

# Limmud Across NY Session Offerings: Sunday, April 25, 2010

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## Morning Brunch Events (11am-1pm)

### **The Kabbalah of Dreams with Nathaniel Berman**

*Hosted by Phyllis Bieri and Marco Veissid*  
Upper West Side, \$72 per ticket

The Talmudic saying "an uninterpreted dream is like an unread letter" (Berakhot 55a) is often quoted but its mysteries not always fully considered. From whom does this "letter" come? On a sleepy Sunday morning, we invite you to come and learn about our tradition's ruminations on dreams, share some of your own, and read the letters sent to you from the deep...

### **Lilit and the Shekhinah with Sharonah Fredrick**

*Hosted by Rachel Dor, Malya Kurzweil, and Rebecca Stone*  
Upper West Side, \$72 per ticket

Explore the connection between Lilit, the Judaized version of the Babylonian demon goddess Lamashtu, and the Shekhinah, the female aspect of God, in Judeo-Spanish texts. Are they one and the same, different cultural manifestations of the Female Deity?

### **Seven Generations with Avishai Mekonen**

*Hosted by Debbie and Neil Gershman*  
Queens, \$72 per ticket

Seven Generations explores the assimilation of the Jewish Ethiopian population in Israel. At the crux of the project is the ancient tradition of counting, in which the elders of the community name seven generations of an individual's ancestors. As the elders die, the counting tradition is being lost. Avishai will lead a Power Point presentation, discussion, and Q&A opportunity.

### **Torah b'Shirah - Jewish Learning through Music with Natasha J. Hirschhorn**

*Hosted by David and Linda Shriner-Cahn*  
Riverdale, \$72 per ticket

The Hassidic rebbes asserted that music can influence not only the worshiper but also the Divine Recipient of prayers. How can music express the inexpressible, touch an individual, unite the community, and connect the soul to the Source beyond oneself? In this session we'll sing wonderful musical gems from the Jewish tradition and explore their power to engage and transform us.

### **Why are we fighting so much? Religion, State, and Society in Modern Israel with Steven Bayme**

*Hosted by Sivie and Nahum Twersky*  
Teaneck, NJ, \$72 per ticket

Join Dr. Steven Bayme as he examines the changes in Israel society over the past decades. Learn how these changes have provided the fertile groundwork for increased tensions in Modern Israel. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about and discuss this important and current topic.

## Afternoon Events (3pm-5pm)

### **I'm Not a Feminist, But I Play One on TV: Media & Gender in Srugim with Shayna Weiss**

*Hosted by Jonathan Horowitz and Naomi Skop*  
Upper West Side, \$54 per ticket

Srugim is an Israeli television show that focuses on the lives of religious Zionist singles living in Jerusalem, but its main focus is love and dating. What can we learn about religious Zionist attitudes towards sex and dating by watching a fictional television show?

### **Kosher Artisanal Cheese Tasting with Alan Glustoff**

*Hosted by Karen Radkowsky*  
Upper West Side, \$72 per ticket

Come learn what prompted Alan Glustoff to create a line of kosher (Kof-K) organic farmstead cheeses. Discover why raw milk cheeses are healthier, creamier and more flavorful than cheeses made from pasteurized milk. Enjoy a sampling of delicious 5 Spoke Creamery cheeses, which are featured in fine restaurants and upscale markets around the country.

### **The Sweet Taste of Shabbat with Nancy Wolfson-Moche**

*Hosted by Lisa Sacks with a generous donation of space by the 14th Street Y (Family Event!)*  
Downtown, \$54 per adult ticket and \$18 per child ticket

Through music, movement, art, practicing cooking skills, preparing and tasting food we will explore sweetness as a flavor, as Shabbat food and as a concept in connection with Shabbat. Families (with children 2-8 years old) will take home recipes and new ideas for making eating on Shabbat healthy, joyful, seasonal and.... sweet.

## Evening Events (7pm-9pm)

### **Wine Regions of Israel: A Talk and a Tasting with Aron Ritter**

*Hosted by Erica and Donnie Phillips*  
Upper West Side, \$72 per ticket

Join us for this two-part workshop dedicated to Israeli wine! Discover the wine regions of Israel. Then, get your palettes ready and learn to taste wine like a pro! Develop basic knowledge of various grape varieties from different wine regions, learn the basic characteristics of a great kosher wine, and gain a clear understanding of the different aromas, tastes and textures associated with wine.

### **"Brother Can You Spare a Dime?": What Does Jewish Tradition Say About Giving Money to 'Beggars'?**

*Hosted by Providence and Jack Hogan and Ellen Shaw*  
Brooklyn, \$72 per ticket

What are our attitudes toward people who ask us for money on the street? What do the great sages of Jewish tradition say on the subject? The ancient sources come alive as they shed light on this most contemporary topic. We will explore both modern-day issues and traditional Jewish sources in this discussion of the importance and value of the study of Jewish texts.

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### **Stories from the Talmud's Couple Counseling Clinic: Juggling our Personal Lives and Professional Loves with Mishael Zion**

*Hosted by Penny and Mitch Arons and Angie and Norman Atkins*  
Montclair, NJ, \$72 per ticket

Rabbi Rehumei loved studying Torah so much, he would come home only once a year. Then one year he forgot! Studying this short and painful Talmudic story opens a doorway into the Talmud's unique style of storytelling, and into a discussion about the meaning of Torah study, the art of relationships, and the challenge of balancing our jobs and our homes.

## Evening Dinner Events (7pm-9pm)

### **Reincarnation on One Foot: What is the Jewish Perspective on Life after Death? with DovBer Pinson**

*Hosted by Mark and Jennifer Pearlman*  
Upper East Side, \$180 per ticket, includes dinner

Want to learn more about Jewish mystical approaches to the soul, death and purpose in life? This dinner salon, which includes a fascinating lecture, amazing views from the 40th floor of an East River apartment and a glatt kosher dinner, is your answer. The program's format is inspired by the question asked to Hillel, "Teach me the Torah while I stand on one foot." Guaranteed to be quick-paced but thoughtful, the program will be lead by world-class Rabbi Dovber Pinson, who will answer all your questions on reincarnation in the form of enduring and practical sound bytes (180 seconds). The program will be taped for TV and Web exhibition. Money back guarantee in this life or the next.

### **Reading the Akedah with Kierkegaard and Maimonides with Aaron Koller**

*Hosted by Elisheva Urbas and David Morris, catered by a  
generous donation from Kay Caterers*  
Upper West Side, \$180 per ticket, includes dinner

One of the most gripping and perplexing biblical stories is the Binding of Isaac. We will read the story along with two of its most insightful and creative interpreters, one from medieval Egypt and the other from modern Denmark. Each focuses on one of the characters in the story - Kierkegaard on Abraham and Maimonides on God - and brings h/Him to life within the narrative in ways which get at the heart of some of the toughest issues the story raises: what does it mean to be religious, and what does God want from us?

## Online Learning Option (anytime from the comfort of your home!)

### **iLimmud NY: A Virtual Learning Session**

This webcast will feature DovBer Pinson, rabbi, scholar, and world-renowned spiritual teacher; Jennifer Krause, author and "rabbi without borders"; and Peter Geffen, founder of KIVUNIM: New Directions and the Abraham Joshua Heschel School.

*A weblink will be provided that will allow you to watch from home  
at any time, \$18,*

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