

ABOUT HERBERT TARR



Ten years ago the North Shore Institute for Adult Jewish Education was renamed to memorialize Rabbi Herbert Tarr, the best-selling author and humorist whose warmth, wit and wisdom in his critically acclaimed novels (*Conversion of Chaplain Cohen*, *Heaven Help Us!*, *So Help Me God*, *A Woman of Spirit*, etc.) reached both Jew and non-Jew and enhanced their appreciation and understanding of Judaism. Rabbi Tarr was the quintessential Jew and truly believed that all Israel should respect and be responsible for one another--be they Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist or Reform. This Institute, now comprising 18 synagogues including one Jewish Community Center, abides by this philosophy. We are honored to fulfill Rabbi Herbert Tarr's legacy.

Our program offers a diverse spectrum of courses designed to broaden your knowledge and understanding of our rich heritage. The first hour will be devoted to the course you select. The second hour will feature a different guest lecturer each week who will speak on contemporary Jewish issues.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register early by mail before Oct. 20th
Please complete form below & mail with a \$25.00 registration fee for each individual, made payable to
Herbert Tarr North Shore Institute
Mail to: Herbert Tarr North Shore Inst.
c/o Temple Beth Sholom
401 Roslyn Road, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577

The \$25.00 registration fee includes one class in each semester PLUS the entire lecture series
For those not registering for a Jewish Studies course, there will be a fee of \$5.00 per person for each lecture, payable at the door.
(Late Registration for series 7:15 pm, Oct. 30 before keynote address)

COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

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Phone Number	Congregation	

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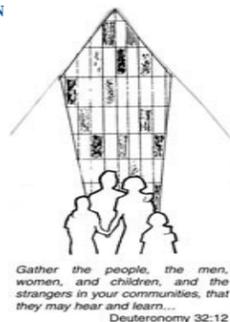
*We reserve the right to cancel any course due to insufficient registration
See www.herberttarr.org for additional registration forms.

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Northern State Parkway to Exit 29.



The Herbert Tarr North Shore Institute for Adult Jewish Education

at
Temple Beth Sholom

Jewish Studies & Lectures 2005/5766 Fall Program

SUNDAY, October 30, 2005, at 7:45 P.M.

Keynote Address at NO CHARGE by
DAVID HARRIS

Executive Director of the American Jewish Committee

“HOPE VS. FEAR: GLOBAL CHALLENGES TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY”

David Harris, a dynamic, eloquent, scholarly and thoughtful speaker, will address issues of relevance to the Jewish Community and to the world today - including terrorism, Muslim radicalism, the Arab-Israeli conflict and its implications on attitudes toward Israel and Jews worldwide. He has been one of the foremost advocates for Israel's political and diplomatic standing. An indefatigable traveler, Mr. Harris's talk will incorporate many of his recent experiences during his travels to Russia, Ukraine, Germany and Australia.

Harris has been a tireless exponent of social activism. The *Washington Post* described Harris as “one of the leading spokesmen for the Soviet Jewry movement.” He served as the national coordinator for the historic Freedom Sunday for Soviet Jewry which brought more than 250,000 participants to Washington, D.C.

The successful campaign to correct Israel's anomalous status at the UN as the only nation ineligible to sit on the Security Council was spearheaded by Harris. In addition, he was a key figure in the successful struggle to repeal the infamous “Zionism is racism” resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly. He has also testified before Congress and the UN Commission on Human Rights.



WEDNESDAY, November 16, 2005, at 8:30 P.M.

HOWARD KOHR

AIPAC'S Executive Director

“FROM CAPITOL HILL to the KNESSET: SECURING THE U.S. - ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY”

Howard Kohr has worked with AIPAC since 1987 in a variety of key senior staff positions before becoming AIPAC's Executive Director in 1996. He has been a leader in helping to strengthen the vital U.S. - Israel strategic partnership that has served the economic and national security interests of both countries.

Prior to joining AIPAC, Mr. Kohr held a number of distinguished posts, among them, Management Fellow for the Department of Defense, Deputy Director of the National Jewish Coalition, and Assistant Washington Representative of the American Jewish Committee.

Respected by both Democrats and Republicans, Mr. Kohr has been a principal guide in helping the pro-Israel community build a vital relationship with the leadership on Capitol Hill. Accolades have come from both sides of the political aisle and he has been praised for providing sound advice and demonstrating fairness.

Mr. Kohr's determination, strength of character, and dedication to the Jewish people can be traced back to the example set by his parents in Cleveland, Ohio. His father, Kurt, escaped from the Dachau concentration camp after five years and was wounded in action while fighting for the Haganah during Israel's War of Independence.



