

# 5780 Lakeview Community Tikkun

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# Schedule at a Glance

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

*Community Havdalah Service &*

*Rabbinic Webinar*

9:30 p.m. – 10:50 p.m.

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*Community Tikkun*

11 p.m. – 1 a.m.

**Zoom links provided in class descriptions below**

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# Rabbinic Webinar

*A Conversation Among:*

Rabbi Shoshana Conover, *Temple Sholom*

Rabbi Megan GoldMarche, *Silverstein Base Hillel*

Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann, *Mishkan Chicago*

Rabbi Craig Marantz, *Emanuel Congregation*

Rabbi Michael Siegel, *Anshe Emet Synagogue*

Rabbi David Wolkenfeld, *Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel Congregation*

**B'nai Yisrael went into the Sinai experience with one set of parameters and came back with a different set. They had to take a first step in this new context; they had to figure out each segment of their new life. In our current reality, what do you see as your first steps? The first steps for your community? What do you see as your new parameters, or the new parameters for your community? How far are you willing to push them?**

# ***COMMUNITY TIKKUN CLASS OVERVIEW***

***11:00 PM – 11:50 PM***

Jewish Identity in 2020: From Bible to Behavior <b>Rabbi Scott Aaron</b>	God as Partner: Theology in the Time of Pandemic <b>Jacob Cytryn</b>	Ruth - The Quintessential Eshet Chayil (Woman of Valor)? <b>Ranana Dine</b>	Crafting Intertextuality: סנה וסיני (Seneh and Sinai) <b>Sarah Palmer</b>
The Marriage of Ruth and Boaz: A Union Symbolic of that Between Israel and God <b>Rabbi Frederick Reeves</b>	What's the Buzz About Judaism and Marijuana? <b>David Schwartz</b>	Inside the Artist's Studio: Behind the Music of Prayer <b>Rabbis Lizzi Heydemann &amp; Josh Warshawsky</b>	Sinai Stories: Receiving the Torah in the Rabbinic Imagination <b>Rabbanit Sara Wolkenfeld</b>

***12:00 AM – 1:00 AM***

The Torah of Torah <b>Rabbi Ezra Balser</b>	Housing & Homelessness in Rabbinic Thought <b>Rabbi Aryeh Bernstein</b>	An Open Debate - What Makes Someone Jewish? <b>Shaily Hakimian</b>	Biblical Scholarship and Jewish Faith: What's Actually at Stake? <b>Dr. Ethan Schwartz</b>
Where is God in a Pandemic? <b>Rabbi Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld</b>	Is This a 'Shechechiyanu' Moment? <b>Rabbi David Wolkenfeld</b>		

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## **Jewish Identity in 2020: From Bible to Behavior**

*Rabbi Scott Aaron*

(Jewish Culture)

Jewish identity is an ongoing discussion in our community. Who is a Jew? What makes something Jewish? Why do we care? How is a Jew today linked to Jews of the past? This session will look at historic text and social science theory around Jewish identity and the intersection and divergence of them in our current perspectives.

*Rabbi Scott Aaron, PhD is the Associate Vice President for JUF Education at the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago. He oversees Jewish education efforts for the federation in the areas of congregational education, early childhood education and Israel education across Chicago. He is also on faculty at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Leadership and Learning, and the proud husband of Rabbi Donni and abba of Meitav, Nitzan and Naor.*

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## **God as Partner: Theology in the Time of Pandemic**

*Jacob Cytryn*

(Rabbinic Text)

Who is the God we believe in and how does our lived context influence our understanding of that God and our relationship to the divine? We will spend most of our time with a midrash that attempts to answer one of Judaism's oldest questions: Why did Abraham follow God's command? In reading it once, and then re-reading it, we will explore at least one theology that can help us find God in the midst of this pandemic.

