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Fall 2017 Courses



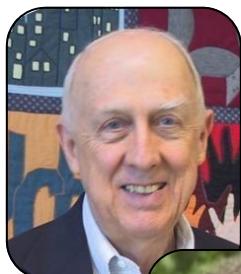
*The SoL (Source of Light) Center at University Presbyterian Church
is an interfaith education center for those who seek to encounter
the full dimensions of life and faith in the spirit of respectful curiosity.*

The SoL Center Presents
A 1940s Swing Music Afternoon
with the Regency Jazz Band
Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
at University Presbyterian Church
Honoring Barry Hubbard and Rev. Ann E. Helmke
with Reception following the Concert

Get ready to tap your feet and twirl around the floor! If that doesn't tempt you, then surely this will: Frito pie, a San Antonio original.

But that's just one of the delectable treats that will transport you back to the sights, sounds, and tastes of the 1940s.

And all for great causes—to benefit the work of the SoL Center and to honor two individuals who have contributed tirelessly to their communities.



Barry, an active member of University Presbyterian Church for 20 years, helped shape the SoL Center during its early years. He joined the SoL Board in 2003, served on several committees, and was Chair of the Board from 2010-2011. He continues to be involved as a participant, patron and volunteer ambassador in support of the inclusive interfaith mission of the SoL Center.



Ann is the first Faith-Based Community Liaison for the City of San Antonio. She is a co-founder of the San Antonio peaceCENTER, an ordained Lutheran minister, and former Director of Spiritual Services at Haven for Hope. She has been actively serving in the San Antonio community for almost 30 years networking among many faiths with an emphasis on civic engagement.

We invite you to join in this celebration. Below are suggested levels of giving; but of course, gifts of any size will be received with deep gratitude. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

Individual Ticket: \$40, suggested minimum

Friend: \$100 includes 2 complimentary tickets

Patron: \$250 includes 5 complimentary tickets

Sponsor: \$500 same as Patron, plus recognition in program

Benefactor: \$1,000 or above, same as Sponsor plus recognition in posters

The Regency Jazz Band, founded in 1982 by its leader, bassist George Prado, is a San Antonio favorite. The group, including pianist Aaron, George's son, has performed at many venues over the years including JazzSA'Live, Holiday Saxophones, the Witte Museum and McNay Museum jazz series. The group is known for many jazz styles, specializing in the American songbook of composers such as Duke Ellington, the Gershwins, Louis Armstrong, Irving Berlin and Cole Porter.

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A Note from SoL Director, Dhawn Martin

In October of 2017, communities in the Protestant tradition will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's public posting of his 95 theses at Wittenburg. Luther's theses articulated new visions of the Christian faith and how that faith is lived in the world and through the church. Luther's act is seen as the catalyst to the reformation movement that evolved into Protestantism.

To celebrate this anniversary, the SoL Center is offering several courses that explore the history, present, and future of reformation movements. We hope these offerings illustrate that the impulse of reformation is not limited to any one tradition or time. Courses that focus on phenomena of reform will be noted by an asterisk (*).

The Reformation "Fun Facts" throughout this publication are primarily drawn from Alec Ryrie's *Protestants: The Faith that Made the Modern World* (New York: Viking/Penguin Random House, 2017).

Mystic of the Month: An Invitation to Grow in Prophetic Compassion with Mary C. Earle and Rosalyn Falcon Collier



Dates: Four Wednesdays, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Tuition: \$50/4 sessions

Enrollment: 8 min./30 max.

Register By: Aug. 30

Explore life, love, and transformation. Participants will learn about the life and teachings of Christian mystics. The love of God and love of neighbor — as perceived by each mystic — will guide our time together. The classes will include still prayer, journaling, teaching and small group reflection, and using the process of mutual invitation to create a community of respect and growth. The discussions will draw from *Enduring Grace: Living Portraits of Seven Women Mystics* by Carol Lee Flinders and Christine Valters Paintner's *Illuminating the Way: Embracing the Wisdom of Monks and Mystics*.

