

והגדת לבנך ובנותך

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STORIES**

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SUMMER 2023 PARDES LEARNING SEMINAR
June 25–June 29 | Pardes in Jerusalem

Sunday, June 25, 2023 | 6 Tamuz, 5783

8:00–10:00

WELCOME BREAKFAST & ORIENTATION

10:00–11:30

*Hasidic
Storytelling:
History, Aurality
and Writing*
Levi Cooper

*Literary
Friction:
Comparing
the Tower of
Babel and the
Midwives of
Egypt*
Judy Klitsner

*Esther:
A Story
of Divine
Concealment
and Human
Initiative*
Michael Hattin

*Law, Lore and
Love—Stories
the Rabbis
Tell of Their
Emotional
Lives: Love*
Yaffa Epstein

11:30–11:45

REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:45–13:20

*The Faithful
Servant of
Abraham*
Meir Schweiger

*The Art of
Rabbinic
Storytelling I:
The Tale of the
Mole and the
Well*
Gila Fine

*God is Telling
a Story Through
Me*
**Aryeh Ben
David**

*Daughters of
Zelafhad
Bibliodrama
Workshop*
Yael Unterman

13:25–13:40

MINCHA (OPTIONAL)

13:40–14:40

LUNCH

14:40–16:00

*Into the
PaRDeS
of History
- A Jewish
Approach
to Time*
Mike Feuer

*Story of
Creation
Told Through
Chapter 6
of Mishna
Berakhot*
**Rahel
Berkovits**

*Comparison
of Two
Yiddish
Stories*
**David
Levin-Kruss**

Hasidic Tales
Levi Cooper

*Torah Yoga
- Hasidic
Wisdom*
**Diane
Bloomfield**

16:15–17:00

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

17:00–18:00

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: RABBI DANIEL LANDES

19:30–21:30

OPENING DINNER EVENT

Monday, June 26, 2023 | 7 Tamuz, 5783

8:20–9:00	HOMEROOM			
9:00–11:00	<i>The Art of Rabbinic Storytelling II: Narcissus in the Temple</i> Gila Fine	<i>The Jordan River is Wide and Deep (The Book of Joshua)</i> Michael Hattin	<i>Our Present: The Child of Our Past and the Parent of Our Future</i> Yiscah Smith	<i>Law, Lore and Love - Stories the Rabbis Tell of Their Emotional Lives: Anger</i> Yaffa Epstein
11:00–11:10	REFRESHMENT BREAK			
11:10–13:10	HACHNASAT SEFER TORAH Join us in celebrating the completion of Pardes's newest Torah scroll, generously dedicated by Bryan Kocen in memory of his beloved late wife, Gail Gordon Kocen z"l			
13:15–13:30	MINCHA (OPTIONAL)			
13:30–14:30	LUNCH			
14:30–16:30	<i>Torah Yoga - Hasidic Wisdom</i> Diane Bloomfield	<i>Removing the Bouncer from the Beit Midrash: Rabban Gamliel's Deposition</i> Rahel Berkovits	<i>The Flood Story as Told in the Ancient Near East</i> Howard Markose	<i>Telling the Story of Israel's Rabbinat Through the Biblical Lens</i> Seth Farber

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 | 8 Tamuz, 5783

8:20–9:00	HOMEROOM			
9:00–11:00	<i>Jewish History and Jewish Memory</i> David Bernstein	<i>Ruth: The Perfect Short Story</i> Yael Zeigler	<i>Contrasting Moshe's Spies with Joshua's Spies: What Stories Do We Tell Ourselves?</i> Alex Israel	<i>The Story of Taking Ownership: Jewish Women Making Judaism Theirs - Part I</i> Yentl Shana Mauer
11:00–11:10	REFRESHMENT BREAK			
11:10–13:10	<i>Why is the Torah Composed of Laws and Stories? A Look at Rashi's First Comment on Chumash</i> Daniel Reifman	<i>Moving Towards a More Spiritual Way of Life: My Personal Journey</i> Yiscah Smith	<i>Radical Reunions (Shemot - Parashat Yitro)</i> Tovah Leah Nachmani	<i>Haim Bialik: "Halakha and Aggadah"</i> Michal Kohane
13:15–13:30	MINCHA (OPTIONAL)			
13:30–14:30	LUNCH			
14:30–16:30	<i>Looking at the End of Rabbi Eliezer's Life</i> Zvi Hirschfield	<i>The Flood Story as Told in the Ancient Near East</i> Howard Markose	<i>Law, Lore and Love - Stories the Rabbis Tell of Their Emotional Lives: Shame</i> Yaffa Epstein	<i>The Man Who Came Back to Life and Other Stories in Medical Halakha</i> Daniel Reifman
16:30–19:00	FREE TIME <i>These Walls Speak Volumes: A Public Art Tour of Talpiot</i> Dov Abramson, Meesh Hammer-Kossoy and Leon Morris			
	EVENING WORKSHOPS AT PARDES (MUSIC, ART, FILM FESTIVAL)			
19:30–21:30	<i>That's Not Funny! Exploring Israeli culture through the satire, Torah and controversy surrounding the Israeli TV show, "The Jews Are Coming."</i> Ittay Flescher	<i>From Selfie to Self: Telling Our Stories with Poetic Beauty and Complexity</i> Yoni Hammer-Kossoy	<i>A Medley of Maaleh Films</i> Nechama Goldman Barash	

