



Sunday Seminars

Sundays, June-August
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Sunday Seminars with Rabbi Yaacov Benamou

Classic Kabbalah 101 6/13/10

The ancient mystical tradition of Judaism known as Kabbalah explores the deep questions of life including the nature of God, the creation of the universe, and the spiritual world beyond our senses. JewishROC's courses in Kabbalah present a spiritual richness and beauty to the learning of Torah and an appreciation for the multi-layered answers within the mystical tradition.

Classic Kabbalah 102 6/27/10

Explore the concepts presented in Classic Kabbalah 101 in greater depth & detail. Topics include kabbalistic perspectives on heaven and hell, death and reincarnation, the Ten Sefirot and the multiple universes. Prerequisite: Classic Kabbalah 101.

Understanding the Jewish Prayer Service 7/11/10

This seminar is for anyone who has ever felt lost, uninspired or simply untouched by the Jewish prayer service. Learn the structure, significance and mapping of the morning service to make your prayers personally inspiring and meaningful.

The Oral Tradition 7/18/10

When we speak of Torah, we refer to both the Written Law and the Oral Law. How do we define these distinctions, and how can we trust the integrity of knowledge that has passed orally? This history rich seminar presents a framework for understanding the Oral Tradition and how it has passed from Mount Sinai until today. This seminar serves as an excellent foundation for anyone taking our Classic Kabbalah courses.

The Gift of Shabbat 7/25/10

Explore the deep dimension of the holiday that has defined the Jews since antiquity. Unravel the Shabbat definition of rest and see how one-seventh of your week can be transformed by holiness.

Keeping Kosher: How & Why 8/1/10

Thinking about keeping kosher but don't know where to begin? This seminar is for those who are contemplating kashrut, or for those who keep kosher but want a greater understanding of the how, the why and the what to do "when."

All seminars meet from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$60/member, \$75/nonmember (includes lunch)

Registration Required. To register call 301-468-3881,
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Seminars are open to everyone. Jewish Rockville Outreach Center,
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Wednesday Lectures with Rabbi Yaacov Benamou

June 6th- August 11th 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Summer Yeshiva

Advanced Jewish Education

Energize your week with a boost of inspiration in our Wednesday lecture series.

Attend one lecture or the whole series. Registration Required. Cost per lecture: \$10/member, \$12/nonmember

The Journey of the Soul After Death 6/9/10

What does the Jewish tradition teach about life after death? Learn the journey of the soul from the moments before death to its departure from the body and its journey thereafter.

The Jewish Way of Mourning 6/16/10

Sitting Shiva, saying Kaddish, commemorating Yarzeit - Jews have their own process for mourning and marking the loss of a loved one. Learn the Jewish process of mourning and see how the cycle of mourning so beautifully supports the soul of the deceased after death.

Refining Your Character Traits: Formula for Personal Growth According to the Ramchal 6/23/10

Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzato, the Ramchal, who is best known for his contribution to Musar (Jewish ethics), defines a clear cut formula for improving positive character traits and diminishing weaknesses. Discover Luzzato's blueprint for character improvement, and learn a framework for further study in perfecting one's traits.

Angels, Demons & Spirits: The Jewish Concept of the Spiritual Realm & its Influence on the World 6/30/10

Angels in Judaism are an essential force directing every aspect of the physical world. See how Judaism defines the nonphysical world of angels and spirits, and learn the complex role of angels as described in the written and oral tradition.

Tzedekah (Charity) versus Giving: The Jewish Way of Determining Charity 7/7/10

Judaism sets specific guides to determine how one should give charity. This lecture teaches the rules on how to set priorities for giving, how to decide what constitutes charity, and how to determine just how much one should be giving according to the laws of Judaism.

Maimonides & the Thirteen Principles of Faith 7/14/10

Learn the Thirteen Principles of Faith according to Maimonides and see how these essential principles differentiate the Jew from the religions of the world. Explore how the historical context of Maimonides' time was instrumental in his conception of these principles and how they are as pertinent to our era today as they were in the time they were written.

Messiah, Resurrection & Redemption: Defining the Differences 7/21/10

Our tradition tells us the Messiah will usher in the Resurrection followed by the Redemption. Learn how we define these terms and explore the Biblical and Talmudic sources that outline the unfolding of this final era for humanity.

Understanding the Jewish Prayer Service 7/28/10

This lecture is a nutshell version of our popular full-day seminar of the same title. For those who don't have the time for a Sunday seminar, now you can learn the basic structure of the prayer service and the deeper meaning of the prayers.

Free Will and a God that Knows All: How do We Reconcile the Two? 8/4/10

Tradition teaches that free will was given to humanity as a tool to come closer to God and to fulfill one's life purpose through choice and action. At the same time, we learn that God is omniscient and knows the outcome of all. In this class we explore the Jewish perspective on how we reconcile a world of free will with fate and actions that seem beyond our control.

Precepts of the Tanach (Bible): What Every Jew Should Know About their Holy Books 8/11/10

If you have ever found yourself wanting to speak knowledgeably about the essence of the books that define Judaism, this is the lecture for you. This lecture presents the nuts and bolts of what every Jew should know about the Bible.

Torah

Prophets

Pirkei Avot

Hebrew

Shabbat

Holidays

Jewish Law

Blessings

Prayer

Fill in the gaps of your Jewish education and transform your understanding of Judaism with five weeks of full-time learning at our Summer Yeshiva program. Our Summer Yeshiva condenses years of study into five weeks of intensive learning. Students acquire a theoretical and practical understanding of Judaism with classes in Torah, Prophets, Pirkei Avot, Hebrew, Jewish calendar, Jewish Law, and guidance in the prayer service, blessings, Kashrut and Shabbat observance.

This program is ideal for mature teens or adults who 1) missed out on a Jewish education, 2) are preparing for Yeshiva in Israel, or 3) are on the path of a sincere and authentic conversion. Classes are taught by rabbis from the Yeshiva of Greater Washington.



A curriculum for life . . .

Torah - Genesis: patriarchs & matriarchs, Exodus: formation of the Jewish people to the revelation at Mount Sinai, Leviticus: holiness & purity, Numbers: Torah commandments, Deuteronomy: Torah commandments **Prophets** - Joshua & Judges, Samuel I & II, Kings I & II, Overview of Writing - select chapters of each. **Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Fathers)** - Analysis of chapters 1-6, familiarity with Jewish ethics, practical application of ethics, practical guide for acquiring Torah **Hebrew** - Crash course in basic Hebrew, reading and decoding skills, prayerbook Hebrew, vocabulary comprehension, basic grammar **Jewish Calendar & Holidays** - Shabbat, holidays, fast days, Rosh Chodesh **Jewish Law** Laws of daily conduct, prayers, kashrut, brachot, Shabbat and Yom Tov

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