

# SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Friday, November 9 – Sunday, November 11, 2018

Shir Chadash Conservative Congregation 3737 W. Esplanade Ave Metairie, LA



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JEWISH ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS



### FRIDAY

6:15 pm Services

7:00 pm Dinner and Talk

#### People of the Image: Jews and Art

Everybody knows that Jews are a People of the Book. But everybody also “knows” that the Second Commandment prohibits the making of art. As it turns out, everybody knows wrong. Jews are indisputably the People of the Image as well.



### SATURDAY

9:30 am Services

Dvar Torah

#### Sibling Rivalries

Parashat Toldot Represents a “headquarters” of Jewish-Christian relations, since the Rabbi imagined Esau as the progenitor of Edom, which they understood as pagan, and later, as Christian Rome. We will explore what the classical Jewish tradition thought was broken about the relationship between Jews and Christians, and the challenges that we, today, have in rethinking it.

Post-lunch text study

#### Hasidic Insights On The Torah Portion

Professor Epstein emerges from a Slonim /Izhbitz /Radzin Hasidic worldview, presenting the unusual and often startling ideas of Hasidus in a manner that is both authentic and relevant to non-Hasidic Jews, believers and non-believers alike.

### SUNDAY

10:30 am Slide Presentation

#### Art Detectives: How To Use Art To Understand The Hearts And Minds Of Jews In Bygone Times

Is “Jewish Art” about what people put in their homes in earlier eras? Or is it about what was in their hearts and minds?

We will discover unique ways of peering inside the consciousness of those who have gone before us.

For families with children 9-18.



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