



Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

With Rabbi Jan Katzew, PHD

Friday, April 30th – Sunday, May 2nd,
2010

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LECTURE 1: JOY IN JUDAISM

Friday, April 30th, 2010 – – Congregation Beth El

In Parashat Emor, the Torah portion that has the most complete festival calendar, we learn that celebration involves a partnership between God and the people of Israel. As Beth El celebrates 50 years, we will consider our role in celebrating our legacy as we plan for our destiny as a congregational community.

LECTURE 2: “Do Jews, Christians and Muslims Believe in the same God?”

Saturday, May 1st, 2010 – Congregation Shaar Hashomayim:

Services – 9:00 AM – Musaf – 11:00 AM

Lunch & Learn – 11:30 AM

The question “Do Jews, Christians and Muslims believe in the same God?” is complex. It is theological. It is historical. It is political. It is also a question with profound implications for leaders and members of all three religious communities. In this study session, we will reflect upon documents that provide insight into the evolving and devolving relationships between Jews, Christians and Muslims. We will each emerge with our own responses to the question, but those responses will be better informed. As it will take place on Shabbat, our emphasis will be on what each religious community regards as holy and hopeful.

LECTURE 3: NEXT “DOR”: CO-CREATING THE JEWISH FUTURE

Sunday, May 2nd, 2010 – 10:30 AM – Congregation Beth El – Bagel Brunch

There are only two times in Torah that an action is described as “*lo tov*” – not good. One is to live alone (Genesis 2:18) and the other is to lead alone (Exodus 18:17). Together we will find ways to support each other as we build a Jewish community of the present and future – one person, one home, one family at a time. This upcoming discussion will be of great interest to parents and grandparents.



Rabbi Jan Katzew, Ph.D

Rabbi Jan Katzew, Ph.D., serves as the Director of the Department of Lifelong Jewish Learning at the Union for Reform Judaism.

His doctorate from the Hebrew University in Jewish Thought and Education enables him to put theory into practice by applying distinctively Jewish values to Jewish learning. Rabbi Katzew is an author of both scholarly and popular publications, which include articles analyzing developments in Jewish education, Israel education, Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations and moral philosophy. Rabbi Katzew also heads the Commission on Lifelong Jewish Learning, a group composed of