

2019 BARISH SHABBAT LIMMUD SCHOLARS

On the Shabbat preceding Yom Limmud, four Houston area congregations each will host a Barish Shabbat Limmud Scholar, co-sponsored by each of the synagogues and the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston in partnership with the Barish Family and The Chair King. All Shabbat Limmud programs are open to the community. Each of the scholars also will speak at Yom Limmud on Sunday, February 17, 2019.



Debbie Greenblatt, hosted by The Meyerland Minyan Synagogue

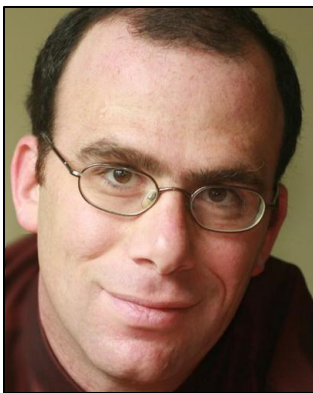
Debbie Greenblatt is a sought-after teacher of Jewish women. She has been involved in Jewish outreach for 30 years. Greenblatt worked for the Jewish Learning Exchange of Yeshiva Ohr Sameiach and currently works with Sinai Retreats, an educationally based outreach program for professional women in their twenties. She is the founder of the Women's Division of Gateways, a retreat-based education program that touches several thousand Jewish throughout the year. Debbie lectures throughout the year across the country on topics related to Jewish thought, personal relationships and sacred texts. Her teaching style is source-based, intellectual, and at the same time passionate and real, as she sprinkles her classes with real life stories from her vast experience with people.

Kabbalat Shabbat: "The Blessing of the Good Eye: How a Change in Perspective Can Change Your Life"

Shabbat Kiddush: "The Power of Hope Can Change Your Life"

Shabbat Afternoon: "Prayer: What it Means When G-d Says No"

YOM LIMMUD: "Can We Teach Our Children Truth? How to Prepare our Children for a Moral Life"



Dr. Joel M. Hoffman, hosted by Congregation Beth El

Dr. Joel M. Hoffman focuses on bringing the Bible to life and is known for his "fresh insights and interpretations about religious life in the 21st Century. A popular speaker, he presents to churches, synagogues, community groups, and university audiences across the world. Dr. Hoffman holds a Ph.D. in linguistics and has served on the faculties of Brandeis University and Hebrew Union College. He is the chief translator for the popular 10-volume series, *My People's Prayer Book* (winner of the National Jewish Book Award). He is the author of *In the Beginning: A Short History of the Hebrew Language*, from NYU Press and, from St. Martin's, *And God Said: How Translations Conceal the Bible's Original Meaning* and *The Bible's Cutting Room Floor*. Writing under the pen name "J.M. Hoffman," he is the author of the thriller series *The Warwick Files*. Dr.

Hoffman's latest book is *The Bible Doesn't Say That: 40 Biblical Mistranslations, Misconceptions, and Other Misunderstandings*.

Kabbalat Shabbat: "Ancient Answers to Good and Evil That Were Cut from the Bible"

Shabbat Morning: "How Translations Conceal the Bible's Original Meaning"

Havdalah: "Inside Scoop on Israel"

YOM LIMMUD: "Four Exiles and Four Spiritual Revolutions"



Rabbanit Sally Mayer, hosted by United Orthodox Synagogues

Rabbanit Sally Mayer serves as Rosh Midrasha at Ohr Torah Stone's Midreshet Lindenbaum - Overseas Program, as well as teaching Talmud, Parsha and Halakha. Before moving to Israel with her family, Sally was a member of the core faculty that built Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls in Teaneck, NJ, where she chaired the Talmud Department and directed Israel Guidance. She has served as Education Director at The Jewish Center on Manhattan's Upper West Side and lectures in communities in the United States and Israel. A Midreshet Lindenbaum alumna, Sally holds a BA from Stern College, an MA in Medieval Jewish History from Yeshiva University, and completed the Drisha

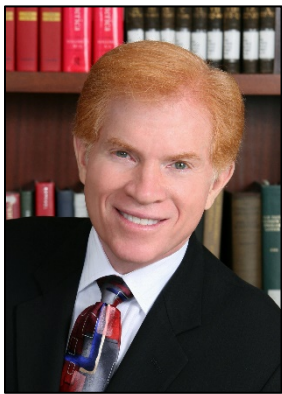
Institute Scholars Circle Program. She lives in Neve Daniel with her husband and their six children.

