

Preview

YIS Living Torah Fund Programs in the Works

Antisemitism in America & the Emerging Jewish Spirit. December 7, 16 and 23
Our first 2 speakers, Liel Leibovitz and Bari Weiss are two of the most astute and articulate observers of the American Jewish scene. And 6'10" Amar'e Stoudemire has an amazing story to tell — from NBA All-Star-to-Israeli Basketball MVP all while studying for conversion to Judaism. This series is co-sponsored by the Young Israel of New Rochelle. There will be an exclusive private chat with Bari Weiss for Living Torah Fund donors prior to her presentation.

Sefer Shemot overview and essays. Start date: January 3 and 7
Each week we will distribute a short essay — a d'var Torah on the parsha — written by a member of the community. The first essay will be on Parsha Shemot which we will read on the 9th of January. Yael Ziegler will join us on Zoom to deliver a shiur on Sefer Shemot to mark the beginning of the Sefer and to kick-off the program. The shiur will be given on January 3.

Professor Deborah Lipstadt will discuss the Jewish Community's place in the world with special reference to her ground breaking efforts to defeat Holocaust denial and counter antisemitism. Professor Lipstadt's appearance is sponsored by Debbie and Bill Schrag in loving memory of Daniel and Sondra Schrag and Herbert Blumenthal, and in honor of Esther Blumenthal. There will be an exclusive private chat with Deborah Lipstadt for Living Torah Fund donors prior to or immediately following her presentation.

- Remembering Gedolim we lost in 2020. Start date: TBD

 A selection of speakers will discuss the life and work of Rabbi Lamm ztz"l,

 Rabbi Steinsaltz ztz"l, Rabbi Sacks ztz"l and other Gedolim that we lost in 2020.
- YIS Reads. Start date: TBD
 The Rabbis will suggest a series of books for us to read and discuss as a community—
 starting with A Letter in The Scroll by Rabbi Sacks. In this, as with the weekly d'vrei
 Torah, we are creating space for each of us to actively participate.
- Jewish Communities of The World. Start date: TBD

 Zoom makes it easy to travel in this series we'll explore Jewish life, learning and culture in different parts of the world. This series will be sponsored jointly by the Sisterhood and the Living Torah Fund.

Details — times, Zoom address, etc. — will be distributed prior to each program.

Your donations to the Living Torah Fund make these programs possible — **please participate**. Contact us by phone, or email us at <u>LivingTorahFund@gmail.com</u>.

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