

The Marilyn and Sigi z"l Ziering



*Pardes Program*

May 6 - June 6 2019      1 Iyar - 3 Sivan 5779

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(\* ) No classes on Yom Haatzmaut – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Course descriptions

#### Monday Mornings (5 classes in a course)

9:30-11am **Contemporary Halakhic Issues**

*Nechama Goldman-Barash*

- Does a Woman Have to Take Her Husband's Customs?
- Can I Use Social Media to Warn People About Predators or is it Lashon Hara?
- Civil Marriage - What is its Halakhic Status?

11:15-12:45

**Encountering the Modern - From Moses Mendelssohn to Moses Hess**

*Rabbi Mike Feuer*

The Jewish encounter with modernity was both a challenge and an opportunity. Whether one mourns what was lost, celebrates what was born or both, we can all agree that this meeting still shapes much of our world today. This series will explore the roots of the Jewish Enlightenment, the emergence of new religious currents like Reform and chassidut and examine some of the personalities which embody this important era.

#### Tuesday Mornings (5 classes in a course)

9-10:15am

**The State of Israel in Jewish Thought**

*Rabbi Shai Finkelstein*

- The Declaration of Independence- from Sinai or Sdei Boker?
- "A People that Dwells Alone": A blessing or a curse?
- A political and religious analysis of Israel's challenges

10:30-11:30am

**Shir Hashirim; Exile and Redemption**

*Rabbi Alex Israel*

Shir Hashirim is a love story. It has been seen by Jewish Tradition over the centuries as the "Holy of Holies", a sacred love story charting the ups and downs of the relationship between Israel and God, and a historical mapping of Jewish History. We will study the text of Shir Hashirim looking at the controversy surrounding this book, tracing its storyline, its symbolism and the ramifications for assessing exile and redemption.

11:45am-1pm

### **Food Glorious Food!**

The Biblical Importance of Eating

*Rabbi Dr. Howard Markose*

The Torah presents food to its readers on various platters. Sometimes the food is served in explicit terms with elaborate descriptions, while at other times the dishes are ambiguous and have very little taste. In this course we will feast on the many references to food in the Torah in hopes of gaining a greater understanding of and appreciation for food in the Torah.

## **Thursday Mornings** (4 classes in a course)

10-11:30am

### **The Mikveh in Today's World: Sociology, Spirituality and Personal Meaning**

*Dr. Naomi Marmon Grumet & The Eden Center*

- 1) How couples today observe "Taharat Hamishpacha" throughout the lifecycle: A sociological review
- 2) The Mikveh as a spiritual resource
- 3) The historical transformations in Pre-marital kallah/hatan classes and a vision for the future
- 4) Reframing our relationship with Mikveh

11:15am - 12:45pm

### **From Holocaust to Revelation, An Omer Journey Through Art**

*Dr. Susan Nashman-Fraiman*

- 1) The Holocaust in Israeli Art
- 2) The symbol of the State of Israel and the art of 1948
- 3) Jerusalem in art (both non-Jewish and Jewish)
- 4) The Ten commandments and the Giving of the Torah in Art (both non-Jewish and Jewish)--preparation for Shavuot

Thursdays 1-2pm

### **Lunch and Learn – Parashat Hashavua**

*Rabbi Michael Hattin*

Come and study the weeks Torah Portion with accomplished teacher and author, Rabbi Michael Hattin. A dairy lunch will be served from 12:45pm

## **Sunday Walking Tours**

### **Shulie Mishkin**

May 12

9am-1pm

#### **Underground Jerusalem: From First Temple to British Mandate**

#### **The Kishle & the Underground Fighters Museum at the Russian Compound**

The Kishle is a newly opened excavation, under the infamous Old City prison. We will go backwards in time and learn about the many layers of history harbored by this site back to First Temple days. Then we will walk over to the Russian Compound and learn about the European empires' plans for Jerusalem in the late 19th century. Finally, we will hear stories of pre-State heroism as we visit the Underground Prisoners' Museum where so many fighters for Israel's independence were incarcerated.

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May 26

9am -12pm

#### **Prime Ministers and Presidents: Rehavia**

#### ***In memory of Dr. Michael Evan Osband z"l***

On this tour we will hear about the colorful history of the neighborhood of Rehavia and its residents. We will also "encounter" a few of the most famous residents: Yitzchak and Rachel Ben Zvi, Israel's second president and First Lady, and Levi Eshkol, prime minister during the Six-Day War. We will visit the "Tzrif- the Hut" the Ben Zvi's residence, as well as the Eshkol house, which has recently been turned into a state of the art museum.