*Jacob Cytryn is the Executive Director of Camp Ramah in Wisconsin and Ramah Day Camp in Chicago. A Wexner Graduate Fellow, he is an advanced Ph.D. student in Jewish Studies and Education at Brandeis University.*

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## Ruth - The Quintessential Eshet Chayil (Woman of Valor)?

*Ranana Dine*

(Tanakh)

Eshet Chayil - The Woman of Valor - is perhaps the most beloved, and controversial, text about Jewish women. Looking more deeply at the poem in Proverbs itself and at Megillat Rut it is possible to see many connections between the description of the ideal woman in Eshet Chayil and the character of Ruth. In Midrashic interpretations the character of the Eshet Chayil becomes more complex, and the links to Ruth more explicit. By thinking of Ruth, a character who enters from the margins of society, as the paradigmatic Eshet Chayil, we can expand our understanding of the poem in Proverbs and idealized Jewish femininity.

*Ranana Dine is a doctoral student in religious ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School. She is also a research assistant in medical ethics at the University of Chicago's MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics and the managing editor of IMAGES: A Journal of Jewish Art and Culture. In Chicago she helps run the Lakeview Beit Midrash and the Trad Egal Shteibel. Her scholarship, teaching, and writing focus on topics ranging from Jewish medical ethics, the relationship of Judaism and the visual arts, and comparative Jewish-Christian thought. Her writing has been published in both popular and academic outlets, including The Lehrhaus, the Hadar Institute, Mosaic, and the Journal of the American Academy of Religion.*

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## Crafting Intertextuality: סנה וסיני (Seneh and Sinai)

*Sarah Palmer*

(Arts & Experiences)

Using a method called Text-to-Symbol, we will dive deep into parallel stories in the chumash by visually representing them through symbols and color. This session will focus on the texts of Moshe at the burning bush and Matan Torah. We will create visual maps of each story through paper cutting and collage (or alternative materials you have available at home). This session will help us literally see the connections between Torah texts and feel physically invested in them through this colorful method of hands-on learning. If you have them available, please bring scissors, two or more pieces of white paper, five different colors of paper (any size or shape), and a glue stick or tape. If you don't have these materials you can bring two or more pieces of white paper and markers/crayons/colored pencils.

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*Sarah Palmer was born and raised in Chicago. She holds a degree in Fine Arts from Brandeis University and a certificate in Experiential Jewish Education from the Pardes Center for Jewish Educators. Sarah has been combining Torah and the Arts in various capacities for over ten years. She has worked with Jewish Day Schools, Kol HaOt, the National Havurah Committee, ArtReach, the Hyde Park Art Center, and several other organizations dedicated to Art and Jewish Education. Her cultivation of art as a tool to access text has led her to communities in Israel, Turkey, and Bulgaria. Sarah draws inspiration for her own art from her practice as a birth doula, local art installations, and Torah study.*

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## **The Marriage of Ruth and Boaz: A Union Symbolic of that Between Israel and God**

*Rabbi Frederick Reeves*

(Tanakh)

Through a close reading of chapter two of Ruth, with reference to the rest of the narrative, we will see how the relationship between Ruth and Boaz can be seen as representing the relationship between Israel and God. We will better understand why this is the Biblical book read on Shavuot.

*Rabbi Reeves is the rabbi of KAM Isaiah Israel and board president of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs.*

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## **What's the Buzz About Judaism and Marijuana?**

### **Zoom info**

*David Schwartz*

(Jewish Practice)

What's new in 2020? Besides stay-at-home orders, recreational marijuana is now legal in Illinois! Come learn about the Jewish views on marijuana.

*David Schwartz is the Education Director at West Suburban Temple Har Zion, as well as a B'nai Mitzvah tutor at Anshe Emet, Anshe Sholom, and Mishkan. Previously, he was the Director of Family Education and Programming at Anshe Sholom. He is also a Jewish storyteller. Most importantly, David is Abba to 4-year old Shira and husband to Miriam.*

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## Inside the Artist's Studio: Behind the Music of Prayer

*Rabbis Lizzi Heydemann & Josh Warshawsky* (Arts & Experiences)

Embedded within each text that we sing aloud are stories, deep secrets, and intricate connections between Hebrew words and themes. Join Rabbis Lizzi Heydemann and Josh Warshawsky as we discuss the story behind the music, deepen our understanding of the wisdom of our tradition, and sing out with a newfound awareness of the words we bring into the world.

*Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann catalyzed the founding of Mishkan Chicago in September of 2011. Since her adolescence, she has been interested in how to create religious and spiritual experiences that integrate intellect with heart, personal spiritual quest with social responsibility, and help individuals find their own unique path in the context of building a community. She graduated with Honors from Stanford University, and was ordained by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles in 2010. Rabbi Lizzi has facilitated trips for Encounter and Honeymoon Israel, and currently teaches for the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish learning. She is currently a mentor for the 92nd Street Y's Jewish Innovation Fellowship, sits on the board of T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, as well as the rabbinic cabinet of AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corp. Rabbi Lizzi lives in Chicago with her husband Henry, and their two adorable children, Judah Lev and Adira.*

*Rabbi Josh Warshawsky is a nationally touring Jewish musician, songleader, and composer. Josh seeks to build intentional praying communities, and travels to synagogues, camps and schools across the country sharing his music and teachings on prayer. He is originally from Chicago, and has released three albums of Jewish music, with a 4th on the way in 2021. Josh's melodies are written intentionally to express the deep meaning of the words of our tradition. Josh was ordained by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles. For more information check out [www.joshwarshawsky.com](http://www.joshwarshawsky.com)*

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## Sinai Stories: Receiving the Torah in the Rabbinic Imagination

*Rabbanit Sara Wolkenfeld*

(Rabbinic Text)

What's the story of Shavuot? The short answer might be that the People of Israel received the Torah, but the details really depend on who you ask. We will explore some of the different rabbinic narratives around revelation, and ask what it means to us to receive, engage with, and transmit Torah in our own lives.

*Sara Wolkenfeld is the Chief Learning Officer at Sefaria, a new online database and interface for Jewish texts. She is passionate about Talmud education and expanding Jewish textual knowledge for all. She is also a fellow at the David Hartman Center at the Hartman Institute of North America. Her previous experience includes serving as Director of Education at the Center for Jewish Life - Hillel at Princeton University as part of the OU's Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus. She studied Talmud and Jewish Law at various institutions of Jewish learning in Israel and America including Midreshet Lindenbaum, Drisha, Nishmat, and Beit Morasha and speaks on various Jewish topics at synagogues, schools, and university communities.*

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# 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM

## The Torah of Torah

*Rabbi Ezra Balser*

(Rabbinic Text)

Something meta for Shavuot.

*As part of Metro Chicago Hillel, Rav Ezra runs Base out his home in the West Loop with Laura, his wife and Senior Educator. Rav Ezra was ordained at the Hebrew College Rabbinical School.*

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## Housing & Homelessness in Rabbinic Thought

*Rabbi Aryeh Bernstein*

(Rabbinic Text)

Chicago and other cities around the world face an ever-profound crisis of housing instability and home insecurity. Right in the neighborhoods and wards surrounding Anshe Emet, recent City Council races have focused on policies on affordable housing, homelessness, and gentrification. In this session, we will explore what our Sages in the Talmud have to say about the rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords, neighbors and zoners: what does a just city look like in Rabbinic eyes vis-a-vis housing?