Kabbalat Shabbat: "When Tragedy Strikes a World Away: A Jew's Response and Responsibility"

Shabbat Morning: "An Anonymous Villager Saves the Town"

Shabbat Afternoon: "Reflections on Jewish Education in America"

YOM LIMMUD: "Women's Torah Learning: Reflections and Directions"



Rabbi Gary Zola, Ph. D., hosted by Congregation Emanu El

Gary Phillip Zola is the Executive Director of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) and Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the American Jewish Experience & Reform Jewish History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati. In his academic capacity, Professor Zola edits The Marcus Center's award-winning biannual publication, The American Jewish Archives Journal—one of only two academic periodicals focusing on the total historical experience of American Jewry.

In April 2011, Dr. Zola was appointed by President Obama to the Commission for the Preservation of American Heritage Abroad. Dr. Zola is the first faculty member of Hebrew Union College to receive such an appointment by a U.S. president. In 2006, Dr. Zola became the first American Jewish historian and the first American rabbi to receive appointment to the Academic Advisory Council of the congressionally recognized Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Dr. Zola is the second director of the American Jewish Archives, having succeeded his teacher and mentor, Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus (1896-1995), a pioneering scholar in the field of American Jewish history and the institution's founder. Under Dr. Zola's leadership, the physical home of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) has tripled in size. The AJA's Malloy Education Building, dedicated in 2005, houses electronic classrooms, distance learning centers, and public exhibition galleries. In addition, Dr. Zola has initiated an impressive array of innovative historical programs and projects that have captured the attention of both the Jewish and general communities. The national commemoration of the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America constitutes the most notable example of Dr. Zola's contribution to the field.

Kabbalat Shabbat: "Emanu El at 75: A Look at Emanu El's Place in American Jewish History"

Shabbat Morning: "Reform Judaism in America: Where We've Been, Where We Are Going"

Saturday Evening: "We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry, A Documentary History"

YOM LIMMUD: "Fascinating Documents from the American Jewish Archives"

2019 SHIRLEY BARISH EDUCATION ENRICHMENT SCHOLARS

In memory of their beloved wife and mother and consummate Jewish educator Shirley Barish z"l, the Barish family generously provides a grant for an annual scholar who will enrich our educators at Yom Limmud.



Alyse Eisenberg

Alyse Eisenberg has been a Jewish Early Childhood Educator for over 30 years. After working in Jewish Early Childhood Programs in the Washington DC area, Alyse moved to the Dallas in 2007. Since then, she has held leadership positions in multiple Jewish Educational Institutions. Alyse is currently the Early Childhood Specialist and PJ Library Manager at the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas. She is an Exchange Master Leader as part of the Exchange Master Leadership Initiative. Alyse received her BS from the University of Maryland, where she met her husband Howard. They live in Plano, TX and have two children, Alex (22) and Allison (18).



Rabbi Rebecca Milder

Rebecca Milder is the Founding Director of the Jewish Enrichment Center, a laboratory Sunday and afterschool program in Chicago that raises the child's voice in Jewish learning. A rabbi and veteran Jewish educator with a Masters in Educational Administration, her leadership experience includes formal and informal Jewish settings across the religious spectrum. Her professional work centers on creating pathways for Jews of all ages to recognize themselves as powerful agents in a dynamic Judaism. Rebecca enjoys hiking and playing music with her family and, along with her husband and children, she is an enthusiastic martial artist.