

Monday 9-10:15am

**Explaining Prophecy in a "Non-Prophet" Age**

Daniel Wolf

Are prophets and prophecy relevant religious concepts in a post-prophetic world? In this course, we will investigate the value of prophecy by analyzing a selection of biblical texts from the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. We will relate to both the experience and content of prophecy as described in these texts in light of some central theories of prophecy expounded by Jewish thinkers Halevi, Rambam, and Soloveitchik. By relating the theories to the biblical descriptions, we will attempt to uncover the basis of those theories and their religious implications.

**Rabbi Daniel Wolf:** Former educational Shaliach in Cleveland Fuchs Mizrahi school. Currently director of research and development at FiveBlocks. Part-time teaching coach at the Pardes Center for Jewish Educators.

Monday 10:15-11:45 am

**Practical Scribal Workshop**

[Dov Laimon](#)

In this hands-on seminar, students will learn to write the script used in writing Sifrei Torah, tefillin, and mezuzot. We will be using genuine materials, writing with quill on parchment, with sofer's ink.

The course offers an investigation of the significance of the Hebrew letters in classical texts, including Kabbalistic and Chassidic perspectives that present a mature framing of Jewish spiritual reality. The course also focuses on the practical, and provides an introduction to some of the intricate halakhot determining when a letter is kosher, and how kosher tefillin and mezuzot should be written.

Course will be contingent on a minimal number of students.

Cost 750 NIS per student (additional cost for materials.)

Contact Dov at [dovlaimon4552@gmail.com](mailto:dovlaimon4552@gmail.com) with any questions.

Monday 12-1pm

**Key Moments in Jewish History. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple**

[Mike Feuer](#)

Many nations tell their history as a list of kings and wars, others as a lineage of artistic and literary creativity. Though Am Yisrael can boast of these as well, our story is primarily one of consciousness - how an ancient people assimilated its historical experience into new ways of knowing the world.

This course will explore some of the key moments in the Jewish story from the period of the Second Temple.

Tuesday 9-10am

**8 Habits of Jewish Virtue. Ego, Anger, Faith, Generosity, and other challenges**

[Alex Israel](#)

Each week we shall look at one virtue or vice, through the Talmud, medieval thinkers and Mussar literature to probe how we might become better people.

Tuesday 10:15-11:30am

**A Taste of Talmud**

[Meir Schweiger](#)

This class is designed to be an introduction to Talmud study. We will be learning excerpts, from the 10th Chapter of Masechet Pesachim, that examine the topics of: kiddush, havdala, and 4 cups of wine on Pesach. In addition to discussing the topics at hand, we will pay close attention to basic Talmudic terms and methodology.

Tuesday 11:45am-1pm

**Founders of Zionism. Did their dreams become a reality?**

[Jamie Salter](#)

The earliest Zionist thinkers had radically different understandings of the modern Jewish situation. Though they mostly agreed on the need for a Jewish state, their diagnosis of the 'Jewish problem' led to very different suggestions as to how to improve the situation of the Jew and the role that the proposed State would play.

We will try to understand the world that these early modern Zionists encountered and see through their own words what they hoped the future would hold for the Jewish people. We will also try and understand whose vision became most closely aligned to the reality of modern Israel today.

Thursday 9-10:45am

**Peshat and Midrash. Does the "plain" meaning if the text matter?**

[Martin Lockshin](#)

Much of Judaism is based on midrash, on creative readings of the Bible that do not conform to the simple understanding of the text. On the other hand, in many generations Jews did pay careful attention to the peshat, the plain or contextual meaning.

In this course we will examine the tension between these two methods of reading and consider the ways that various Jewish thinkers attempted to harmonize them.

Thursday 11am-12:30pm

Jan 11-25

**Israel's Milestones**

[Rachel Korazim](#)

Rachel teaches "Israeli Society through the prism of Israeli Poetry." This course will focus on the Anxiety, Euphoria and Concern that preceded, accompanied and followed the six-Day war and Reunification of Jerusalem.

Feb 1-March 15

**Exotic and Hidden Jewish Communities.**

Ari Greenspan and Guests

1. The Pathways of the 10 Tribes - India, Baharain, Uzbekistan, Kurdistan, Shibuta.
- 2 Non Jewish Jews - Uganda, Cuba, Madagascar, Nigeria.
- 3 Unusual Communities south of the Sahara – Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti, Kenya And Namibia
4. Shabtai Tzvi and the Jewish Cannibals - Turkey, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Korea

1-2pm Lunch and Learn

**Parshat Hashavua**

[Michael Hattin](#)

Weaving literary analysis of the biblical text with selected teachings of classical Jewish commentary, this class teaches the intricacies of the Torah portion, offering innovative readings, and applying the Torah's message to the complexities of modern living.

Michael is the author of "Pathways: Text and Transformation in the Parasha"