

Lexington Institute of Jewish Studies (LIJS)

Selected Short Stories of Shmuel Yosef Agnon: A 5-Session Introduction to Israel's Nobel Laureate in Literature



**At Temple Emunah / Fee: \$75 per person
With Teachers Michael Bohnen and David Link
October 17, 24, 31 & November 7, 14, 2018
Wednesday Nights, 7:45—9:30 PM
Kosher refreshments served 7:45-8:00 PM
Class starts at 8:00 PM**

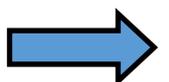
Shmuel Yosef Agnon, who was born in Buczacz, Austro-Hungary (now Ukraine) in 1888 received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1966 for his Hebrew fiction. Agnon moved to Palestine as a young man and died in 1970. His stories narrate the vanished Jewish life of the old country, as well as tales of life in 20th century Israel. His language has resonances of Biblical and Rabbinic texts. A complex person, Agnon was torn between two worlds, and his stories often have a hidden and sometimes subversive subtext.

This LIJS class will meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:45 - 9:30 PM, October 17 through November 14 at Temple Emunah. Over the course of these 5 evenings, we will read and discuss six of Agnon's short stories in English translation. The discussions will be lead by David Link and Michael Bohnen and participants will be asked to read one or two short stories and one article prior to each session. All the stories (except one) are in *A Book That Was Lost: Thirty-Five Stories*. The articles (and one extra story) will be available via Dropbox.

David Link is a retired pediatric nephrologist. His interest in Agnon goes back over 60 years when he read the author's short stories with his father in the original Hebrew.

Michael Bohnen practiced corporate law for over 3 decades and now works for a charitable foundation. His interest in Agnon was sparked by the author's abundant use of idioms from the Hebrew Bible and Rabbinic literature.

Registration information on the backside



Lexington Institute of Jewish Studies Registration Form—Fall 2018

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email address (s) _____

people attending class @ \$75 each: _____

Total Amount: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Lexington Institute for Jewish Studies to:

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Founded over 20 years ago, the LIJS is the fruit of a long-standing collaboration between the Adult Education Committees of Temples Isaiah and Emunah. LIJS provides classes in Jewish history, the Bible, sacred Jewish text, and Judaic culture, and is open to the entire community. Evening Minyan is at 7:30 PM and kosher refreshments will be served from 7:45 until 8:00 PM. Class will begin promptly at 8:00 PM. **For more information, contact Bob Frankel at sfrankel@rcn.com or 781-863-1738.**