Mary C. Earle is an Episcopal priest, author, poet, retreat leader and spiritual director. Until her retirement, she taught classes in spirituality for the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX. Mary has authored nine books on subjects such as the spirituality of living with illness, rule of life, Celtic Christian spirituality, the Desert Mothers, and Julian of Norwich. She has offered presentations and retreats in a variety of ecumenical and academic settings. **Rosalyn Falcon Collier** is co-founder of the San Antonio peaceCENTER (1995) and founder and member of the Women on Pilgrimage Retreat at St. Anthony de Padua Church since 1997. A native San Antonian, she is a graduate of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington, D.C. and is the 2015 recipient of the Texas Pax Christi Peacemaker of the Year Award. She is a spiritual director and mediator and facilitates workshops on nonviolence and transformative meditation.

Yoga: A Deeper Experience II with Mary Martha McNeel and guests



Date: Saturday, Sept. 16 (one session only)

Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

(Bring a brown bag lunch.)

Tuition: \$35

Enrollment: 12 min./25 max.

Register By: Sept. 11

Expand mind, body, and spirit! Yoga includes 8 limbs (or steps) and in this workshop we will cover limbs 4-8. The workshop will include one hour of restorative yoga, one hour of breath (*pranayama*) and visualization, and two hours of introduction to the sutras—the mind/science anthology—emphasizing personal insights and revelations as important steps on the spiritual journey.

Mary Martha McNeel has trained at the Omega Institute for Holistic Healing and was a student and assistant to Roger Jahnke, O.M.D., for four years. She began teaching yoga/tai chi/qigong at the University of the Incarnate Word in 2006. She also coordinates the outreach program for Connections at the Village at Incarnate Word, where she teaches seven classes a week.

Sam Salazar is a dedicated practitioner of yoga, qigong, tai chi sword and tai chi. He is especially interested in practices that deepen the experience of meditation through visualization. He practices and experiments with The Higher Limbs (stages of meditation). He will share with us practices that focus the mind. **Izabela Chabinska**, a very dedicated student of the philosophy of yoga, including the sutras and the Bhagavad Gita. She teaches yoga at Southtown Yoga and loves sharing her knowledge.

Who Are You? Identity and Intercultural Conversations with Patricia M. Porter



Dates: Two Mondays, Sept. 18 and 25

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Tuition: \$35/2 sessions

Enrollment: 12 min./30 max.

Register By: Sept. 11

Explore the path to effective and meaningful intercultural dialogue. How do we identify ourselves and overcome identity threats? In this class we will practice ways to ask questions and listen to each other. If someone were to ask you in a group, “tell me about yourself,” what would you say? Each of us is multi-faceted, and these identity characteristics serve as filters to how we process information, engage with people, and make decisions. Participants will develop their dialogue skills and increase their understanding of others.

Patricia (Pattie) M. Porter, LCSW, AAP, ABW, is the president of Conflict Connections©, Inc. in San Antonio, TX. Pattie has worked extensively in the conflict resolution field, providing mediation, team facilitation, negotiation training, and conflict management coaching services to leaders, businesses, government agencies, and higher education institutions. She is the author of *Stop The Dreaded Drama: 55 Tips for Ending Destructive Conflict* and *Stop Avoiding Conflict: Learn to Address Disputes Before They Erupt*.

Though Erasmus of Rotterdam with his Latin translation of the New Testament helped set the stage for the reformation movement, “he called Luther *doctor hyperbolicus*, the ‘doctor of overstatement’.” (pp. 20-21)

P.E.A.C.E. Is Our Birthright with Rosalyn Falcon Collier and Rev. Ann E. Helmke



Date: Saturday, Sept. 23 (one session only)

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(Bring a brown bag lunch.)

Tuition: \$60

Enrollment: 12 min./30 max.

Register By: Sept. 18

Make prayer, not war! Peace gives birth to and nurtures our common-unity, our community. During this one-day experiential learning, participants will explore peacemaking and organizing through the five simple words: Pray, Educate, Act, Connect, Enthuse (P.E.A.C.E.). We will learn to integrate what is already within us and will gain fluency in how we can bring more peace into our families, communities, and world.

