

Academy for Adult Interfaith Studies Spring 2006

Becoming a People: A Study of the Book of Exodus
(Offered as Class on Campus or Internet Class)

Christine Palmer Ph.D. Candidate

Mondays 4:30 pm-6:00 pm or posted at 4:30 pm EST
March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, and 24

Gospel Dynamics & the Jews

Rabbi Michael Cook Ph.D.

Tuesdays 4:30 pm-6:00 pm
March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, and 25

*Chaos, Creation, and a Crafty Serpent: Genesis 1-4
A Hebrew Text Study*

N. Blake Hearson Ph.D.

Tuesdays 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, and 25

*Jewish Cooking LTB:
Lokshen, Tayglakh, & Babkes, OH MY!*

Laurel Wolfson

Wednesdays 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
March 15, 22, 29, April 5

How to be Good: The Ethical Literature of Maimonides

Janice Elster
4th Year Rabbinical Student

Thursdays 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
March 23, 30, April 6, 20, 27, May 4

The Exodus from Egypt is recounted in biblical history as the deliverance event which brought forth a people. It is the single most important defining moment of biblical Israel. The Exodus is forever imprinted upon the consciousness of the Jewish people and has become a permanent symbol to be continually re-enacted at Pesach, as instructed by the Mishnah: "In every generation each person must regard himself as if he himself came forth out of Egypt" (m. *Pesachim* 10.5). In this class, we will walk through the text of the book of Exodus with an eye toward exploring the historical influences and ideological forces which defined a people. Our study will encompass the following themes:

- A People Enslaved in Egypt
- A People Whose God is the Lord
- A People Defined by Torah
- A People Delivered by God
- A People Taken into Covenant
- A People Among Whom God Dwells

Aspects of the book Dr. Cook is preparing Modern Jews Engage the New Testament [Jewish Lights & Skylight Paths /2007], dealing with the panorama of challenges—arising from the New Testament itself—that impact modern Jews. It aspires to set into motion a radical communal change whereby Jewish seminaries, colleges, synagogues and religious schools, forgoing a traditional Jewish mandate to shun the New Testament, will seek instead to secure facility in the Gospels' dynamics: the manners by which emerging Christian traditions responded to—and became shaped by—their social, political, and religious environments.

Did God really create everything in six days? Or is this just a nice story to prove a theological point? What is the deal with the serpent and the whole disobedience/ejection from the garden thing? Why is the ground cursed? Through an examination of the Hebrew text, this class will foster a discussion of some of the theological, literary, historical, and faith issues of the first four chapters of Genesis. Students will gain greater skill with the vocabulary and grammar of the Hebrew text and will be encouraged to examine their assumptions about the material. The major emphasis will be on the Biblical Hebrew, but there will be short lectures and class discussion on some of the major themes/issues of the text.

This course is designed to help those with some background in Biblical Hebrew (either through the Adult Interfaith Academy introduction courses or elsewhere) to further increase their translation skills.

The rich traditions of Judaism are intertwined with food on every level. Explore the history of various culinary traditions as they relate to Jewish practice (both past and present). This class will focus on the extensive cookbook collection at the Klau Library, Cincinnati. All students will have access to the collection, and will compile our own cookbooks as part of the class. Guest instructors may be invited. There are four sessions plus a final "banquet" session (to be scheduled). The course fee includes all supplies.

This course will explore the questions: What is ethics? From where do we derive the ethics that guide our lives? And are the sources of our ethics Jewish? Explore these issues by studying some of the writings of the Medieval Jewish scholar, Maimonides. Learn about the life and works of Maimonides and the Jewish writing of his period. No previous knowledge or experience required.

Spring 2006 ACADEMY REGISTRATION

I would like to register for the following course(s):

	Day	Time EST	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Becoming a People:</i>	Mon.	4:30 pm	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Becoming a People: (Internet Class)</i>	Mon.	4:30 pm	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gospel Dynamics & the Jews</i>	Tues.	4:30 pm	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Chaos, Creation, and a Crafty Serpent:</i>	Tues.	7:00 pm	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jewish Cooking LTB*</i>	Wed.	5:30 pm	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>How to be Good</i>	Thurs.	6:00 pm	\$50

*Note: Jewish Cooking LTB begins 1 week earlier than the other classes.

Total: \$ _____

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**The Academy for Adult Interfaith Studies of
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offers a wide variety of non-credit courses in religious studies for the adult learner. Learn in a relaxed setting with men and women of different faiths and backgrounds, and a shared desire to explore areas of religion in a spirit of free inquiry. Instructors are some of the most gifted scholars in the Greater Cincinnati community. The Academy for Adult Interfaith Studies and HUC-JIR gratefully acknowledges the support of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati.

The courses vary in length depending on the course material.

Fees: The cost of a class is \$50 (exception cooking class is \$100-all materials included)

Skirball Museum Cincinnati members and ILR members receive a 10% discount.

A limited number of scholarships are available based on need.

Payment must be received before classes begin.

Refund of class fee only during the first week of class.



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Dr. Michael J. Cook

is Professor of Intertestamental and Early Christian Literatures, and holds the Sol and Arlene Bronstein Professorship in Judaeo-Christian Studies, HUC-JIR / Cincinnati. He studied at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was ordained at HUC-JIR in New York, and earned his doctorate at HUC-JIR Cincinnati. Dr. Cook's specialty is the New Testament. He is possibly the only rabbi in the U.S. with a professorial Chair in New Testament, and has extensive expertise in the field of Jewish-Christian relations.

Janice Elster

is a fourth year rabbinical student at HUC-JIR Cincinnati. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto in Jewish Studies. She just returned to Cincinnati from a semester studying in Jerusalem.

Dr. Blake Hearson

earned his doctorate and a M.Phil. in Hebraic and Cognate Languages from HUC-JIR. He earned his M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts and holds a M.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies and a B.A. from Wheaton College in Illinois. He has served on staff at Crossroads Community Church in Cincinnati, OH and is currently a faculty member at Columbia Evangelical Seminary. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters, Emma and Clare.

Christine Palmer

is a Ph.D. candidate at HUC-JIR in the field of Bible and Ancient Near East. She has taught Hebrew at HUC-JIR and is an adjunct lecturer at the University of Cincinnati where she teaches courses on the Bible in its Cultural Environment and Myth and Symbols in Religious Art. She has published over 40 articles in the reference volumes *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology* (IVP, 2000) and *The Archaeological Study Bible* (Zondervan, 2006).

Laurel S. Wolfson

is the Deputy Librarian at the Klau Library, Cincinnati at HUC-JIR. She holds a MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky and is currently working on her MS in Jewish Studies at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago, IL. Laurel is the Managing Editor of both *Studies in Bibliography and Booklore* and *Bibliographica Judaica*. She is active at Northern Hills Synagogue presently serving as the Ritual Committee Chair, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Coordinator, a member of the Adult Education Committee and the High Holiday Co-Chair. An experienced cooking instructor, she has a long-standing interest in the history & practice of Jewish cooking. Laurel is married to Barry and they have two daughters, Chana & Rachel.

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