## **Faculty Biographies**

**Rabbi Mike Feuer** is a Pardes faculty member. He has learned Torah in a number of Jerusalem area institutions, including Yeshivat HaMivtar, the Mir Yeshiva and Sulam Yaakov Bet Midrash. He received his semikhah from Sulam Yaakov, where he now spends all his time when not engaged with his wonderful wife and five children. His vision of Torah aspires to rigorous analysis and a passionate love of poetry and approaches learning as a process of mutual self-development. His particular loves in Torah are the Early Prophets, the Maharal and the Bet Yosef.

**Rabbi Shai Finkelstein** was born in Israel, attended Yeshivat Shaalavim, served in the Artillery unit of the IDF and was ordained by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel. He is currently the Rabbi of Kehilat Nitzanim in Baka, Jerusalem, and has guided its evolution beyond merely a house of prayer and Torah learning, to a center for the Kehila and for Chesed. Rabbi Finkelstein lectures at Pardes, OU Israel Center and Yeshurun and he is also the Director of Rabbinic Alliance and Community Engagement in Tzohar. For the past 16 years he was the Rosh Kollel of Torah Mitzion and the Senior Rabbi of the Baron Hirsch Synagogue in Memphis, Tennessee. Rabbi Finkelstein also earned an MBA from the Fogelman School of Business and Economics at the University of Memphis.

**Rabbanit Nechama Goldman Barash** teaches Rabbinic Literature, Women and Judaism, Medical Ethics, Prophets and Bible at Pardes.

She made aliyah from Philadelphia over 20 years ago after graduating from Stern College. She studied for three years in Matan's Advanced Talmud Institute and finished a Master's degree in Talmud at Bar-Ilan University, with a thesis on the Beautiful Captive Woman in the Eyes of Chazal. She teaches at a variety of Israeli institutions and is also a graduate of Nishmat's Yoetzet Halakha program. Recently she has been a member of the Beit Hillel national-religious group. Currently she is studying in Matan's new Hilchata program, which is an advanced program in the area of Jewish law. Nechama lives in Gush Etzion with her husband and four daughters.

**Rabbi Michael Hattin** is a master teacher of Tanakh at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. He studied for rabbinic ordination at Yeshivat Har Etzion and holds a professional degree in architecture from the University of Toronto. Michael is the author of *Passages: Text and Transformation in the Parasha* (2012) as well as "Joshua: The Challenge of the Promised Land", published by Koren Publishers in 2015. He has served as scholar-in-residence in many communities in North America and Europe and lives in Alon Shevut with his wife Rivka and their five children.

**Rabbi Alex Israel** has taught at Pardes for the past seven years and is Director of the Summer program, as well as Pardes's Community Education Program and the Elmad online learning platform. Alex grew up in London and holds degrees from LSE, the Institute of Education London, and Bar-Ilan University. Alex studied at Yeshivat Har Etzion and was awarded semikhah from the Israeli Rabbinat. Alex volunteers for Tzohar – a rabbinic group that works to bridge gaps between religious and secular communities in Israel. He lives with his wife and four children in Gush Etzion. His first book is: *I Kings – Torn in Two*. (Maggid, 2013). Read his Torah at [www.alexisrael.org](http://www.alexisrael.org).

**Rabbi Howard Markose** teaches Bible and Biblical Hebrew at Pardes. He was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Howard received his rabbinical ordination in 1984 from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. Howard lived in Toronto for ten years from 1984-1994 at which time he served as assistant rabbi at Adath Israel Congregation and rabbi at Shaar Shalom Synagogue. He and his family made Aliyah in 1994 and after seven years as rabbi of Kehilat Moreshet Avraham in Jerusalem, he became the Director of Education for the Young Judea Year Course. He received his PhD in Bible at Bar Ilan University in January 2016. Howard conducts specialized Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremonies for families from North America who are visiting Israel. He lives in Jerusalem and is married and has four children.

**Dr. Naomi Marmon Grumet** is founder and director of the Eden Center, a center to make mikveh welcoming and relevant for modern women. Her doctoral research, "An Examination of the Interface of Taharat Hamishpacha and Identity among Modern Orthodox Women and Men", in which she interviewed husbands and wives in couples who observe niddah, is the catalyst upon which the Eden Center was founded. She lives in Jerusalem with her husband and three children.

**Dr. Susan Nashman Fraiman** holds a Doctorate in Art History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In the past she served as the Collection Manager of the Yad Vashem Art Museum. She is senior lecturer at the Rothberg International School of the Hebrew University