COURSES IN JEWISH STUDIES

Beginning Wednesday, November 2nd - 7:30 to 8:20 P.M.

Please select one 3-week course from SEMESTER I AND another 3-week course from SEMESTER II

SEMESTER I (Nov. 2, 9, 16) WEDNESDAYS

Course #1

Title: **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS - IS IT MORE THAN JUST A GOOD MOVIE?**

Instructor: **Rabbi Robert D. Block, Roslyn Synagogue**

Our tradition tells us that there are 613 Commandments, 248 positive commandments and 365 negative commandments. What do the Ten Commandments represent? Are they intended for all humankind or just the Jewish people? If I “only” keep the Ten Commandments does that make me a “good Jew?” And, finally, what does each of the Commandments mean? In this mini-course we will attempt to answer these and many more questions pertaining to the Decalogue.

Course #2

Title: **PURITY AND IMPURITY IN ANCIENT ISRAEL - HOW CAN A BODY OF TRADITION ALMOST SOLELY DEVOTED TO SEX, DEATH AND PUTREFACTION BE ANYTHING BUT ENDLESSLY INTERESTING?**

Instructor: **Rabbi Martin S. Cohen, Shelter Rock Jewish Center**

No area of biblical or rabbinic law is less understood and less appreciated than the complicated set of laws which deal with the maintenance of purity and the resolution of impurity in Jewish tradition. Although these laws constitute the largest of the Mishnah’s six sections and generated a huge amount of speculative and legal discussion in ancient times, most modern Jews presume that these arcane traditions and laws are wholly irrelevant to their own spiritual lives. Rabbi Cohen has been researching these laws for many years now and has found that, when analyzed according to specific (and highly idiosyncratic) principles, they are not only fraught with meaning, but are profoundly and deeply satisfying to contemplate. Rabbi Cohen will present the fruits of his research and the initial results of his work IN THIS CLASS.

Course #3

Title: **NOVELTY! HOW THE RABBIS OF THE TALMUD FOSTERED A CULTURE OF CHANGE**

Instructor: **Rabbi Benjamin David, Temple Sinai**

At no point in our collective history has Judaism remained stagnant. From the Torah to the Prophets to the Mishnah, from Israel to the Diaspora, to this very day, Judaism and modes of Jewish practice have consistently undergone change. In this series, we will study not only some of the more far-reaching changes to our religion over time, and why these took place, but also some of the smaller, but no doubt fascinating, alterations and the reasons behind them. We will draw largely upon Talmudic texts, in English, with the ultimate goal being consideration of how these texts and historic changes might affect our broader sense of Judaism, as well as our own personal Jewish identity.

Course #4

Title: **NAOMI SHEMER: THE WORDS AND THE MUSIC**

Instructor: **Rabbi David Greenstein, Shelter Rock Jewish Center**

Naomi Shemer was one of Israel’s most beloved song writers. Her songs capture a rich mixture of traditional imagery and contemporary Israeli values. We will listen to some of her popular songs and examine the meaning behind them.

Course #5

Title: **THE JEWISH YEAR - A UNIQUE APPROACH TO TIME**

Instructor: **Rabbi Alan B. Lucas, Temple Beth Sholom**

For Jews, time is a gift and it is meant to be accepted in gratitude and to be sanctified. Abraham Joshua Heschel taught us: “Judaism is a religion of time, aiming at the sanctification of time.” We do not worship at sacred shrines, but we do celebrate sacred moments. The Jewish calendar is the way we Jews make time holy. When we sit in the synagogue on *Rosh Hashanah*, we recognize that others are at home watching TV or busy at work. When we light our Chanukah Menorah or sit down with family and friends at a Passover *Seder*, we understand that others are having dinner as usual. We choose to make these moments special when we join with other Jews in sanctifying these times. Time is sanctified when we join in observances commanded by God and sanctified by Jews for thousands of years. The truth is that every day is holy; every moment is sacred, and, through our observance of the Jewish holidays, our year takes on character and meaning.

SEMESTER II (Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6) TUESDAYS

Course #1A

Title: **REFORM JUDAISM: FROM THE SALONS OF EUROPE TO AMERICA**

Instructor: **Rabbi Shelly Kovner Becker
Temple Sholom of Floral Park**

Starting in 17th century Europe, Jewish women were agents for change in society through their influential salons. And from European Reform Judaism came a unique American version of this phenomenon. We will explore this progression in this class.

Course #2A

Title: **JEWISH WARFARE: FAMILY CONFLICT IN THE TORAH AND IN OUR HOMES**

Instructor: **Rabbi Abner L. Bergman
Temple Judea of Manhasset**

Our Jewish Holy Scriptures can reveal to us family conflicts not dissimilar to those we see in our own and other families today. Even more, the text can provide insight and direction timelessly relevant to us. Rabbi Bergman will use the biblical text to illustrate the struggles between good and evil that take place in each of our lives, sibling rivalry that we experience, and the struggle of children to achieve an independent identity.

