

# A TORAH/TANAKH TOUR DE FORCE: EXPLORING THE LITERARY DEVICES AND PURPOSEFUL PATTERNS IN THE HEBREW BIBLE

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**Taught by Jonathan Weil**  
4 Wed. Classes:  
June 9, 16, 23, 30  
1-3:30pm  
2.5 hrs. per class

What are the literary devices and purposeful patterns in the Hebrew Bible that help to make it the single greatest work of literature ever written? How is this artfulness used to advance meaning; theme and character; and the narrative line itself? How does it create our active engagement and feeling?

We will show that virtually nothing is random, illogical, arbitrary or accidental. Everything is artful, purposeful, and designed for deliberate effect and affect; to elicit our active engagement; and, ultimately, to help.



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