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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	<i>Hasidic Storytelling: History, Aurality and Writing</i> Levi Cooper	<i>Literary Friction: Comparing the Tower of Babel and the Midwives of Egypt</i> Judy Klitsner	<i>Esther: A Story of Divine Concealment and Human Initiative</i> Michael Hattin	<i>Law, Lore and Love—Stories the Rabbis Tell of Their Emotional Lives: Love</i> Yaffa Epstein
11:30–11:45	REFRESHMENT BREAK			
11:45–13:20	<i>The Faithful Servant of Abraham</i> Meir Schweiger	<i>A Woman's Voice in Maimonides' Responsa</i> Levi Cooper	<i>God is Telling a Story Through Me</i> Aryeh Ben David	<i>Daughters of Zelafhad Bibliodrama Workshop</i> Yael Unterman
13:25–13:40	MINCHA (OPTIONAL)			
13:40–14:40	LUNCH			
14:40–16:00	<i>Story of Creation Told Through Chapter 6 of Mishna Berakhot</i> Rahel Berkovits	<i>Comparison of Two Yiddish Stories</i> David Levin-Kruss	<i>The Art of Rabbinic Storytelling I: The Tale of the Mole and the Well</i> Gila Fine	<i>Torah Yoga – Hasidic Wisdom</i> Diane Bloomfield
16:15–17:00	WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION			
17:00–18:00	THE PARDES 50TH ANNIVERSARY KEYNOTE SHIUR <i>The Halakha of Storytelling</i> Rav Daniel Landes			
19:30–21:30	OPENING DINNER THE SCOTTISH HOTEL, JERUSALEM Guest Performance: Tastes from the Banquet, Joyce Klein and Betty Klein			

Monday, June 26, 2023 | 7 Tamuz, 5783

8:20–9:00	HOMEROOM + BREAKFAST			
9:00–11:00	<i>Removing the Bouncer from the Beit Midrash: Rabban Gamliel's Deposition</i> Rahel Berkovits	<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>The Art of Rabbinic Storytelling II: Narcissus in the Temple</i> Gila Fine	<i>Shir HaShirim - Touching the Eternal with Poetry and Song</i> Dov Berkovits	<i>The Heartless Chicken and the Brain-Dead Human</i> Daniel Sinclair
16:30–18:00	FREE TIME			
18:00–21:30	Cultural Evening at Beit Avichai with spoken word artist Orit Tashoma, art exhibition of Anatoly Kaplan and lecture by renowned speaker David Roskies			

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 | 8 Tamuz, 5783

8:20–9:00	HOMEROOM + BREAKFAST			
9:00–11:00	<i>Jewish History and Jewish Memory</i> David Bernstein	<i>Ruth: The Perfect Short Story</i> Yael Ziegler	<i>Contrasting Moshe's Spies with Joshua's Spies: What Stories Do We Tell Ourselves?</i> Alex Israel	<i>Looking at the End of Rabbi Eliezer's Life</i> Zvi Hirschfield
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>Into the PaRDeS of History - a Jewish Approach to Time</i> Mike Feuer	<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>The Story of Taking Ownership: Jewish Women Making Judaism Theirs - Part I</i> <i>Yentl</i> Shana Mauer	<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 "Yenta" and Rav Nachman: Stories and Morality in Halakhah</i> Daniel Reifman
16:30–19:00	FREE TIME			
19:00–22:00	SURPRISE EVENING OUTDOOR EVENT (dress warmly)			

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 | 9 Tamuz, 5783

8:20–9:00	HOMEROOM + BREAKFAST			
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>The Best Story Every Told - The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil</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>Two Truths in One Heart; Two Peoples in One Land</i> Hanan Schlesinger
13:15–13:30	MINCHA (OPTIONAL)			
13:30–14:30	LUNCH			
14:30–16:30	<i>Legacy Faculty Panel</i> <i>Featuring</i> Meir Schweiger, Judy Klitsner, Dov Berkovits, Avi Walfish	<i>Thresholds and Villains</i> Rachel Sharansky Danziger	<i>The Story of Taking Ownership: Jewish Women Making Judaism Theirs - Part II -</i> <i>Anne Roiphe</i> Shana Mauer	<i>Midrash and Narrative Therapy</i> Mike Feuer
16:30–19:30	FREE TIME			
	STORYTELLING THROUGH ART, FILM AND POETRY			
19:30–22:00	<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>Creating Your Own Story: Artistic Workshop</i> Eden Barash	

Thursday, June 29, 2023 | 10 Tamuz, 5783

8:20–9:00	HOMEROOM + BREAKFAST			
9:00–11:00	<p><i>Stories of Fathers and Sons in Rabbinic Literature</i> Leon Morris</p>	<p><i>Leadership, Risk-Taking, and the Destruction of the Temple</i> Meesh Hammer-Kossoy</p>	<p><i>Who Will Tell Our Story? The Oyneg Shabbos Archival Group in the Warsaw Ghetto</i> David Bernstein</p>	<p><i>Workshop: How to Tell Your Story: Tools and Exercises for Crafting a TED Talk of Your Own</i> Joyce Klein</p>
11:00–11:10	REFRESHMENT BREAK			
11:10–13:10	<p><i>Telling One's Own Story via Someone Else's: A Kinesthetic Midrash Experience</i> Aviva Lauer</p>	<p><i>The Dynamic Relationship of the Two Beloveds in Shir HaShirim</i> Dov Berkovits</p>	<p><i>Tiyul: Tour of the Tower of David Museum</i> <i>(Pre-Registration Required)</i></p>	<p><i>Workshop: Short Story Writing</i> David Levin Kruss</p>
13:15–13:30	MINCHA (OPTIONAL)			
13:30–14:30	LUNCH			
14:30–16:30	<p><i>"The Royal Road" to Inner Truth: Dream Narratives in the Bible</i> Elliott and Leah Malamet</p>	<p><i>Stories from Reponsa Literature</i> Nechama Goldman Barash</p>	<p><i>Law, Lore and Love - Stories the Rabbis Tell of Their Emotional Lives: Joy</i> Yaffa Epstein</p>	<p><i>"Would You Murder and Also Inherit?" A Biblical Story of Crimes, Misdemeanors and Other Addictions</i> Judy Klitsner</p>
16:30–19:00	FREE TIME			
19:00–22:00	CLOSING DINNER BEIT SHMUEL, JERUSALEM			