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 | 9 Tamuz, 5783

8:20–9:00	HOMEROOM			
9:00–11:00	<i>The Story Behind Agnon's Story Based on the Rabbinic Story of Issakhar and Zevulun</i> Baruch Feldstern	<i>Biblical Motifs in Israeli Literature</i> Rachel Korazim	<i>Maimonides' Philosophical Narrative of Jewish History</i> Elliott Malamet	<i>The Wife-Sister Motif as Reported and Retold in the Torah</i> Howard Markose
11:00–11:10	REFRESHMENT BREAK			
11:10–13:10	<i>What Was the Fruit in the Tree of Life?</i> Dov Berkovits	<i>War and Peace</i> Rachel Korazim	<i>Sanctity and Its Discontents: Imperfection as a Way of Life</i> Avi Walfish	<i>Workshop: How to Tell Your Story: Tools and Exercises for Crafting a Ted Talk of Your Own</i> Joyce Klein
13:15–13:30	MINCHA (OPTIONAL)			
13:30–14:30	LUNCH			
14:30–16:30	<i>Legacy Faculty Panel Featuring</i> Meir Schweiger, Dov Berkovits, Avi Walfish, Baruch Feldstern	<i>Narrative Voice: Journalism, Fiction Writing, Torah Teaching and All That's In-between</i> Elhanan Miller	<i>Thresholds and Villains</i> Rachel Sharansky Danziger	<i>Midrash and Narrative Therapy</i> Mike Feuer
16:30–17:30	FREE TIME			
17:30–21:30	EVENING TIYUL TBD			

Thursday, June 29, 2023 | 10 Tamuz, 5783

8:20–9:00	HOMEROOM			
9:00–11:00	<i>The Dynamic Relationship of the Two Beloveds in Shir HaShirim</i> Dov Berkovits	<i>Leadership, Risk-Taking, and the Destruction of the Temple</i> Meesh Hammer-Kossoy	<i>Tiyul: Tour of the Tower of David Museum</i>	<i>The Story of Taking Ownership: Jewish Women Making Judaism Theirs - Part II - Anne Roiphe</i> Shana Mauer
11:00–11:10	REFRESHMENT BREAK			
11:10–13:10	<i>Triangle of Strife: Sarah, Avraham and Hagar</i> Tovah Leah Nachmani	<i>Stories of Fathers and Sons in Rabbinic Literature</i> Leon Morris	<i>Who Will Tell Our Story? The Oyneg Shabbos Archival Group in the Warsaw Ghetto</i> David Bernstein	<i>Workshop: Short Story Writing</i> David Levin Kruss
13:15–13:30	MINCHA (OPTIONAL)			
13:30–14:30	LUNCH			
14:30–16:30	<i>"The Royal Road" to Inner Truth: Dream Narratives in the Bible</i> Elliott and Leah Malamet	<i>Stories from Reponsa Literature</i> Nechama Goldman Barash	<i>Law, Lore and Love - Stories the Rabbis Tell of Their Emotional Lives: Joy</i> Yaffa Epstein	<i>"Would You Murder and Also Inherit?" A Biblical Story of Crimes, Misdemeanors and Other Addictions</i> Judy Klitsner
16:30–19:00	FREE TIME			
19:00–22:00	CLOSING DINNER			