

5785 Lakeview

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

תיקון ליל שבועות

From sunset to sunrise
Stay up all night (or as long as you can)
Learn and nosh your way through an evening of
study and schmoozing as we celebrate the
receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai!



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For your comfort throughout the night:

Coffee, Drinks, and Snacks available in *Blum Community Hall*

Tables available in *Blum* and the *Sukkah* (weather permitting)
for Beit Midrash

Bathrooms (gendered and non-gendered) are located behind
the *Sanctuary* and on the *First Floor* near the staircase

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Community Session Clergy Panel

10:00 PM - 11:30 PM

Cantor David Berger KAM Isaiah Israel
Rabbi Shoshanah Conover.....Temple Sholom
Rabbi Aaron Finkelstein Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel Congregation
Cantor Shelly FriedmanEmanuel Congregation
Rabbi Amanda Greene Chicago Sinai Congregation
Rabbi Lizzi Heydemann Mishkan Chicago
Rabbi Jonathan Posner Metro Chicago Hillel
Rabbi Michael Siegel Anshe Emet Synagogue

ASL interpretation will be provided for this session

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

11:30PM	Dessert Reception in Coffee and Snacks available		
Rooms	Sanctuary	Malkov Chapel	Rose Crown
12:00AM - 12:50AM	<p>The Prayer for the State of Israel: A Fascinating History</p> <p>Rabbi Michael Siegel</p>	<p>If You Don't Have Anything Nice to Say, You May Still Have to Speak Up</p> <p>Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould</p>	<p>The Second Most Important Book in Jewish Law and its Author</p> <p>Rabbi Aaron Finkelstein</p>
1:00AM - 1:50AM	<p>Delaying Burial: The Medical Debate that Began Jewish Modernity</p> <p>Ranana Dine</p>	<p>"To Write with Many Quills:" Stories From the First Century of Hebrew Print</p> <p>David Selis</p>	<p>Debate/Discuss: Is Being Jewish Out Loud Powerful or Dangerous in a Time of Hate?</p> <p>Shaily Hakimian</p>
2:00AM - 2:50AM	<p>The Fight Against Antisemitism Today</p> <p>Jonathan Horowitz</p>	<p>Human Dignity Overrides Torah Law!</p> <p>Binyamin Cohen</p>	<p>Prayer and Heartbreak: Exploring the Second Blessing of the Amidah</p> <p>Joey Becker</p>
3:00AM - 4:00AM		<p>God's Adopted Children</p> <p>Rabbanit Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld</p>	<p>From Cow to Cheesecake: The Kashrut of Dairy Explained</p> <p>Sam Melton</p>

General Class Overview

Blum Community Hall
all night in Blum

BZ Makom Kehilla & BZ Makom Rina	Bennett Library	Reich Room
<p>Queer Healing Circle</p> <p>Ellie Goldstein</p>	<p>What's Jewish About Dinosaurs?</p> <p>David Schwartz</p>	<p>Love Yourself as Yourself</p> <p>Lisa Kaplan Bob</p>
<p>These spaces will be available for quiet time starting at 1:00AM</p>	<p>Jewish Choral Classics: Open Sing</p> <p>Cantor David Berger</p>	<p>Jewish Consciousness and Machines</p> <p>Rabbi Marsha Morman</p>
	<p>The Waiting Game: From Meat to Milk</p> <p>Richard Kahn</p>	<p>"No One Likes a Mad Woman, You Made her Like That:" The Story of Yalta</p> <p>Chana Borow</p>
	<p>#HashtagDafYomi: A Daily Walk with the Sages of the Talmud</p> <p>Caroline Musin Berkowitz</p>	<p>What Do We Owe Our Friends? The Duties of Friendship in Rabbinic Thought</p> <p>Dr. Joshua Z. Stadlan</p>

12:00AM - 12:50AM

The Prayer for the State of Israel: A Fascinating History

Rabbi Michael Siegel

History, Jewish Practice | Sanctuary

Did you know that the Nobel Laureate, Shai Agnon had a hand in the writing of the prayer? How shall we understand the Messianic overtones in the prayer? In this session we will explore the makeup of this powerful prayer, including its Biblical antecedents. We will also investigate how the streams of Judaism have reshaped the prayer for their different audiences. Join us for a fascinating study of how this ancient and very modern prayer came to be.

