

Making It New

Curriculum: The Search for the Sacred in Judaism and Poetry

Session 1. Barry Holtz--Introduction

Barry will teach a biblical text and lead a general discussion on the theme of the Sacred.

David Rosenberg, Editor of the Jewish Publication Society will initiate the poets' response to the scholars with a commentary on Barry's presentation entitled "The Poet's Ear."

Session 2. Susan Handelman--Words as Sacred: The Talmudic tradition.

Session 3. Zalman Schachter--Sacred Worship: The Siddur (Jewish Prayer-book) and its mystical interpretations.

Session 4. Max Ticktin--The Many Faces of Holiness: Hebrew Poetry--Medieval and Modern.

Session 5. David G. Roskies--After the Holocaust--Jewish thinkers and poets continue the quest for the Sacred.

Session 6. Susannah Heschel--In a Different Voice--Women's Perspectives on the Sacred.

All sessions should be based upon one or more texts and should take the form of a seminar in which the text is the focal point for discussion.

N.B. Several times during the three days (see schedule) poets and scholars will meet in twos to pursue the issues in more depth. During the tutorial/chaver periods, the poets will be asked to share poems (either by themselves or others) which they have brought with them to the Conference because of their bearing on the theme of the Sacred.

SCHEDULE

"Making It New: Leading American Poets Confront Their Jewish Roots"

- Sunday: 2:00 p.m. Poets' Reception
- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Meet the Poets-Poetry Reading at the Y at
Broad and Pine.
- Public Reception
- Hotel Registration
- 7:00 p.m. Supper at the Rabbinical College
- 8:00 p.m. Session One
- Monday: 8:30 a.m. Breakfast - Torah Study with Arthur Waskow,
RRC faculty member and author.
- 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Session Two
- Coffee Break
- 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Session Three
- Lunch with RRC Students
- 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Session Four
- 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Meet with Study Companions (Each of the Poets
will be paired with a scholar to work to-
gether in a tutorial/chaver model).
- 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner Reception at the Home of Rosalyn Handel,
Kaplan Institute President for Poets,
Scholars and Committee (includes prayer session
with Zalman Schachter).
- 8:00 p.m. Meet the Scholars--Open classes taught by our
visiting scholars at the Rabbinical College.
- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Breakfast at RRC
- 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Session Five
- Coffee Break
- 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Session Six
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Meet with Study Companions
- 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Poets plan their evening performance.
Free time. We will arrange for dinner.
- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Public Program at the Y
- 9:30 p.m. Reception at the home of Chaim and Adena Potok
for Poets, Scholars, Committee and Sponsors.