Pardes | פרדס
Institute of Jewish Studies

Summer Executive Learning Seminar 2017 / 5777

Returning to Zion: New Faces, Old Issues

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Sunday July 2 8 Tamuz **Overview**	**7:30** **Welcome Breakfast & Orientation**	**9:00 – 11:00** **The Persian Period: Through the Mists of Time** *Mike Feuer* ----------*or*---------- **Archeological View of The Persian Period** *Aaron Greener*	**11:10 – 1:10** **Daniel: The Missing Mythic Link** *Mike Feuer* ----------*or*---------- **Overview:** **Books of Ezra and Nehemiah** *Alex Israel*	**1:15** **Mincha**	**1:30** **Lunch**	**2:30 – 4:30** **Chaggai, Zecharia, Malachi:** **Visions of Redemption and Despair** *Michael Hattin* ----------*or*---------- **Walking in Ezra's Shoes: Entering the Narrative** *Yael Unterman*	**Free Time**	**7:00 – 9:00** **Opening Dinner: Touro Restaurant Yemin Moshe** **Guest Speaker** *Leon Morris*
Monday July 3 9 Tamuz **Challenges of Peoplehood 1**	**9:00 – 11:00** **Is Israel a Holy Land** *Elliott Malamet* ----------*or*---------- **Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay: Diaspora by Choice** *Leah Rosenthal*		**11:10 – 1:10** **Religious Coercion: Then and Now** *Zvi Hirschfield* ----------*or*---------- **Assimilation, Conversion and the Future of Jewish Peoplehood** *Elliott Malamet*	**1:15** **Mincha**	**1:30** **Lunch**	**2:30 – 4:00** **The Origins of Modern Zionism** *David Bernstein* ----------*or*---------- **2:30 – 6:30** **Site Visits: Ramat Rachel, Mount of Olives, Nebi Samuel** *Shulie Mishkin*	**Free Time**	
Tuesday July 4 10 Tamuz **Challenges of Peoplehood 2**	**9:00 – 11:00** **Ezra and Nehemiah – Wall Builders** *Mike Feuer* ----------*or*---------- **Archaeology and History: First and Second Temples** *Aaron Greener*		**11:10 – 1:10** **The Temple Rebuilt: How Does Ezra's Dream Look Today** *Dov Berkovits* ----------*or*---------- **Exclusivity and Entirety: Constructing a Theology of Exile** *Mike Feuer*	**1:15** **Mincha**	**1:30** **Lunch**	**2:30 – 4:30** **Why Did Prophecy End** Zvi Hirschfield ----------*or*---------- **2:30 – 6:00** **Site Visit:** **The Karaite World Center Ramle**	**Free Time**	

Wednesday July 5 11 Tamuz **Rabbinic Judaism**	**9:00 – 11:00** **Do the Rabbis Really Make Halakha** *Levi Cooper* ----------*or*---------- **Liturgy and Ritual: Case Studies of the Beginnings of Rabbinic Judaism** *Michael Hattin*	**11:10 – 1:10** **The Men of the Great Assembly – Then and Today** *Dov Berkovits* ----------*or*---------- **And The Prophets Transmitted it: Tradition, Transformation, and Rabbinic Time-Travel** *Gila Fine*	**1:15 Mincha**	**1:30 Lunch**	**2:30 – 4:30** **How Does Learning Create Community** *Yaffa Epstein* ----------*or*---------- **2:30 – 5:00** **Site Visit:** **The Supreme Court of Israel** **Guest Speaker** *Elyakim Rubinstein, Deputy President of the Israel Supreme Court*	**Free Time**	**7:30 – 9:00** **Optional: Summer Evening Lecture at Pardes - The Past, Present and Future of America-Israel Relations with Former USA Ambassador to Israel Daniel Shapiro**
Thursday July 6 12 Tamuz **Legacy for Today**	**9:00 – 11:00** **Two Perspectives on Modern Zionism:** **Herzl and Ahad Ha'Am** *David Bernstein* ----------*or*---------- **Modern Destruction and Discoveries on the Temple Mount** *Aaron Greener*	**11:10 – 1:10** **Modern Medicine: Utilizing Technology in a Modern State** *Gideon Weitzman* ----------*or*---------- **Human Dignity: A Case Study of Jewish and Israeli Law** *Yaffa Epstein*	**1:15 Mincha**	**1:30 Lunch**	**2:30 – 4:30** **Connections to the Land** *Rachel Korazim*	**Free Time**	**7:00 – 10:00** **Closing Dinner: Medita Talpiyot**