Rosalyn Falcon Collier is co-founder of the San Antonio peaceCENTER (1995) and founder and member of the Women on Pilgrimage Retreat at St. Anthony de Padua Church since 1997. A native San Antonian, she is a graduate of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington, D.C. and is the 2015 recipient of the Texas Pax Christi Peacemaker of the Year Award. She is a spiritual director and mediator and facilitates workshops on nonviolence and transformative meditation.

Rev. Ann E. Helmke is the first Faith-Based Community Liaison for the City of San Antonio. She is a co-founder of the San Antonio peaceCENTER, where she has volunteered in this all-volunteer and interfaith organization. Ann is an ordained Lutheran minister who has been actively serving in the San Antonio community for almost 30 years. She has served in a congregational setting, but her real contributions to the greater good are the networkings among many congregations and many faiths with an emphasis on civic engagement. For seven years Ann faithfully served as the first Director of Spiritual Services at Haven for Hope.

***500 Years in the Making:
Reflections on the Protestant Reformation
with Dr. Norm Beck**



Date: Tuesday, Sept. 26 (one session only)

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Tuition: \$20

Enrollment: 12 min./50 max.

Register By: Sept. 19

Drawing on examples from Martin Luther, we will examine how faith reforms and evolves as social, political, and spiritual contexts change. For example, 500 years ago Martin Luther proclaimed that the emphasis of Christians should be on 'God Who Delivers' (Gospel) more than on 'God Who Demands' (Law), because more emphasis on the Gospel and on the Grace of God was needed at that time. But in our current situation, what is the present time telling us? Join us as we look at other examples and possibilities for emerging understandings of Christian traditions.

Norm Beck is the Poehlmann Professor of Theology and Classical Languages at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin. In addition to teaching full-time since 1975, he has served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Stockdale (Denhawk), Texas, since 1999. He has earned degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary (Ph.D.), Trinity Lutheran Seminary (B.D.), and Capital University (B.A.). He is the author of several books, including: *Mature Christianity in the 21st Century: The Recognition and Repudiation of the Anti-Jewish Polemic of the New Testament; The New Testament: A New Translation and Redaction; and Blessed to be a Blessing to Each Other: Jews, Muslims, and Christians as Children of Abraham in the Middle East.*

***Five Catholic Reform Movements
Leading to Vatican II
with Dr. Scott Woodward**



Date: Tuesday, Oct. 3 (one session only)

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Tuition: \$20

Enrollment: 12 min./50 max.

Register By: Sept. 26

The work of Vatican II began long before the council was called. Reform movements addressing liturgy, catechesis (education in the Christian faith), ecumenism, patristics (early Church leaders and priests), and scripture started the "return to the sources" that led to reform at the council. This session will examine each of these movements and their significance on the work of Vatican II.

Scott Woodward is Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean at Oblate School of Theology. He teaches in the area of ecumenism and interreligious dialogue as well as connecting Reformation history to the present era. He has published on the local reception of Vatican II.

Historian Alec Ryrie has described Martin Luther's theology as a "love affair" with God, rather than "a doctrine." This passion, this ardent love, Ryrie states, "had a reckless extravagance that set it apart" from other theologies. (p. 20)

Schisms in the reformation movement started early as Luther and others sought to distance "legitimate" reform movements from those of so-called "radicals." This division resulted in bloodshed and oppressions. (pp. 36-39)

***The Quaker Reformation
with Val Liveoak**



Date: Monday, Oct. 9 (one session only)

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Tuition: \$20

Enrollment: 10 min./25 max.

Register By: Oct. 2

Focus for this class will be on the beginnings of Quakerism and on the wide spectrum of Quaker expression in the 21st century. Discover how the Religious Society of Friends, formed during the English Civil War (1642-1651), offered a peaceful but strong challenge to both the state church and the violent Puritan forces. During this time, George Fox and others followed the "Christ within" to take pacifist stands and to testify to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, forming a non-hierarchical religious society that challenged not only war, but also inequality, religious persecution, social injustice, sexism, and the roots of poverty. In the ensuing centuries, a relatively small number of Quakers have influenced social movements, such as the abolition of slavery, prison reform, women's civil and human rights, universal suffrage, relief for victims of war, conscientious objection to war, and living the testimonies of Integrity, Peace, Simplicity, Equality, Community, and Sustainability. The Society went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize after WWII.