If You Don't Have Anything Nice to Say, You May Still Have to Speak Up

Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould

Jewish Practice | Malkov Chapel

The guidelines around Lashon Hara (evil speech) seem simple enough: we must not use speech to cause harm. But what if our words, while damaging to some, could actually spare others from harm, or even save a life? Would we be permitted - nay, obligated - to indulge in this prohibited practice? Come and learn how Chofetz Chaim and others tackle this intriguing conundrum.

The Second Most Important Book in Jewish Law and its Author

Rabbi Aaron Finkelstein

History, Rabbinic Text | Rose Crown

The Shulchan Aruch, or "Set Table," was the foundational book of Jewish law written by one of Jewish history's greatest rabbis. Come and learn about the origins of this book, its impact on Jewish practice and the author behind it.

Queer Healing Circle

Ellie Goldstein

Social Justice | Makom Rina

The practice of circle is a structured, dialogue-based process that brings people together to build relationships and promote understanding and healing. This session will be facilitated in circle to give Queer folks a space to heal from the challenges of the year and bring Pride celebrations.

What's Jewish About Dinosaurs?

David Schwartz

Jewish Culture | Bennett Library

In the Venn Diagram of Judaism and dinosaurs, what goes in the middle? Come and find out!

Love Yourself as Yourself

Lisa Kaplan Bob

Ideas, Inspiration, Rabbinic Text, Tanakh | Reich Room

I am taught to love my neighbor... Does Judaism have anything to say about loving myself? In this session, we will consider Jewish notions of shame and self-acceptance by diving into a variety of texts as well as exercises for deeper self-understanding

1:00AM - 1:50AM

Delaying Burial: The Medical Debate that Began Jewish Modernity

Ranana Dine

History, Jewish Practice, Rabbinic Text, Tanakh | Sanctuary

Judaism has long standing traditions about how we attend, bury, and mourn the dead, including the practice of burying the dead quickly, often within 24 or 48 hours. In the late 18th century a scientific and medical debate erupted about whether we could tell for certain that someone had died, and paranoia of being buried alive was rampant. Governments and reformers attempted to force Jews to delay burial in the name of public health, prompting what has been named the first halakhic debate of modernity. In this shiur we will examine the early sources regarding Jewish burial practice as well as the texts that emerged from this 18th century controversy. Ultimately we will ask what it means for us today to have this kind of medical/scientific conflict be the beginning of the tensions between Judaism and modernity that we still grapple with today.

"To Write with Many Quills:" Stories From the First Century of Hebrew Print

David Selis

Arts, Experiences, History, Jewish Culture | Malkov Chapel

Before there was a word for print (defus), the earliest practitioners of the "Holy Art," referred to themselves as writing with many quills. In this interactive talk we will explore stories from the beginnings of Hebrew print charting its spread across Italy, Iberia and how Spanish exiles brought printing to the Ottoman Empire. We will examine pages of early printed books and a magnificent copy of the Mikraot Gedolot of 1526 and the Jerusalem Talmud of 1523.

Debate/Discuss: Is Being Jewish Out Loud Powerful or Dangerous in a Time of Hate?

Shaily Hakimian

Ideas, Inspiration | Rose Crown

Come ready to share, vent, and listen — and leave with realistic hope, not toxic optimism. We're not here to fix 2,000 years of antisemitism in an hour — but we are here to ask: Who is responsible for our safety? Who will love us when the world feels hostile? How can we lift each other up when everything feels heavy? Through a mix of structured activities and open discussion, we'll explore what it means to be visibly Jewish in a time of rising hate. When does pride feel powerful, and when does it feel risky? How much of our Jewishness do we show — and when do we choose to hide it? You'll leave with a deeper sense of solidarity, some new perspectives, and a "nugget" of strength to carry forward. Your voice matters here — fired up, frustrated, scared, or proud, all of you is welcome.

Jewish Choral Classics: Open Sing

Cantor David Berger

Jewish Culture | Bennett Library

Do you love to sing? Have fond memories of High School choir? Come join our instant ensemble and enjoy some simple and satisfying acapella Jewish Choral classics! Tuning forks will be used.

Jewish Consciousness and Machines

Rabbi Marsha Morman

Ideas, Inspiration, Rabbinic Text | Reich Room

To answer the question, "Can machines have consciousness?" we must first answer the question, "What is consciousness?" A look at Jewish sources on the topic through the modern period.

