

# Back to the Beginning:

Exploring Genesis 1-11 · Interfaith Bible Study, 2016-2017

For the past 20 years, the Commission on Christian Jewish Relations has successfully undertaken a complete cycle of exploration of a wide selection of biblical texts through the eyes of diverse scholars and religious leaders in our community. This year, we restart that cycle by returning to the text from our first season in 1996: the Book of Genesis. We anticipate new insights and understandings that will continue to deepen our Christian/Jewish dialogue. Please join us.

**DATE:** **Wednesday, October 19, 2016**  
**SESSION:** Genesis 1-11: An Overview  
**SPEAKERS:** Reverend Debbie Grohman, The First Presbyterian Church of Ontario Center  
Meredith Dragon, CEO Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester

**DATE:** **Wednesday, November 9, 2016**  
**SESSION:** Part One: The Seven Days of Creation: Genesis 1:1–2:4a  
**SPEAKERS:** Professor Joseph Kelly, Emeritus, Nazareth College  
Rabbi Peter Stein, Temple B'rith Kodesh

**DATE:** **Wednesday, December 14, 2016**  
**SESSION:** Part Two: The Garden of Eden: Genesis 2:4a – 3:24  
**SPEAKERS:** Professor Joseph Kelly, Emeritus, Nazareth College  
Rabbi Peter Stein, Temple B'rith Kodesh

**DATE:** **Wednesday, February 8, 2017**  
**SESSION:** The Flood Narrative: Genesis 6:5 – 8:22  
**SPEAKERS:** Reverend Dr. Marvin McMickle, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School  
Rabbi Drorah Setel, Temple Emanu-El

**DATE:** **Wednesday, March 8, 2017**  
**SESSION:** The Covenant with Noah: Genesis 9:1-29  
**SPEAKERS:** Rev. Stephen Cady, Asbury First Methodist  
Rabbi Rachel Smookler, Temple Beth David

**DATE:** **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**  
**SESSION:** The Tower of Babel: Genesis 11:1-9  
**SPEAKERS:** Reverend Denise Yarbrough, Director, Religious and Spiritual Life, University of Rochester  
Rabbi Alan Katz, Temple Sinai

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**Sessions take place from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of the month (see dates on reverse). Free of charge. All are welcome.**

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The Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester continues to welcome, respect and value the participation of all people including interfaith families, people of all abilities, religious practice, backgrounds, sexual orientation, gender identity, race and socio-economic status.

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