Course #3A

Title: **THE JOY AND HOLINESS OF SHABBAT**

Instructor: **Rabbi Jeni Friedman, Temple Beth Sholom**

Shabbat is our most often celebrated holiday. Just as God created and then rested on Shabbat, we too have the opportunity to cease from our everyday lives of creating, and, in that moment of pause, recognize that we are part of a larger creation. Each week we have the opportunity to honor Shabbat and make it a holy time for ourselves, our families and the community in which we live. Our celebration of Shabbat is a time to experience the unique type of joy that comes from setting aside time from the world of action and entering into the world of rest and reflection.

Course #4A

Title: **THREE MORE NIGHTS OF MEMORY, LAUGHTER AND SHMOOZING IN YIDDISH**

Instructor: **Moishe Geller
Yiddish Teacher and Practicing Attorney**

Moishe Geller joins us again this year and will use readings from Yiddish literature, Yiddish songs and selected vocabulary and jokes to entertain and educate the class. Join us for a *bissel momeloshen*.

Course #5A

Title: **THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON**

Instructor: **Rabbi Steven Henson Moskowitz
Jewish Congregation of Brookville**

This course will introduce us to some of the Bible’s most beautiful poetry. Discover the love poems of Song of Songs, authored by King Solomon in his youth, “Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth/For thy love is better than wine...” We will discuss the cynicism of Solomon’s old age in *Kohelet*, “To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die...” The Jewish views of love and sex and of aging and death will be explored in relation to these provocative and lyrical biblical books.

Course #6A

Title: **THE HASIDIC MASTERS: TALES AND TEACHINGS**

Instructor: **Rabbi Randy Sheinberg
Temple Emanuel, New Hyde Park**

18th Century Eastern Europe was a remarkable time and place for Jewish creativity. Learned, independent-minded thinkers such as Rabbi Yisrael Ba’al Shem Tov, Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berditchev, Rabbi Nachman of Bratslov, and Rabbi Yehudah Leib of Gur were revolutionizing and re-spiritualizing Jewish thought. Come hear their tales and teachings, and discuss what they might mean for us today.

LECTURE SERIES FOLLOWING COURSES

Registration in the Jewish Studies Courses (pg.2) includes complimentary admission to the following weekly lectures.

Wednesday, November 2, 2005, 8:30 P.M.

Title: **“OPERATION SOLOMON”**

MIRACULOUS RESCUE OF ETHIOPIAN JEWS

Guest Lecturer: **Ambassador Asher Naim**

Ambassador Naim, former Israeli Ambassador to Egypt at the time of “Operation Solomon” was most instrumental in facilitating the miraculous rescue operation which enabled over 14,000 Jews (Beta Israel) to escape to Israel in the midst of a civil war in Ethiopia. He has enjoyed a long distinguished career in Israel’s Foreign Service. For forty-three years he has served in various capacities and has left an indelible mark on all the Embassies in which he served. Among his accomplishments: Cultural and Press Attache in Tokyo where he initiated the first tour to Japan of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, creator of special youth education programs in Kenya and Uganda, Information and Cultural assistant to Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin in Washington, D.C., Consul General of Israel in Philadelphia responsible for developing important relations with Jewish communities on the Northeast coast, Ambassador to Korea and to Finland where he facilitated *aliyah* of Russian Jews through Finland. He now devotes his time, energy and brilliant intellect to writing, lecturing and promoting opportunities for the absorption and integration of the Ethiopian community into Israeli society.

Wednesday, November 9, 2005, 8:30 P.M.

**This event is co-sponsored by
The Holocaust Memorial & Educational
Museum of Nassau County in
Commemoration of Crystallnacht**

Title: **“LIFE IN A JAR”**

Guest Lecturer: **Norman Conard**

Norman Conard, an extraordinary history teacher from Kansas who has spoken to audiences throughout the United States, will tell us the incredible story of Irena Sendlerowa, a Polish Catholic woman, now 95 years old, who saved 2,500 Jewish children in the Warsaw Ghetto. Almost equally incredible is the way this woman was “discovered” after sixty years by four of Mr. Conard’s high school students working on a Holocaust project that he had assigned. Elizabeth Cambers, Megan Stewart, Sabrina Coons and Janice Underwood accidentally came upon Irena’s name while doing research for their project, and, with encouragement from their teacher, the students wrote a play entitled “Life in a Jar,” which Norman directed and produced. It won first place in the state high school history competition. “Life in a Jar” takes place in September 1939 when the Germans invaded Poland. It depicts how Irena and her co-workers smuggled Jewish children out of the ghetto through sewer pipes in body bags as if they were corpses. The children were brought to Christian homes. To make sure the children were returned to their rightful parents after the war, Irena wrote their names, Jewish names as well as new Christian names and addresses, on slips of paper and placed this information in jars which she buried. The slips of paper were copied and, after the war, were given to ZEGOTA, the underground Council for Aid to Jews in Occupied Poland, to which Irena and her co-workers belonged. This story poignantly demonstrates how dedication and righteousness CAN make a difference!

