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Sundays, 9:15 a.m.–noon · October 14 through November 18 · Coffee and pastries! · All are welcome!



Welcome to CBI Café, a Sunday-morning gathering with lively and friendly conversation, engaging ideas and teachings, and experiences to renew body, heart and soul. Enjoy a warm welcome, good coffee, pastries and the Sunday papers. Feel free to take a class with our rabbis, work on our organic farm, hear a book talk, and more!

RABBI'S CLASS

9:45–10:45

The Deep Structure of Jewish Prayer

October 14 The Sh'ma: Rhythms of Society and Creation

October 21 The Sh'ma: The Importance of Spiritual Intention (*Kavvanah*)

October 28 The Amidah: Prayer as Argument

November 4 The Amidah: Reaching Across the Gulf

November 11 Prayer: Never a Mechanical Task, with **Rabbi Jacob Fine**

November 18 Daily Blessings: Creating Wholeness

As we look at the words in the prayer book, we may struggle with their meaning and relevance. But before most of the words in the prayer book were even written, the Rabbis of the Talmud developed basic ideas about the nature of prayer. Join **Rabbi Justin David** for this six-session series exploring the rabbis' thoughts on the core elements of Jewish prayer. All texts will be drawn from Masechet Berakhot, the tractate of the Babylonian Talmud that focuses on prayer.

INVITED LECTURES AND EVENTS

11:00–noon

True Love and Other Dreams of Miraculous Escape

October 14

Award winning author **Micah Perks** will read from her new book of stories, *True Love and Other Dreams of Miraculous Escape*. In these interconnected stories, desire meets reality deep in the hearts of progressive, Jewish Californians. A funny, intoxicating look at the complexity and simplicity of embracing and running from love.

Jewish Values and Transgender Rights

October 21

On this November's ballot, Massachusetts voters will decide whether to uphold protections for transgender people in public places, such as doctors' offices, restaurants, and parks. What is our obligation regarding trans rights? **Rabbi Mike Moskowitz** will speak about bringing social justice, spiritual observance, and Jewish values to bear on this vital question.

Rugelach Workshop

October 28

Learn how to make delicious rugelach with instruction from our wonderful chef/caterer, **Bianca Cuperman**. Please note that because kitchen space is very small, this workshop is limited to the first 12 people who sign up in advance. Please RSVP by emailing Shelley Schieffelin at shschieff@comcast.net.

Healing from Anti-Semitism

November 4

Even subtle forms of anti-Semitism can stir up fears passed down for generations. Many of our personal struggles—with perfectionism, our health, relationships, or other issues—may be rooted in our people's history of persecution. **Amy Leos-Urbel, Jonathan Korman, and Rachel Hannah** will lead an interactive program, exploring how we experience anti-Semitism from the inside, and how we can heal from its effects.

Jewish Papercuts and Tapestries

November 11

Tapestry weaver **Tamar Shadur** will present a power-point about her collaboration with her mother, renowned Jewish papercut artist and scholar **Yehudit Shadur**, in the production of finely woven biblical tapestries based on magnificent papercut designs. Yehudit Shadur has gained wide recognition as the foremost exponent in the revival of the nearly forgotten Jewish folk tradition of papercutting.

Building Bridges Towards a Shared Society in Israel

November 18

Accelerating ultra-nationalist and racist political trends have widened the rift in Israeli society between its Jewish and Palestinian citizens. At the same time, there are new opportunities for shared society-building through community organizing, litigation, and government action. Join a conversation with **Ronit Heyd**, former executive director of Shatil (NIF's action arm) about approaches that can strengthen moderating voices and deepen intercultural bonds. Sponsored by the New Israel Fund and CBI's Israel Committee.