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## JTS Shabbat with Scholar-in-Residence

Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz

Saturday morning presentation during the service  
with an additional presentation following  
the Kiddush.



### Shabbat Morning, Parashat Va'era

Pharaoh's Fear, Our Dream

The Centrality of Land and Home in Jewish Tradition

We will explore how Judaism has placed land as a high priority in our lives and beliefs.

### Shabbat Afternoon Presentation

The Politics of the Kotel and Personal Reflections on Living in Israel

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Rabbi Matthew L. Berkowitz is the director of Israel Programs for The Jewish Theological Seminary. For 10 years (1999–2009), he served as the JTS senior rabbinic fellow, organizing substantive adult learning throughout Florida and beyond. He is a member of the Wexner Heritage Program faculty.

An accomplished artist, Rabbi Berkowitz was formally trained in Jewish scribal art in Jerusalem and is also the cofounder of Kol Ha-Ot, a new Jerusalem-based venture devoted to exploring the arts and Jewish learning. He completed the writing of Megillat Esther, the illumination of several ketubbot (marriage contracts), and a limited-edition artist portfolio called Passover Landscapes: Illuminations on the Exodus, which was later acquired by Yale University and then exhibited at Yeshiva University Museum (April 2006). It is now on permanent exhibit at JTS. Recently, he studied illustration and oil painting at the Jerusalem Studio School. Rabbi Berkowitz resides in Jerusalem.

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