2:00AM - 2:50AM

The Fight Against Antisemitism Today

Jonathan Horowitz

History, Social Justice, Antisemitism | Sanctuary

There are many views and descriptions of what Antisemitism is and how we fight it. This session will look into how Jews can fight Antisemitism today.

Human Dignity Overrides Torah Law!

Binyamin Cohen

Jewish Practice, Rabbinic Text | Malkov Chapel

The Talmud on Berakhot 19b states, "Great is human dignity, as it overrides a prohibition in the Torah." This powerful and far-ranging statement, which potentially gives unprecedented power for Rabbinic law to override Torah law, has significant repercussions for how we interpret halakhah, determine practice, and make ethical decisions. In this session, we will learn this page of Berakhot in depth, explore how the Rabbis understand this idea, and what the possibilities and limits of its application might be.

Prayer and Heartbreak: Exploring the Second Blessing of the Amidah

Joey Becker

Jewish Practice | Rose Crown

The second blessing of the Amidah asserts that Hashem has the power to "Somech Noflim, Rofeh Cholim, and Matir Asurim" - to support the fallen, heal the sick, and free those held in captivity or held hostage. In this session, we will ask the question: what does it mean to daven (pray) these words in today's world, a year and a half after 10/7. This will not be a political discussion. It will be an experimental and experiential look at the way we communicate with the Divine through song and prayer in times of heartbreak and challenge. We will be asking questions, learning a Niggun, and opening our hearts in prayer.

The Waiting Game: From Meat to Milk

Richard Kahn

Jewish Practice, Rabbinic Text | Bennett Library

Customs vary among kosher-keeping Jews regarding waiting between eating meat and eating milk. We'll look at the Talmudic precedents for these customs, and try to square their contradictions to derive halakhic prescriptions. We'll then check our work against medieval sources.

"No One Likes a Mad Woman, You Made her Like That:" the Story of Yalta

Chana Borow

Rabbinic Text | Reich Room

This class examines the fascinating and often overlooked character of Yalta, a powerful woman from Talmudic literature whose stories challenge conventional narratives about women's roles in ancient Jewish society. Through close readings of primary texts from the Talmud alongside contemporary feminist scholarship and cultural references, we will explore themes of women's anger, religious authority, and gender dynamics within Jewish tradition.

3:00AM - 4:00AM

God's Adopted Children

Rabbanit Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld

Tanakh | Malkov Chapel

The Tanakh contains many stories of people raising children that aren't biologically theirs or designating as their heirs people who aren't their biological children. We will look at how different kinds of adoption are part of the Jewish story from the beginning and what this can teach us about our relationship with God through the Jewish family.

From Cow to Cheesecake: The Kashrut of Dairy Explained

Sam Melton

Jewish Practice, Rabbinic Text | Rose Crown

Explore the fascinating world of kosher dairy! From chalav stam to chalav Yisrael, and from gevinat Yisrael to modern cheese production, we'll examine the halachic principles that govern milk and dairy products. Through source-based learning, we'll uncover how traditional texts shape contemporary kashrut standards and practices.

#HashtagDafYomi: A Daily Walk with the Sages of the Talmud

Caroline Musin Berkowitz

Jewish Culture, Rabbinic Text | Bennett Library

This session will explore some of the most wondrous texts in the Talmud, as studied by a layperson over the course of 7.5 years.

What Do We Owe Our Friends? The Duties of Friendship in Rabbinic Thought

Dr. Joshua Z. Stadlan

Rabbinic Text | Reich Room

Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Fathers) advises "acquire for yourself a friend," but once we befriend someone, what do we owe them? Is "friend" a meaningful category in halakha (Jewish law)? When should we prioritize friends over strangers? How should we act when loyalty to a friend conflicts with other values? Do you have an obligation to attend this class if we're friends? Join us as we mine rabbinic texts for guidance on our friendship dilemmas and our responsibilities to our friends.

