

Hasidut: Rekindling A New Way To Jewishly Live

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Thursday, January 14, 21, and 28 at 7pm

Many of us have heard of Hasidism. We know the image of them in popular culture. We have heard the names of Rabbis inserted in our worship or studying. These series of classes will help frame their way of looking at the world into a system that is quite relevant for us today as Reform Jews. The Hasidic style is a mystical blending of traditional Judaism, Kabbalah, and psychology. Hasidic disciples are devoted to their teachers and their systematic way of looking at the world. Their spiritual intensity is become synonymous with the movement as well as their rigid approach to a Halachik lifestyle.

For three weeks, we will examine the roots of the Hasidic movement and their history. We will create a family tree of sorts as we explore the personalities and how Hasidic sects are interrelated to each other. We will study texts and try to draw out relatable logic that is applicable in our lives as Reform Jews.