*Aryeh Bernstein is a 5th-generation Chicago South Sider who works as Director of Avodah's Justice Fellowship and Yo'etz Ruach of its Service Corps in Chicago; Educational Consultant for the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs; Curricular Director for Anshe Sholom-B'nai Israel's youth Mishmar program; and Staff Educator for the Jewish Initiative for Animals. Aryeh has previously taught and directed programs at Hadar, Hyde Park Teen Beit Midrash, Mishkan, Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, and campuses, communities, and organizations around Israel and the U.S. Aryeh was an Editor-Translator for the Koren English edition of the Steinsaltz Talmud and is a Senior Editor of Jewschool.com. Aryeh studied at Yeshivat Ma'ale Gilboa, the Jewish Theological Seminary, Yeshiva University, and Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, and has rabbinic ordination from Rabbi Daniel Landes's Yashrut Institute.*

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## An Open Debate - What Makes Someone Jewish? (Facilitated Discussion via Text Messaging and Speaking)

*Shaily Hakimian*

(Ideas & Inspiration)

2 Jews, 3 opinions. Debate/discuss hot topics in the Jewish community! Participants will have learned something new from the stories and perspectives shared by the other session attendees. This is the 5th Tikkun where a variation of this session has been offered.

*Shaily Hakimian (@hakimian45) has been facilitating debates in various communities since 2012. This is her 5th time presenting her facilitated discussion session at the community-wide tikkun. This year, her session is focused on the highlighted topic of "What makes someone Jewish?" She created her workshop after she noticed her activist colleagues would tear each other down when they didn't agree with each other. She hated to see people who in reality should be working together, fight against each other. She wanted to get folks of various perspectives to learn from each other's perspective in a respectful way. Learn more at [FriendingOurFoes.com](http://FriendingOurFoes.com). Shaily is also one of the core members of [ChiTribe.org](http://ChiTribe.org) that showcases the range of Jewish programming around Chicagoland through a central events calendar. She is a Persian/Moroccan Indiana grad and a lover of cheesy icebreakers, bubble tea, poker, reality competition shows like Big Brother and Survivor, TEDx conferences, magic, flea markets, the Jewish community, and her sequin closet. Find her at [ShailyHakimian.com](http://ShailyHakimian.com) or teaching social media at [YourSocialMediaSherpa.com](http://YourSocialMediaSherpa.com).*

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## Biblical Scholarship and Jewish Faith: What's Actually at Stake?

*Dr. Ethan Schwartz*

(Tanakh)

Many Jews across the denominational spectrum have at least a vague sense that academic, historical-critical biblical studies (often referred to by Jews as "biblical criticism") is—or is supposed to be—threatening to Jewish religious faith. There have been many attempts to answer whether this is actually the case. However, our goal in this session will be more modest: to clarify the terms and stakes of this controversial topic, which often become so muddled as to prevent productive discussion. To this end, we will address the following issues: (1) WHAT are the questions that biblical scholars ask? (2) HOW do they ask these questions? (3) WHY might these questions be perceived as religiously threatening?

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*Ethan Schwartz recently completed his PhD in Hebrew Bible at Harvard University and will soon begin an appointment as Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible at Villanova University. His research focuses on the biblical prophetic literature, with particular interests in the comparative study of biblical and ancient Near Eastern prophecy, the role of pentateuchal traditions in the theology and redaction of the prophetic corpus, and the reception of the prophets in ancient Judaism and Christianity. A Chicago native, he lives in Lakeview with his wife, Rabbanit Leah Sarna of ASBI, and their son.*

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## Where is God in a Pandemic?

*Rabbi Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld*

(Rabbinic Text)

In times of crisis Jews have often asked, where is God? We will look at some attempts to answer this question, from biblical commentaries and present responses, and think about the approaches that different thinkers use to approach this question.

*Rabbi Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld teaches theology at Loyola University Chicago and has written on Bible commentaries and Jewish-Christian relations. She was ordained by Yeshivat Maharat in 2019 and is a member of Anshe Shalom B'nai Israel in Lakeview.*

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## Is This A 'Shechechianu' Moment?

*Rabbi David Wolkenfeld*

(Jewish Practice)

One classic application of the Shechechianu blessing calls for its recitation when seeing loved ones for the first time in 30 days. Should we say this blessing when we first see our loved ones in person even if we have been in contact with them via phone or Zoom in the interim?

*David Wolkenfeld is the rabbi of ASBI Congregation.*

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