About the Presenters

- **Joey Becker** is excited to be back in Lakeview after spending the past few months hiking and traveling in South America. He loves leading davening and song sessions.
- **David Berger** is originally from the suburbs of Chicago, Cantor Berger received a BA in Religious Studies from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, an MA in Philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and a Masters of Sacred Music and cantorial ordination at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. Cantor Berger frequently brings his sons, Matan and Avraham, to services at KAM Isaiah Israel. His husband, Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould, is the Assistant Rabbi at Anshe Emet Synagogue.
- **Lisa Kaplan Bob** is social worker and psychotherapist at Connections Health in Evanston. She has a background in Jewish education.
- **Chana Borow** is a third year rabbinical student at Yeshivat Maharat. With a Master's in Jewish Education and a BA in History, she currently serves as a Pulpit Intern at Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel in Chicago and Program Assistant at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. Her experience includes teaching Middle School and High School Tanakh, Talmud and Jewish history at multiple institutions including the Abraham Joshua Heschel School. Chana specializes in making traditional Jewish texts accessible while fostering inclusive community spaces.
- **Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould** is a southern California native who was ordained by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in 2013. He has served Anshe Emet Synagogue for 10 years, and presently serves on the Executive Council and the Administrative Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly and as a co-chair of the RA's Gender and Power Committee.
- **Binyamin Cohen** Binyamin Cohen is the Director of Jewish Life at Rochelle Zell Jewish High School.
- **Ranana Dine** is finishing a PhD at the University of Chicago in religious ethics, where she is researching the ethics of Jewish death care. This will be her sixth year teaching at the Lakeview Tikkun Leil Shavuot!
- **Rabbi Aaron Finkelstein** is the rabbi of Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel in Chicago. In addition to hobbies like basketball and running, Rabbi Finkelstein is an avid cook and baker. He lives in Lakeview with his wife Julie and their daughters Yara and Amalya.
- **Ellie Goldstein** is a Wellness Support Specialist and Survivor Support Advocate at DePaul university and a co-chair of the Rose Crown minyan. In her free time, she scouts out the newest Trader Joe's products and board game releases.

- **Shaily Hakimian** (@hakimian45) has been leading community-driven Jewish debates since 2012 and is celebrating her 10th year facilitating at Anshe Emet's Tikkun; she's also part of the ChiTribe.org team, connecting Jews across Chicago. A first-generation American from a Sephardic traditional background, she runs YourSocialMediaSherpa.com helping business owners show up online — and believes reality shows like Big Brother and stand-up comedy are the cures to life.
- **Jonathan Horowitz** is a teacher in CPS. He has a long history of work in a variety of movements around issues of Antisemitism.
- **Richard Kahn** is a software engineer who loves Talmud.
- **Sam Melton** grew up in Milwaukee, WI and moved to Chicago in 2012 to attend Columbia College Chicago. He works as an audio-visual systems engineer and is an active member of the Lakeview Jewish community.
- **Rabbi Marsha Morman** is a graduate of the Web Yeshiva Semicha and Halachic Mastery Program. She has a Master of Arts from the University of Chicago Divinity School.
- **Caroline Musin Berkowitz** is a challah baker, voracious reader, and daily daf yomi learner. She lives with her family in Lakeview.
- **Rabbanit Dr. Devorah Schoenfeld** teaches Judaism in the Theology department at Loyola University. She received her PhD from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley in 2007 and her ordination from Yeshivat Maharat in 2016. She is a member of Anshe Sholom in Lakeview.
- **David Schwartz** is the Director of Education at Temple Har Zion, where he teaches an online adult education class open to all on Monday evenings. He is also a BMitzvah tutor at Anshe Emet, Anshe Sholom, and Mishkan, but most importantly he is the husband of Miriam and father of 9-year-old Shira.
- **David Selis** is the Leon Charney Doctoral Fellow at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies of Yeshiva University. He was the Assistant Curator of the international exhibition, The Samaritans: a Biblical People. His research focuses on the creation of Jewish book culture in America and the role of libraries and scholars in shaping perceptions of the Jewish past.
- **Rabbi Michael Siegel** is the Senior Rabbi of Anshe Emet Synagogue and has served the community for over 40 years.
- **Dr. Joshua Z. Stadlan** is a computational social scientist and Jewish ethics hobbyist interested in exploring the patterns and norms of social interaction. A newcomer to Chicago, he works as a postdoctoral researcher at the Center for Computational & Social Sciences in Health at Northwestern University.

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What did you think of the community learning?
What was your favorite educational session?
Were the signs clear, and the rooms easy to find?
Do you have any suggestions for next year?

Thank you for studying with us!

הפך בה והפך בה דכולה בה

Turn it [the Torah] and turn it for all lies within it
-Pirkei Avot

