



Pardes Summer Program 2018. Session 2. July 24-August 9

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs
8:45-11:15 am Talmud	<p><i>The Music and Method of Mishna</i> (Introductory)- David Debow</p> <p><i>Talmudic Triage</i> (Intermediate. Tractate Sanhedrin) - Dena Freundlich</p> <p><i>Marital Misbehavior</i> (Advanced – Tractate Ketubot) - Wendy Amsallem</p>				
11:45 am -1:15 pm Jewish Thought	<p><i>Rav Kook. Song of the Soul</i> – Mike Feuer</p> <p><i>God, Torah, and the Jewish People. What do I believe?</i> - Zvi Hirschfield</p> <p><i>The Inner-Life and Social Change</i> - David Jaffe</p>			<p><i>Guest Speaker</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rav Kook</i> • <i>Inner Life</i> • <i>God, Torah, Jewish People</i> 	
	<p>1:15 Mincha – afternoon prayers (Optional. Mehitza or Egalitarian)</p> <p>LUNCH</p>				
2:30-5pm Bible/Tanakh (Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs)	<p><i>Seeking the Divine in Creation (all levels)</i> Mike Feuer</p> <p><i>The Book of Judges: The Roller Coaster Years</i> (all levels) Sefi Kraut</p> <p><i>Torah Law and Torah Interpretation</i> (Advanced) Marty Lockshin</p>		<p><i>Tiyul</i> <i>Tour or Hike</i></p>		<p><i>Seeking the Divine in Creation (all levels)</i> Mike Feuer</p> <p><i>The Book of Judges: The Roller Coaster Years</i> (all levels) Sefi Kraut</p> <p><i>Torah Law and Torah Interpretation</i> (Advanced) Marty Lockshin</p>



Pardes Summer Program 2018. Session 2. July 24-August 9

8:45-11:15am

Morning Text Intensive - Talmud

Music and Method of Mishna (Introductory)

David Debow

The Mishna embodies the introductory kernel from which the entire corpus of Oral Law sprouts. It is also an artful literary creation itself. We will study both its form and content. Hebrew is helpful but not required. We will study a selection of Mishnayot from each of the six Orders of the Mishna: Agriculture, Holidays, Marriage and Divorce, Damages, The Sacrificial Laws and Ritual Purity. We will also learn about the colorful Sages who taught the Mishna as a window into this formative time in Jewish history. In addition, we will look at key selections from the Talmud to see how these terse Mishnayot become the basis for intricate Talmud debates.

Talmudic Triage

Dena Feundlich

The 8th chapter of Masechet (Tractate) Sanhedrin is an emergency room triage of Judaism's highest values. When does the value of preserving life trump the value of observing mitzvot, and vice versa? Is it possible for someone to commit a sin or crime so egregious that he forfeits his right to life? Does your right to defend your own life and/or property grant license to kill an intruder? We will explore these issues and more, while also developing our skills in reading and analyzing Talmudic texts.

Marital Misbehavior

Wendy Amsallem

What happens if a husband vows not to support his wife? Or if a wife secretly feeds her husband non-kosher food? What if the husband's profession is so foul-smelling that the wife finds it intolerable? How much can spouses impose on each other before the marriage is deemed untenable? We will study the seventh chapter of Tractate Ketubot which catalogues a range of marital misbehaviors as part of an attempt to understand the basic nature of the contract between husband and wife.

11:45am – 1:15pm

Mid-Morning Class – Jewish Thought

(Sun, Mon, Tue, Thurs)

Rav Kook - Song of the Soul

Mike Feuer

Rav Kook is called one of the spiritual giants of the 20th century. In this class we will explore his approach to Divine service and his thoughts on fundamental questions which arise from learning Torah in a post-modern world. Our focus will be on unpacking these texts in their intellectual and cultural context, but we will also engage them as examples of a life lived in intimacy with the Divine.

God, Torah, and the Jewish People - What do I believe?

Zvi Hirschfield



Pardes Summer Program 2018. Session 2. July 24-August 9

Together we will explore a variety of classical and modern approaches to these three critical and hotly debated dimensions of Jewish life. We will also invest time in trying to articulate our own views and learn from the perspectives of our peers.

The Inner-Life and Social Change

David Jaffe

Inner-spiritual development and social change are often seen as two separate realms. This course explores the integration and alignment of the inner-life and activism through the application of Jewish wisdom for spiritual growth to social change practice. This course surveys Mussar and Hassidic teachings and practices and applies them to community organizing, environmental and worker justice and other social justice campaigns. Through study, practice and reflection students will gain a familiarity with these Jewish spiritual technologies and new language, perspectives and tools to bring to social change in an effort to create an integrated spiritual activism. For those students interested in bringing this course to their home settings, additional training is available to become a course facilitator.