Val Liveoak has been a Quaker since 1983 and currently serves as Co-Clerk of Friends Meeting of San Antonio. She has also served as Clerk of South Central Yearly Meeting, on a number of local and national Quaker committees and co-founded Friends Peace Teams in 1993. She recently retired from Peacebuilding en las Americas, which has provided over 500 nonviolence workshops in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Colombia since 2002.

***What's Left to Reform?
with Rev. Dr. Theodore J. Wardlaw**



Date: Tuesday, Oct. 10 (one session only)

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Tuition: \$20

Enrollment: 12 min./45 max.

Register By: Oct. 3

Rev. Dr. Wardlaw explores the question, "What is left to 'reform'?" by shifting the concept of 'reformation' from noun to verb. Join us as we consider the relevance of this shift in today's world.

Theodore J. Wardlaw is president and professor of homiletics at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Previously, he was the pastor/head of staff for twelve years at Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. Ted is a graduate of Presbyterian College, and earned his divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (now Union Presbyterian Seminary). At Yale University Divinity School he earned a Masters of Sacred Theology in American Church History. He has contributed to a number of edited books and has written numerous articles for such periodicals as *The Christian Century*, *Journal for Preachers*, *Call to Worship*, and *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

Theologian John Calvin was twice exiled due to his theology and activism—once from his native France and later from Geneva (for a period of three years). Ultimately Geneva invited Calvin to return and complete his work.

***Rhythms That Mobilize:
Music of the Protestant Reformation
with Dr. John Silantien**



Date: Sunday, Oct. 15 (one session only)

Time: 3 – 5 p.m.

Tuition: \$25

Enrollment: 12 min./150 max.

Register By: Oct. 9

Come to experience the rhythm and rhymes of the hymns and psalms that inspired the Protestant Reformation.

In the early 16th century, sacred music in the Catholic Church was sung in Latin by the clergy. Protestant reformers aimed to bring the music to the people via congregational singing. Luther loved music and introduced the use of chorales for congregational involvement in the service. Calvin believed that the poetry of the *Book of Psalms* was the only proper music for church use. The music of the *Genevan Psalter* helped spread the news of the Reformation more quickly than the written or spoken word could. This workshop will involve the University Presbyterian Church Choir.

John Silantien, Ph.D., presently serves as Director of Choral Activities at the University of Texas at San Antonio as well as Director of the San Antonio Symphony Mastersingers, and Director of Choral Music at University Presbyterian Church. Dr. Silantien has taught and conducted choirs on the secondary and collegiate levels in Texas, the Washington, D. C., area, and while on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. Dr. Silantien's orchestral conducting credits include performances with the San Antonio Symphony, the San Antonio Pops, and New York's West Side Chamber Orchestra, as well as CD recordings of three Mozart piano concertos with the Moscow State Radio Orchestra. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1994, returning to conduct Mozart's *Vespers* in 2008, and in 2016, conducting the Mastersingers in the Carnegie Hall premiere of Robert Cohen's *Alzheimer's Stories*. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Illinois.

***Anabaptism: The Rebirth of a Peace Church
with Rev. Rachel Epp Miller**



Date: Tuesday, Oct. 17 (one session only)

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Tuition: \$20

Enrollment: 10 min./35 max.

Register By: Oct. 10

Anabaptism, in the 16th century and now, offers a challenge to the larger church. Its members seek to radically follow in the way of Jesus, a way marked by nonviolence, transformation, and community.

This course will look at the historical Anabaptist movement of the 16th century (sometimes termed the "radical reformation" of the Protestant Reformation). We will explore the theological implications of adult baptism, peace, community, and discipleship in the Mennonite church. There will be opportunity for conversation as we consider how this tradition may speak with the traditions that we each represent.

Rev. Rachel Epp Miller served as pastor at San Antonio Mennonite church for 10 years. She studied theology and religion as an undergraduate at Canadian Mennonite Bible College (now Canadian Mennonite University) and University of Winnipeg. Later, she studied at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Indiana. She also worked as a companion to senior citizens with Alzheimer's for a number of years.