Wednesday, November 16, 2005, 8:30 P.M.

Title: **FROM CAPITOL HILL TO THE KNESSET:
SECURING THE US-ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP
IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

Guest Lecturer: **Howard Kohr***

With Israel having implemented her historic disengagement plan, questions about whether Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas is willing to take the necessary steps to dismantle the terrorist infrastructure that exists in Gaza and the West Bank, and about Iran’s continued quest for weapons of mass destruction underscore the need to ensure the continued strong support of Israel by the United States. Our involvement in the American political process is more important than ever. Howard Kohr, AIPAC’s Executive Director will discuss these topics, the latest from Capitol Hill and ways to increase our own involvement in securing the U.S. - Israel relationship.

**Towards Kohr’s biographical information can be found on Page one.*

Tuesday, November 22, 2005, 8:30 P.M.

Title: **THE CHALLENGE OF MODERNITY TO JEWISH IDENTITY**

Guest Lecturer: **Professor Benny Kraut**

In the past two hundred years, Jewish identity has undergone profound transformations. The modern world has blessed Western Jews with enormous political, social, economic and cultural opportunities, even as it threatened their existence with various manifestations of hostility, culminating in the Holocaust. In response to both the dire challenges and new possibilities of the modern world, Jews have redefined themselves in innovative and radical ways, as they tried to negotiate between living as part of and apart from the societies in which they found themselves. This interactive presentation will study the phenomenon of modernity’s challenges to Jewish self-understanding through an analysis of a 170 year-old text that anticipated the dilemma of modern Jewish identity and foreshadowed the basic struggles of Jews to adjust themselves to new and modern realities. Prof. Benny Kraut is Director of the Center for Jewish Studies and Professor of History at Queens College. Under his directorship, The Center has become a preeminent Jewish intellectual and cultural resource. He has written several books and many scholarly essays, and has been awarded the most distinguished teacher award at Queens College.

Tuesday, November 29, 2005, 8:30 P.M.

Title: **JEWISH HUMOR AND JEWISH SOUL**

Guest Lecturer: **Professor Emanuel S. Goldsmith**

This lecture will include a discussion of the following topics: What is humor; the history and characteristics of Jewish humor; the nature of philosophical humor; the achievement of Sholom Aleichem - his major characters and major works. Professor Goldsmith is a Professor of Yiddish and Hebrew Literature and Jewish Studies at Queens College. He is a prolific author and has lectured widely on modern Jewish literature and thought. He is also member of the Executive Committee of the Congress for Jewish Culture.

Tuesday, December 6, 2005, 8:30 P.M.

Title: **MARRANOS - FROM SANTA FE TO SAN PAULO, MARRANOS ARE RECLAIMING THEIR ANCESTRY. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR TRADITIONAL JUDAISM?**

Guest Lecturer: **Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos**

This lecture will deal with the Marranos, Jews who hid their Judaism from the Inquisition. What was their religion like? What remnants of Judaism did they preserve? How were they received by practicing Jews over the centuries? Marcia Haddad is a Judaic scholar and an acclaimed lecturer. She is president of the Association of Friends of Greek Jewry and the director of Kehila Kedosha Janine Museum. She has written numerous books and articles on the Jews of Greece, Yemen, Turkey and Italy.

Tuesday, December 13, 2005, 7:45 P.M.

**GALA KLEZMER CONCERT
THE STRAUSS/WARSCHAUER KLEZMER DUO**

Deborah Strauss and Jeff Warschauer are two of the most talented, respected performers and teachers in the Klezmer and Yiddish music scene today. Drawing from Klezmer, Yiddish, Hasidic and liturgical music and culture, they add their own original compositions. They sing and play in shifting combinations of violin, guitar, mandolin and accordion, creating a dynamic atmosphere with an exceptional range of feeling - from delicate and refined to exuberant and foot-stomping. Deborah studied ethnomusicology at the University of Chicago, and Jeff is on the faculty of Columbia University. They have performed with violinist Yitzhak Perlman, as well as to overwhelming acclaim at the Amsterdam International Yiddish Festival, the Folksbiene Theatre in New York City and the Jewish Culture Festival in Cracow. Join us for a happy, memorable evening.