

The Herbert Tarr North Shore Institute for Adult Jewish Education
at
Temple Judea



Jewish Studies & Lectures
2012/5773 Fall Program

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OPEN TO ALL AT NO CHARGE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2012, AT 7:30 P.M.

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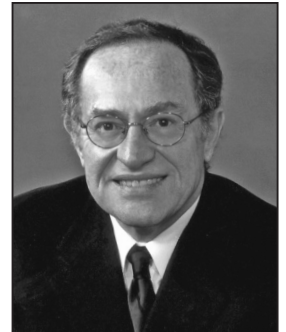
**WORLD RENOWNED ATTORNEY AND POLITICAL COMMENTATOR
WILL DISCUSS**

**THE EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO ISRAEL:
DOES IT MATTER TO YOU IF ISRAEL EXISTS 20 YEARS FROM NOW?**

Alan Dershowitz, a world renowned lawyer, jurist and political commentator, has spent most of his career at Harvard Law School where in 1967, at the age of 28, he became the youngest full professor of law in its history.

Dershowitz is known for his involvement in several high-profile legal cases and as an outspoken commentator on the Arab-Israeli conflict. He has been described by Newsweek as America's "most peripatetic civil liberties lawyer and one of its most distinguished defenders of individual rights."

A political liberal, he is the author of a number of books about politics and law including "Chutzpah," "The Case for Israel" and "The Case for Peace."



ABOUT HERBERT TARR

Seventeen years ago the North Shore Institute for Adult Jewish Education was renamed to memorialize Rabbi Herbert Tarr, the bestselling author and humorist whose warmth, wit and wisdom exemplified 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, enhancing their appreciation and understanding of Judaism. Rabbi Tarr was the quintessential Jew and truly believed that all Jews should respect and be responsible for one another—be they Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist or Reform. This Institute, now comprising 18 synagogues and the Sid Jacobson 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.

COURSES IN JEWISH STUDIES

Beginning Monday, October 29th, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Please select one 4-week course

Monday, October 29th, November 5th, 12th and 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Course # 1

Title: *EROSION OF THE NUCLEAR FAMILY*

**Instructor: RABBI ROBERT D. BLOCK
ROSLYN SYNAGOGUE**

At a time when there is much conversation about “The Erosion of the Nuclear Family,” can we look to our Jewish tradition for guidelines? Are the Jewish models outdated? Can those models help lead us to a more meaningful life?

Topics for discussion will include children’s obligations to parents, parents’ obligations to children, and spousal obligations including financial and emotional support, sex and sexuality.

Course # 2

Title: *“OLAM HABAH” – THE WORLD TO COME*

**Instructor: RABBI TODD CHIZNER
TEMPLE JUDEA**

This class will focus on the Jewish views of life and death. We will study texts from Bible, liturgy, mishnah, midrash, modern literature and legend. We will also be afforded an opportunity to discuss and share our own personal experiences on this subject. You may be surprised to learn just how important a belief in life eternal is!

Course # 3

Title: *READING APPELFELD*

**Instructor: RABBI MARTIN S. COHEN
SHELTER ROCK JEWISH CENTER**

Aharon Appelfeld is one of Israel’s finest authors and the single greatest expositor of Shoah fiction. Born in the Ukraine, he was deported with his father to a concentration camp after his mother was murdered. Amazingly he escaped, spent several years on his own in the forest and managed to join the Red Army as a cook. When the war ended, he was sent to a DP camp in Italy from where he made *aliyah* to British Palestine—while still only 14 years old.

Appelfeld’s war experiences are the backdrop for his exceptional literary work which features fictional characters who embody his own wartime experiences. Each short book is a gem in terms of its understated, yet stark, willingness to face evil squarely on and to learn about life, about the destiny of the Jewish people and the Zionist dream.

This is an opportunity to be introduced to one of the greatest living Jewish authors by one of his most devoted fans. Each evening will be devoted to one single book which should be read in advance of each class. The books are: *Blooms of Darkness*, *All Whom I Have Loved*, *The Iron Tracks*, and *For Every Sin*. Participants are also urged to consider reading Appelfeld’s memoir, *The Story of a Life*.

Course # 4

Title: *CALLING WOMEN TO THE TORAH: A STUDY OF HISTORY AND TEXT*

**Instructor: RABBI IRWIN HUBERMAN
CONGREGATION TIFERETH ISRAEL**

One of the greatest divides between Orthodox Judaism and the Conservative and Reform movements revolves around the issue of calling women to the Torah and counting women in a *minyan* (a prayer quorum). How did this evolve?

In an attempt to separate emotion from fact, we will study thousands of years of history and text which have fueled the discussion of egalitarianism within Judaism and, in the end, you will decide: Is there a true basis for either position?

Course # 5

Title: *“THE OBSERVANT LIFE: THE WISDOM OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM FOR CONTEMPORARY JEWS”*

**Instructor: RABBI ALAN B. LUCAS
TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM**

A study of this groundbreaking new book – what does Judaism, and specifically Conservative Judaism, have to say about issues such as: Prayer, Israel, Personal Integrity, *Tzniut*, Same-Sex Relationships, Interfaith Relations, Medical Ethics, Individuals with Disabilities and so much more. How will this new book contribute to creating an observant life and is there a place for Conservative Judaism in the 21st century?