Key to Luther's theology and to the phenomenon that would be Protestantism is the "Scripture principle," the "readiness to question every human authority and tradition" in light of the Word of God. (p. 29)

***Reformation Dialogue: Scripture and Tradition in the Faith and Practice of Latina Baptists and Catholics with Dr. Renata Furst and Dr. Nora O. Lozano**



Date: Monday, Oct. 23 (one session only)

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Tuition: \$20

Enrollment: 12 min./45 max.

Register By: Oct. 16

Scripture and tradition historically have played a major role in Christianity. Dr. Furst (Catholic tradition) and Dr. Lozano (Baptist tradition) will introduce particular ways in which Latinos/as, as Baptists and Catholics, have related to these two theological sources. This introduction will cover commonalities and divergences, as different traditions have used these theological sources in specific ways. In addition, cultural issues have affected the understanding of the Bible and tradition.

Renata Furst, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Scripture and Spirituality at Oblate School of Theology.

In Scripture she is specifically interested in prophetic literature in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, biblical hermeneutics, wisdom literature, the Pentateuch, and Hispanic/Latino(a) biblical interpretation. **Nora O. Lozano, Ph.D.**, is executive director of the Latina Leadership Institute and professor of theological studies at Baptist University of the Américas in San Antonio, TX.

Her academic interests are centered in the areas of systematic, Hispanic, Latin American, and women's theologies as well as leadership studies.

The evolving technology of printing presses advanced Luther's reformation movement. As Ryrie notes, "Luther's literary achievement has no parallels in the whole of human history....Luther produced 544 separate books, pamphlets or articles..." (p. 22)

Intercultural Book Study

with Sibi Aydelott

Dates: Four Tuesdays, Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, and 14

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Tuition: \$50/4 sessions

Enrollment: 8 min./12 max.

Register By: Oct. 17

Join us for good reads and stimulating conversation.

We will read and discuss the following works. *The Waiting Room*, by Lisa Loomer, is both comedy and tragedy.

The play focuses on societal expectations of beauty and their psychological, medical, and political impact on three women from different eras: Forgiveness from Heaven, an 18th century Chinese woman, suffers from the losses and pains caused by foot-binding; Victoria, a corseted woman from the 19th century, battles the diagnosis of "hysteria;" and Wanda from New Jersey wrestles with the realities of silicone breast implants. *The Bridegroom* by Ha Jin is a book of 12 stories, with titles such as "Sabatuer," "Flame," and "An Official Reply." Each story is based in a China experiencing change, transformation, and the birth pangs such change induces. And *The Man Who Knew Infinity* by Robert Kanigel, tells of collaboration, genius and encounters between two people from very different cultures at the turn of the 20th century, Cambridge University mathematician H.G. Hardy and Srinivasa Ramanujan Iyengar, of the South Indian Brahmins, whose genius was undeniable. The last session will be devoted to the movie, *The Man who Knew Infinity*, based on the book.

Sibi Aydelott holds a doctoral degree in Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She has taught in the United States, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Egypt, and Qatar.

***500 Years of Being the Church Reformed and Always Reforming**

Date: Sunday, Oct. 29 (one session only)

Time: 4 p.m.

Tuition: FREE

Location: Northwood Presbyterian Church (518 Pike Road, 78217)

Ever wondered what the whole Presbyterian thing is about? Join a festive gathering for a worship service celebrating 500 years of being the church reformed and always reforming! Presbyterians from around San Antonio will celebrate evening prayer through liturgy and song and share in a small reception afterward. All are welcome to attend! Contact Northwood at 210-824-7238 for registration details.

Creating a Culture of Kindness with *Shastri* Betsy Pond



Date: Wednesday, Oct. 25 (one session only)

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Tuition: \$20

Enrollment: 12 min./20 max.

Register By: Oct. 18

How might we heal deep divides and the crushing speed of life? Considering kindness as an antidote can sound naïve, yet making kind and gentle inquiries about another can create a connection, give insights into life, and touch hearts. Genuine kindness is so powerful it can make the world a better place. This class will include teachings on inherent human wisdom and dignity, using meditation/mindfulness as the method of uncovering the same.

