

# 2016 BARISH SHABBAT LIMMUD SCHOLARS February 12-14, 2016



#### Rabbi Richard Address, hosted by Congregation Beth El

Rabbi Richard F. Address, D.Min, is the Founder and Director of www.jewishsacredaging.com. Rabbi Address served for over three decades on staff of the Union for Reform Judaism; first as a Regional Director and then, beginning in 1997, as Founder and Director of the URJ's Department of Jewish Family Concerns and served as a specialist and consultant for the North American Reform Movement in the areas of family related programming. He was ordained from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1972 and began his rabbinic career in Los Angeles congregations. He also served as a part time rabbi for Beth Hillel in Carmel, NJ while regional director and, after his URJ tenure, served

as senior rabbi of Congregation M'kor Shalom in Cherry Hill, NJ from 2011-2014. A major part of Rabbi Address's work has been in the development and implementation of the project on Sacred Aging. This project has been responsible for creating awareness and resources for congregations on the implication of the emerging longevity revolution with growing emphasis on the aging of the baby boom generation. This aging revolution has begun to impact all aspects of Jewish communal and congregational life. In 1997 he founded the URJ's Department of Jewish Family Concerns and went full time in New York in January of 2001 where he teaches classes in Jewish Family issues and Sacred Aging at the New York campus of HUC-JIR. In January of 2007 he was awarded the "Sherut L'Am" award by the Kalsman Institute for Judaism and Health.

- Friday Evening: "Embracing a New Jewish Future"
- Shabbat Morning: "Jewish Approaches to Health and Wellness"
- Shabbat Evening: "The 'Art' of Care-giving"
- Yom Limmud: "The 'Art' of Care-giving"



#### Rabbi Jonathan Crane, hosted by Temple Sinai

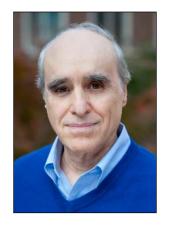
Rabbi Jonathan K. Crane is the Raymond F. Schinazi Scholar in Bioethics and Jewish Thought in the Center for Ethics at Emory University. He holds a BA from Wheaton College in Massachusetts, an MA in International Peace Studies from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, and an MPHil in Gandhian Thought from Gujarat Vidyapith in Ahmedabad, India. As a Wexner Graduate Fellow, he received both rabbinic ordination and a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. In 2014, he received a Doctor of Letters, honoris causa, from Wheaton College. Rabbi Crane is the immediate past-president of the Society of Jewish Ethics. Having served Jewish communities in China, India, and North America, he has presented at conferences around the world on themes

relating to Judaism and ethics, bioethics, social and political ethics, warfare ethics, interfaith relations, and Gandhian philosophy. Rabbi Crane is the author of *Narratives and Jewish Bioethics (2013) and Ahimsa: The Way to Peace* (2007, with Jordi Agusti-Panareda) and co-editor with Elliot Dorff of *The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Ethics and Morality* (2012). He is the founder and co-editor of *The Journal of Jewish Ethics*.

- Friday Evening: "From Stem Cells to Solitary Confinement Cells: Jewish Ethics in the Real World"
- Shabbat Morning: "Narratives and Jewish Bioethics"
- Shabbat Afternoon: "Who's Your Mama? Motherhood Reconsidered Through the Lens of Leah and Rachel"
- Yom Limmud: "Eating as an Ethical Experience"



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#### Dr. Walter Herzberg, hosted by Congregation Brith Shalom

Dr. Walter Herzberg, assistant professor of Bible and Professional and Pastoral Skills at The Jewish Theological Seminary, has devoted the bulk of his career to working directly with students in the United States and Israel. He teaches introductory and advanced courses in Bible and traditional biblical commentary in the Rabbinical School, the H.L. Miller Cantorial School and College of Jewish Music, and the William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education of JTS. Dr. Herzberg walks well and determinedly in the footsteps of his mentors: Bible studies innovator Dr. Nehama Liebowitz and Dr. Cyrus Herzl Gordon. He is currently working with Professor Steven Kepnes, Finard Professor in Jewish Studies and Religion at Colgate University, on a book titled *Reading the Bible for Meaning: A Theology of Biblical Exegesis*.

