Additional Adult Learning Opportunities

Artistic Expressions of Faith in Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Sacred Spaces

Sacred Spaces will explore Jewish, Christian, and Islamic places of worship through films, commentary, and discussion, followed by visits to some of the community’s most powerful and beautiful sacred spaces.

Reservations required. Call or check the website for times and fees. 513/221-ARTS or www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org

Opening Night: Sacred Space Through the Ages
Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2008
Location: Cincinnati Art Museum

Synagogue: From Tent of Meeting to House of Prayer
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2008
Location: Skirball Museum, Cincinnati/ Plum Street Temple

Church: House of Worship
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2008
Location: Taft Museum of Art/Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

Mosque: The Focal Point of a Muslim Community
Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2008
Location: Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati

Open History Lectures

Open History lectures are given by members of the Hebrew Union College Faculty and by invited guests from other academic institutions on subjects they are currently working on. Lectures are free of charge and open to all scholars, students, and members of the larger community.

All lectures take place from 12:30–1:45 p.m. in Mayerson Auditorium on the HUC-JIR Campus.

Israelite Astral Religion and Celestial Divination: A Reassessment
Date: Monday, February 11, 2008
Lecturer: Jeffrey Cooley

German Jews Today: Opportunities and Challenges Posed by the Post-Soviet Immigration
Date: Monday, March 10, 2008
Lecturer: Michael Brenner

For additional information please call 513/221-1875.
From Ezekiel to Madama: A Taste of Jewish Mysticism

Why is Kabbalah so popular? Why are Hollywood celebrities reading the Zohar? In this course we will introduce the major themes of Jewish mysticism as they have appeared in history and in literature from biblical times to L.A.-Kabbalah Center. From the visions of the prophets to the ecstatic dances of the Hasidim, passing through Abraham's letter meditation and the Art's myth of God's withdrawal, we will explore the most distinctive ideas and present the most significant trends in the history of Jewish mystical literature.

Vladimir Pataki is a doctoral candidate at HUC-JIR who specializes in Jewish mysticism and philosophy. A native of Torino, Italy, he studied philosophy at the University of Padua, earned his B.A. in Jewish Studies from Fondazione Scuola Classico di Modena (Italy), compared history of religions at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland), and taught Italian at the University of Cincinnati.

Dates: Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25
Time: 4:50-6:00 p.m.
Location: Mayerson Auditorium

Revelation, Angels, and Reason: The Burning Bush Story Through the Ages

The story of Moses at the Burning Bush has occupied the interest of Jewish and Christian interpreters from ancient times until the present. Religious thinkers have used this story as a basis for gaining insight into the nature of God, revelation, and human leadership because it recounts God's first act of revelation to Moses. In this class, we will study a variety of Jewish, Christian, and secular interpretations of the Burning Bush story, including Second Temple literature, rabbinic midrash, medieval philosophy and mysticism, modern philosophy, contemporary children's books, and modern cinema. In these various interpretations from different times and places, we can hear the collective voice of our traditions speaking across the ages.

Brian Stoller is a fifth-year rabbinical student at HUC-JIR and currently serves as student rabbi of United Hebrew Congregation in Junction, Missouri. Deeply committed to Jewish education, Brian has taught adult education classes at local synagogues and served on the faculty of the Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School. Before entering rabbinical school, Brian worked in Washington, DC as press secretary to a United States senator.

Dates: Tuesdays, March 11, 18, 25; April 8, 15, 29
Time: 12:00 noon–1:30 p.m. NEW—Lanemuth class
Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, Mayerson Hall

The Easter Narratives of Jesus’ Burial and Empty Tomb

This course will examine the following questions: Was the empty tomb story deduced before Jesus’ burial stories? Did Matthew, Luke, and John all misunderstand that Joseph of Arimathaea was Jesus’ opponent (not Jesus’ supporter)? How was the presence of the women at the tomb a theological message? Why is it so significant that in Matthew 27:22 words fail to lay to rest rumors that Jesus’ body was stolen while John needed a mere “26?” Why was Paul never asked to reconcile the tomb’s physical emptiness with his insistence that Jesus was resurrected not only “spiritual”?

Dr. Michael J. Cook is a Professor of Interimastoral and Early Christian Literatures, and holds the Sol and Arlene Bronstein Professorship in Judaism-Christian Studies, HUC-JIR, Cincinnati. Dr. Cook’s specialty is the New Testament and he has extensive expertise in the field of Jewish-Christian relations. He received both his rabbinic ordination (New York) and Ph.D. (Cincinnati) from HUC-JIR.

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Through Rose-Colored Glasses? King David in the Bible and his Reception in Jewish and Christian Tradition

This course will examine several narratives about King David as they appear in the Bible and against the background of the History of Ancient Israel and her neighbors. These same narratives will then be examined through the lenses of Jewish and Christian interpretation for what they can tell us about how Judaism and Christianity relate to the same sacred texts. The course will be jointly taught by Rev. Canon Joanna Leiseron of Christ Church Cathedral and Dr. Jason Kalman of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Dr. Jason Kalman is Assistant Professor of Classical Hebrew Literature and Interpretation at HUC-JIR, Cincinnati. He received his Ph.D. from the Department of Jewish Studies at McGill University and is a research fellow affiliated with the University of the Free State, South Africa. He specializes in the history of Jewish biblical exegesis.

The Rev. Canon Joanna C. Leiseron is Canon for Christian Formation at Christ Church Cathedral. She holds a graduate degree in history from the University of California at Berkeley as well as a Master of Divinity from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington. She also serves as a member of the Episcopal Church's strategy team on education.

Dates: Thursdays, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 10, 17
Time: 12:00 noon–1:00 p.m. NEW—Lanemuth class
Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, Mayerson Hall

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

This class is designed for beginners with little or no prior knowledge of biblical Hebrew. Students will be introduced to the alphabet, basic vocabulary, and grammar, enabling them to read the biblical text in its original language.


Benjamin Noaman is a third-year Ph.D. student majoring in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies at HUC-JIR. His research interests include the Pirkei Avot as well as the usage of comparative studies for biblical interpretation.

This 8 week course — cost $80 (plus the cost of textbook)
Dates: Thursdays, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 10, 17
Time: 6:00–7:30 p.m.
Location: Classroom Building

Registration for Spring 2008

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