2:30-5pm (Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs)

Afternoon Class

Tanakh - Bible

Seeking the Divine in Creation (all levels)

Mike Feuer

Whether one looks without or within, seeking the absolute is an act of avodah, of Divine service. In this class we will explore selections from the book of Genesis and other classical texts in order to develop a language which can make such service relevant to our lives and communities. Together with the text, we will engage our own dreams and desires as we ask the question, what does it mean to seek the Divine?

The Book of Judges: The Roller Coaster Years (all levels)

Sefi Kraut

Moses and Joshua are two of the most famous Jewish leaders in the Bible but some of their successors are among the most intriguing. These next generations of leaders directed the Jewish nation through the chaotic, wild times between the conquest of Israel and the rise of the first Jewish kings many years later. How can we understand the shocking behavior of some of these leaders? What were the unique challenges that they and the Jewish people faced in those years? In what ways do we see the transformation of leadership roles, goals, and ideals from Moses through the time period of the Judges? We will learn about the successes and failures of these leaders and the nation through the fascinating personalities and stories described in the Book of Judges.

Torah Law and Torah Interpretation (Advanced)

Marty Lockshin

In this course we will examine a variety of biblical laws, mostly, but not exclusively, from Parashat Mishpatim (Exodus 21-24). We will study (1) the relationship between these laws and various law codes of the Ancient Near East; (2) the ways in which these laws were interpreted in rabbinic literature; and (3) the ways in which the great Jewish Bible commentators



Pardes Summer Program 2018. Session 2. July 24-August 9

of the Middle Ages (mostly Rashi, Rashbam, ibn Ezra and Ramban) reinterpreted these laws. In particular we will pay attention to the tension between the midrashic meaning assigned to these laws in classical rabbinic literature and the ways in which the medieval

Faculty Biographies

Rabbi Wendy Amsellem is a faculty member at Drisha Institute and at Yeshivat Maharat. She is a graduate of the Drisha Scholars Circle and she has a BA in History and Literature from Harvard University. Wendy studied at Pardes in 2003-2004 and is delighted to be coming back!

Rabbi David Debow is the founding director of Midreshet Emunah v'Omanut, a unique Seminary in Jerusalem specializing in Torah education and the Arts. He and his family spent time in Cleveland at the Mizrahi School, while he served in various capacities including High School Principal. He holds an MA in Educational Administration from Ursuline College and a BA in Physics from Yeshiva University. He learned at Yeshivat Har Etzion and served in the IDF. He currently resides in Alon Shvut with his wife, a noted author Dr. Yocheved Debow and their lovely family.

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

commentators often attempted to return to the *peshat*, to what they understood as the plain meaning of the text.

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.

Dena Freundlich teaches Talmud at Midreshet Lindenbaum. She made Aliyah in the summer of 2010 from Teaneck, NJ, where she served as Talmud Department Chair at Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls. She holds a BA in Biology and Jewish Studies from Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women, an MA in Bible from the Bernard Revel Graduate School, and was a member of the first graduating class of Yeshiva University's Graduate Program for Advanced Talmudic Studies (GPATS).

Rabbi Zvi Hirschfield (director of the program) teaches Talmud, Halakha and Jewish Thought at Pardes. In addition, Zvi is a faculty member of the Pardes Center for Jewish Educators and has been training and mentoring Jewish Educators for over ten years in Tefilah in educational settings, critical issues in modern Jewish thought, and Israel education. Zvi holds a B.A. in History from Columbia University and did graduate work at Harvard University in Medieval and Modern Jewish Thought. He studied at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Israel and has rabbinic ordination from the Chief Rabbinate of Israel.

Rabbi David Jaffe is the author of *Changing the World from the Inside Out: A Jewish Approach to Personal and Social Change*, winner of the National Jewish Book Award for Contemporary Jewish Life. He directs the



Pardes Summer Program 2018. Session 2. July 24-August 9

Inside-Out Wisdom and Action Project, which makes Jewish spiritual wisdom accessible to change makers on campus, in organizations and in the rabbinate.

Sefi Kraut grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, and then moved to New York during her high school years. She earned a BA in History at Stern College, and taught at Yavneh Academy in NJ for eight years. She moved to Jerusalem in August 2013 and went on to teach Tanakh at Midreshet Lindenbaum and Midreshet Moriah, as well as becoming the assistant director of the Tikvah Overseas Seminars program. Sefi is currently working as a certified personal trainer and leads running groups for adults and kids through the Weksler Institute fitness clinic. She is a mentor on the Pardes Educators Program and teaches on the Pardes Community Education program.

Rabbi Professor Martin Lockshin taught Jewish Studies for 38 years at York University in Toronto where he has the title of University Professor Emeritus. He is the author of six books and dozens of articles on the Bible and Bible commentaries. He retired and moved to Israel two years ago and has taught since at Pardes and other Israeli institutions.