- Kabbalat Shabbat: "The Joseph Story: A Literary/Psychological/Dramatic Study"
- Shabbat Morning: "Bring Me Gifts: The Why and How of Giving Tzedakah"
- Shabbat Lunch & Learn: "God Did Good: Examining the Nature of Reward in the Torah"
- Yom Limmud: "Legal Texts as Literature: Theological, Psychological, and Moral Implications"



#### Rabbi Evan Moffic, hosted by Congregation Beth Israel

Evan Moffic is a rabbi and writer. According to Dr. David Ellenson, Chancellor of the nation's largest Jewish seminary, Rabbi Moffic is one of the country's most truly charismatic and thoughtful young leaders. Since 2009, he has served as the spiritual leader of Congregation Solel in suburban Chicago, having been named to that post at age 30. He has also appeared on the Fox News Channel as a religious commentator, most recently to discuss healing in the aftermath of the shootings in Newtown, Connecticut. Committed to interfaith relations and sharing Jewish wisdom with the world, Rabbi Moffic lectures and teaches at churches and interfaith institutions around the country. He also writes for Beliefnet.com, the largest multifaith website in the world, where his blog is among its most popular and widely shared. Originally from Houston, Rabbi Moffic spent his formative years in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated from Stanford University in 2000 and, after

studying in Jerusalem and Cincinnati, was ordained as a Rabbi in 2006. In 2012 he was named one of the 36 under 36 Jewish leaders to watch in Chicago. In addition to his regular published sermons and essays, Rabbi Moffic has written for the Chicago Tribune, the Forward, Michael Hyatt.com, and several other newspapers and magazines.

- Kabbalat Shabbat: "The Modern Anti-Semitisim: Understanding a New Reality"
- Shabbat Torah Study: "Constructing Our Own Mishkan Through Life"
- Yom Limmud: "What Every Christian Needs to Know About Passover: Engaging the Christian Community"



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#### Rabbi Hanoch Teller, hosted by Young Israel of Houston

Internationally-acclaimed as one of the most original and inspiring motivational-speakers of our time, storyteller-extraordinaire, Rabbi Hanoch Teller, has been dubbed a "globe-trotting modern-day *maggid*." He has enthralled audiences on five continents, in over 40 American states and 24 other countries, delivering a precious message imbued with joy and drama, laughter and pathos, providing a one-of-a-kind experience for listeners young and old from all across the spectrum. The classes he teaches in numerous Jerusalem educational institutions are in great demand. The aptly-named, award winning storyteller and master teacher is also a prolific author, whose critically-acclaimed books (28, at last count) have sold over a quarter-of-a-million copies world-wide, and are translated into five languages. Rabbi Teller has also written and produced two popular documentaries: *Do You Believe in* 

Miracles? and Reb Elimelech and the Chassidic Legacy of Brotherhood that have been screened and televised the world-over. His wide array of audio lectures on spiritual giants, the lessons of the Holocaust and the birth of the modern city of Bene Brak and various other subjects, have been hailed as "audio and pedagogic classics." For decades, Rabbi Teller has been a senior docent at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. His sweeping knowledge and sensitivity help to transform the infinite banality of horror into an intensely personal encounter that participants declare life-changing and unforgettable.

## SHIRLEY BARISH EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT SCHOLAR



#### Neil Lazarus

In memory of their beloved wife and mother and consummate Jewish educator Shirley Barish z"I, the Barish family has generously provided a grant for an annual scholar who will "teach the teachers." The fourth annual Shirley Barish Education Enrichment Scholar is Neil Lazarus. Neil is an internationally acclaimed expert in the fields of Middle East politics, public diplomacy and effective communication training. Fast emerging as one of Israel's leading key note speakers, his presentations are motivating and informative.