



HEBREW COLLEGE ADULT LEARNING IN HINGHAM

Early Hasidism and its Historical, Intellectual, and Spiritual Origins

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI ARIEL BURGER

Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 14, 28, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, Hingham

Explore the fascinating world of early Hasidism, discovering its psychological acuity, wild creativity, and insistence on joy and authenticity! We will examine the theology of the Hasidic masters, the controversies surrounding the Hasidic revolution, and the relationship between teachers and students. We will balance close study of representative texts and tales with an overview of Hasidim's central themes, practices, and historical roots in order to deepen our understanding of this powerful Jewish movement.

*ARIEL BURGER is a writer, artist, teacher, and rabbi whose work combines spirituality, creativity, and strategies for social change. A lifelong student of Elie Wiesel, he spent years studying great wisdom traditions, and now applies those teachings to urgent contemporary questions. His book, *Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom* (2018), captures the Nobel Prize winner's voice and message for a new generation. When Ariel's not learning or teaching, he is creating music, art, and poetry. He lives in Sharon with his family.*



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