Course # 6

Title: *THE SEX OF JUDAISM*

**Instructor: RABBI MICHAEL STANGER
OLD WESTBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION**

There is a general assumption amongst many today that Jews tend to be very liberal regarding most political and perhaps even personal issues. In truth, what does our tradition, dating from the time of the Torah, have to say about personal intimacy between a husband and a wife? What about an unmarried couple? What are the parameters that our tradition places on conjugal relations between two individuals? How comfortable was the Torah, our holy codes, and their Rabbis with the very notion of sex and what might be permitted or prohibited? It might surprise you to find out! This class will explore a fascinating and relevant piece of Jewish tradition not often discussed around the Shabbat dinner table!

Course # 7

Title: *THE INSPIRING MAJESTY OF THE PSALMS*

**Instructors: RABBI MICHAEL WHITE AND
RABBI ANDREW GORDON
TEMPLE SINAI**

Together we will study several selections from this magisterial biblical book and be elevated by its beautiful poetry and emotion. See how these timeless selections have enabled our people to respond to tragedy, fear and loneliness, and to appreciate life’s joys and triumphs.

LECTURE SERIES FOLLOWING COURSES

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

Monday, October 29, 2012, 8:40 p.m.

Title: *THE NEW AND OLD ANTI-SEMITISM: IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?*

Guest Lecturer: KENNETH JACOBSON

DEPUTY NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL)

As anti-Semitism surges in the world, there is much discussion as to whether there is something new here. Mr. Jacobson will speak on the similarities and differences between the old and the new anti-Semitism.

In Washington D.C., before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jacobson delivered a compelling address vigorously documenting the many ways in which anti-Semitism in the Arab media has been fueling incitement and terrorism the world over.

Monday, November 5, 2012, 8:40 p.m.

Title: *HOW THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION WILL DEAL WITH THE MIDEAST*

Guest Lecturer: GARY ROSENBLATT

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF *THE JEWISH WEEK*

U.S. policies on Israel will depend greatly on whether Barack Obama or Mitt Romney is in the White House. The same goes for a variety of issues of interest to the Jews, from abortion to tax credits.

On the eve of the Presidential election, Mr. Rosenblatt will look ahead to the next very important four years and offer an insightful analysis.

Monday, November 12, 2012, 8:40 p.m.

Title: *STANDING UP FOR ISRAEL AT THE UN AND AT THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE*

Guest Lecturer: RICHARD HEIDEMAN, PAST PRESIDENT OF B'NAI BRITH INTERNATIONAL

Mr. Heideman, a Washington, D.C. based attorney, has authored the legal brief filed with the International Court of Justice on behalf of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies regarding legal issues arising from Israel's construction of its terrorism prevention security fence and highlighting Israel's right to defend her people.

Mr. Heideman also serves as lead counsel in pending litigation on behalf of Victims of Terrorism against Libya, Syria and Iran.

Monday, November 19, 2012, 8:40 p.m.

Title: *CUFI's (CHRISTIANS UNITED FOR ISRAEL) UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT OF ISRAEL – WHY AND HOW?*

Guest Lecturer: JEREMIAH NASIATKA, NATIONAL CAMPUS COORDINATOR

Jeremiah joined CUFI in 2009 and assumed leadership of the campus program in April 2010. In addition to directing CUFI's campus efforts, he also manages CUFI's rapidly growing social media presence.

Jeremiah, an extraordinarily dynamic speaker, came to CUFI after working as a diamond intern for AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee), a pro-Israel lobbying group in Washington D.C. A former student pro-Israel activist, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Communications and Journalism.

FINAL SESSION (No classes before)

Monday, November 26, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Title: *WHAT MUST JUDAISM DO TO SURVIVE AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?*

Guest Lecturer: RABBI ELLIOT COSGROVE

SENIOR RABBI, PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE

In every generation, the survival of the Jewish people is dependent on our ability to remain rooted in the wellsprings of Jewish vitality while adapting to the changing conditions in the way of life. *Our generation is no different.*

Rabbi Cosgrove, a young Rabbi of a large New York congregation, will reflect on the changing landscape and assumptions of contemporary Jewish life and discuss the necessary steps towards meeting the emerging needs of the next generation.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY BY MAIL

Please complete form below by September 28, 2012
& mail with a \$25.00 registration fee for each
individual, made payable to:

Herbert Tarr North Shore Institute

**Mail to: Herbert Tarr North Shore Institute
c/o Temple Judea
333 Searingtown Road, Manhasset, NY 11030**

*The \$25.00 registration fee includes one class (4 sessions)
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.*

There is no charge for students.

COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

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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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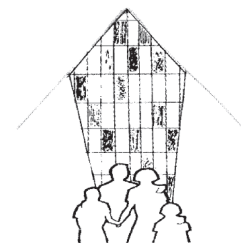
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*Gather the people, the men,
women, and children, and the
strangers in your communities, that
they may hear and learn...
Deuteronomy 32:12*