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The Rabbis and Their Legacy: An Introduction to Rabbinic Judaism

Thursdays, beginning February 1, 2018 — 7:00–9:00 PM

Instructor: Michael Satlow, Professor of Religious Studies and Judaic Studies at Brown University

People talk about “the rabbis” all the time, but who were they really? The legacy of the rabbis of antiquity (ca. 70–640 CE) is astounding: their texts, among which are the two Talmuds and many books of midrash, have served as the foundation for nearly all forms of Judaism down to the present day. This semester we will take a close look at the historical context in which the rabbis emerged and worked; their literature; their ideas; and their discussions of proper Jewish practice. The class will involve much close reading of rabbinic texts (all presented in English; no prior knowledge required), and we’ll devote a session close to Passover on the Haggadah.



Space is limited, so register today! Call the Temple Office or register online at:
www.teprov.org/Institute/DelveDeeper

Delve Deeper is made possible through generous support from the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island’s Innovation Funding

Details:

Thursdays:

February 1, 8, 15, 22
March 8, 15, 22
April 12, 19, 26
May 3 and 10

Cost:

\$200 for the semester
*Note that partial and full scholarships are available!
We are very committed to making this course accessible to everyone. Please do not let cost be a barrier!*



The Koffler Bornstein Families Institute of Jewish Studies

Upcoming Lectures & Special Events



Two Composers, Three Opinions: What Makes Music “Jewish”? Lecture Recital by Samuel Zerin

Monday, February 12 – 7:00 PM
Bohnen Vestry

At the dawn of the 20th century, a group of young Russian-Jewish composers sought to develop a uniquely Jewish style of classical music. However, they argued over what could count as authentically Jewish. In this lecture-recital, musicologist Samuel Zerin will discuss his original research on two competing practices: arrangements of Jewish folk melodies; and new works inspired by Torah chant. He will then perform a small group of piano pieces, which represent these different approaches to creating “Jewish” music.

This event is free and open to the public. We ask that you consider making a donation of \$5 per person.

RSVPs greatly appreciated.

Please visit our website:

[teprov.org/form/Zerin Lecture](http://teprov.org/form/Zerin%20Lecture) or
call the Temple Office: **401.331.1616**

Upcoming Lectures:

March 21 – 7:30 PM

*‘Who is a Jew’ Comes to
Africa: A Multimedia
Presentation*

– Professor William Miles

April 22 – 4:00 PM

*When Basketball was
Jewish*

– Douglas Stark

Shabbat Chai: Lively Kabbalat Shabbat Service for All Ages

First Friday of the Month – 6:00 PM

Have you heard about Shabbat Chai but did not think it was for you or your family? Well think again! Our friendly format is accessible to anyone who wants to experience lively singing, fabulous musicians and a warm welcome to the Shabbat! Shabbat Chai combines musical instruments with both traditional, spirited Kabbalat Shabbat melodies and some wonderfully exuberant new ones.

The service is interactive, with continuous participation by the congregation.

A 5:45 PM “Pre-Service Oneg” kicks off Shabbat Chai. Enjoy snacks and drinks while shmoozing with your friends in the lobby outside of the Alperin Meeting House Foyer. The service begins at 6:00 PM in the Bohnen Vestry. You may wish to enjoy a wonderful meal following the service.



Upcoming Dates:

Friday, March 2, 2018

RSVP by Thurs, March 1

Friday, May 4, 2018

RSVP by Thurs, May 3

1945

An Arts Emanu-El Film Presentation

Saturday, February 10, 2018 — 7:30–9:30 PM



To sign up, please call the Temple Office or register online: teprov.org/form/1945

On a summer day in 1945, an Orthodox man and his grown son return to a village in Hungary while the villagers prepare for the wedding of the town clerk's son. The townspeople – suspicious, remorseful, fearful, and cunning – expect the worst and behave accordingly. The town clerk fears the men may be heirs of the village's deported Jews and expects them to demand their illegally acquired property back.

(menemshafilms.com)

Join us for a new, thought provoking film. Discussion and food to follow.

Guest speaker: Dr. Holly Case
History Professor, Brown University

Details:

Cost:

\$12 – Online Registration
\$15 – At the Door

Location:

Alperin Meeting House

Next Event:

Happy 70th Anniversary, Israel!
May 6 – 7:00 PM

Purim Events & Schedule

Saturday, February 24, 2018 – Friday, March 2, 2018

Saturday, Feb 24

80's Purim Bash 8:00–11:00 PM
Alperin Meeting House

Call the office or sign up online:
teprov.org/form/purimbash.html

Sunday, Feb 25

Purim Carnival 10:30–11:00 AM
Families with kids 5 & under
11:00–12:45 PM
Open to everyone

Purim Spiel 1:15 PM
Alperin Meeting House

Wednesday, Feb 28

Family First Purim 5:45 PM
Eve Extravaganza *Bohnen Vestry*
Megillah Reading 6:15 PM
Main Sanctuary

Thursday, Feb 28th

Megillah Reading 6:45 AM
Fishbein Chapel

Mishloach Manot Orders

Please stop by the office to pick up a form, or place your order online: teprov.org/form/mishloach

The deadline to place all orders is **Tuesday, February 13**

Hamentashen Orders

Please call the office to pick up a form, or place your order online: teprov.org/form/hamentashen-order-form.html

The deadline to place all orders is **Wednesday, February 21**.



Educational Weekend

Friday, March 23 – Sunday, March 25, 2018



RSVPs are required for Shabbat dinner. More information will be coming soon!

People of the Image: Art, Meaning, and History in the Passover Haggadah

with Scholar-in-Residence Professor Marc Michael Epstein

(Note that this date is different than what was previously scheduled)

Join Temple Emanu-El as we welcome Marc Michael Epstein, professor of Religion and Visual Culture at Vassar College and one of the leading experts on illuminated Jewish manuscripts. Professor Epstein will share his research on Medieval Jewish Haggadah art, offering lectures and programs for members of all ages that will help us have a more beautiful and meaningful Passover.

The weekend will include Shabbat services, Friday night dinner, a buffet Kiddush Lunch on Saturday, and continental breakfast on Sunday.

Lectures and Study Sessions to include:

Praiseworthy and Beyond: The Art of Passover

Shabbat Hagadol: Elijah, Messiah, Christians, and Jews

Hasidic Insights on the Haggadah

And a Family-Friendly program for people age 9-99:

Art Detectives: The Mystery of the Golden Haggadah

Community Passover Seder

Friday, March 30, 2018 – 6:30 PM

Join us for a traditional Passover Seder led by Rabbi Rachel Zerin.

Catering will be provided by Accounting For Taste LLC, with your choice of Brisket, Poached Salmon in white wine sauce, Chicken Marsala or a Vegetarian option, followed by a luscious dessert. Wine/grape juice and beverages will be included.

Cost- \$54.00 per adult
\$36 per child (12 and under)
Children 3 and under are free

Bring the whole family! Space is limited, so RSVP soon!

To register, call the office or online:
teprov.org/form/seder

Registration deadline - March 16



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