

Rabbi Daniel Greyber is Executive Director of Camp Ramah in California and the Zimmer Conference Center, and Lecturer in Jewish Liturgy at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University.

Orly Lieberman teaches Judaic Studies at the Abraham Joshua Heschel Middle School and serves as the Congregational intern at the Hebrew Institute of White Plains. She received her BA from Princeton University in Religion and Judaic Studies. In 2007, Orly completed three years of intensive study in Talmud and Halacha as part of Drisha Institute's Scholars' Circle.