



**LEARNING TALMUD:  
EXPLORATIONS IN ETHICS, HUMAN RELATIONS, AND MEANING**  
*With Mark Shapiro, Rabbi in Residence at the Cathedral  
FOR CLERGY OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE -  
Tuesdays, September 12, 19, 26 and October 3 from 11:30 to 1 p.m.*  
**FOUR LEARNING LUNCHEONS**

Mention the word “Talmud” and people often think of scholars laboring over ancient legal texts. If it’s “talmudic,” one expects a text to be obscure and confusing.

But the Talmud at its best is never old-fashioned. In telling the stories of the great rabbis, the Talmud becomes a fabulous repository of lessons for everyday living. Written in the centuries just after Jesus, the Talmud presents a worldview that is compassionate, wise, and contemporary.

Just after Labor Day, we will greet September with four explorations of great Talmudic passages. No need to prepare. Although attending all session is preferred, each session can stand alone. **We will read for the meaning of the original text as well as ways in which the texts can be used for preaching and teaching today in 2017.**

*Mark Shapiro*, Rabbi in Residence at the Cathedral will be the presenter. Shapiro guarantees good humor, good learning, and *good material to take home.*

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