Shastri Betsy Pond is a former director of the Shambala Center of San Antonio and a student of Shambala Buddhism since 1990. She teaches meditation and leads programs on the inherent goodness, wisdom, and decency of humanity and society. *Shastri* (learned guide) Pond has been a psychotherapist since 1984, with a focus on assisting adults in discovering their own true sanity and wisdom.

A Morning at the Missions with Bonnie Simons



Date: Thursday, Nov. 2 (one session only)

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Tuition: \$40

Enrollment: 14 min./50 max.

Register By: Oct. 26

Enter into the world of San Antonio's historic and religious landscape. We will board a chartered bus and visit three of our Spanish Colonial Missions. Participants will learn Spain's motives for the missions and the Native Americans' challenges as they adjusted to becoming Spanish citizens. As we visit Mission San José, Mission Concepción, and Mission Espada, we will discuss the unique characteristics of each.

Bonnie Simons found a second career as a tour guide following a 30-year career in nursing. It is a natural fit, as she has an innate love for people and San Antonio history. A member of the Professional Tour Guide Association of San Antonio, Bonnie is its chair of education for 2017.

Biblical Female Characters as Masks with Bonnie Lyons

Date: Two Mondays, Nov. 6 and 13

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Tuition: \$40 (Payment includes a copy of the book, *In Other Words*.)

Enrollment: 12 min./15 max.

Register By: Oct. 30

Are there masks that might liberate in the Hebrew Scriptures? The first session of the course will use Lyons' book of poems, *In Other Words*, which contains forty monologues each spoken by a different woman in the Hebrew Scriptures. On the second evening students will bring in a poem **they** wrote using a biblical mask (Mary, Mary Magdalene, Elizabeth, etc.) and we will discuss the poems in class. The course will combine lecture and discussion. Participants will sit in a circle and work together as poets. (Participants will need to pick up the course book before the first class.)

Bonnie Lyons has published a book about Henry Roth, co-authored a book of interviews with fiction writers, two poetry chapbooks and a full-length volume of poems. In May 2014, she retired with emerita status from UTSA.



Expressions of Non-Orthodox Judaism with Rabbi Samuel Stahl and Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 5 (one session only)

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Tuition: \$20

Enrollment: 12 min./45 max.

Register By: Nov. 28



Explore how and why Judaism became multi-denominational.

Until the late 1700s, there were no Jewish religious denominations. All Judaism was Orthodox. However, when Jews were emancipated from the ghetto, especially in Germany, Reform Judaism was born. It evolved in two phases: first, synagogue ritual was altered to make it more compatible with Western culture. Then, Reform leaders began to justify these changes by emphasizing Divine inspiration rather than Divine revelation. Though Reform originated in Germany, it reached its full flowering in the United States, when German Jews immigrated here in the mid-1800s and established Reform Temples throughout the country. While Reform Judaism continued to make headway in Germany into the late 1800s, a group of rabbis decided that Reform Judaism had gone too far (particularly at the infamous Treif Banquet, when non-Kosher seafood was featured at the dinner celebrating the first Reform Movement's Hebrew Union College Rabbinical Ordination, in 1883). Thus was Conservative Judaism, originally called Positive Historical Judaism, created. It has the motto of "Tradition and Change." The movement grew quickly and moved to America soon after its creation. Both Reform and Conservative Judaism thrived in America. Rabbi Stahl will open the course with a presentation on Reform Judaism, and Rabbi Abraham will follow with an exploration of Conservative Judaism. Then both will participate in a panel inviting class participation.

Rabbi Samuel M. Stahl became Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El in San Antonio in 2002 after 26 years as the Temple's Senior Rabbi. He is the author of *Making the Timeless Timely: Thoughts and Reflections of a Contemporary Reform Rabbi and Boundaries, Not Barriers: Some Uniquely Jewish Perspectives on Life*. **Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham** joined Congregation Agudas Achim as Senior Rabbi in July 2014. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary and received a Master's in Jewish Education as well as double Bachelor's degrees in Jewish Studies and Hebrew Letters. He is a Professional Affiliate with the Jewish Outreach Institute, reaching out to interfaith families.



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The SoL Center at University Presbyterian Church
300 Bushnell Ave
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