

V'Chai B'hem: Torah to Live By

Shavuot 5770 May 18-20, 2010
Tuesday, May 18th, 8pm – Dawn

What: *Haver*, Boulder's Rabbinic Fellowship, presents ***Tikkun Leyl Shavuot***
**All night study to commemorate receiving of Torah on Mount Sinai.*

When: Rembrandt Yard, 1301 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO. 80302
Program Made possible by a generous grant from 18 Pomegranates.

8pm - Opening Intentions and Candle lighting Rabbis Ori Har, Nadya & Victor Gross

9pm - Ma'ariv (evening service) - Rabbis Nadya & Victor Gross

9.30pm - Kiddush and snacks

10-11pm – Haver Panel: **Difficult Torah/Life-Giving Torah**
How Boulder's Rabbis Handle Challenging Texts and Choose Texts to Live By

11:15 -12:30 Study Session 1 - Rabbi Tirzah Firestone (leading into midnight meditation)
God's Favorite Texts: We speak about our favorite (or most challenging) texts, but what about *Hashem*? Study three pieces of Torah that will change your life (if you dare to take them personally)

12:30-12:40 am - Break

12:40-1:30 am - Study Session 2 - Morah Yehudis Fishman:
A Torah of Truth: Peace-ing Together Talmudic Disputes

1:30-1:40 am - Break

1:40-2:30 am - Study Session 3 – Rabbi Josh Rose

By Vision or Reason? How Do We Open the Gates of Heaven?

When we hear our rabbi, or when we ourselves, imaginatively and creatively interpret a verse of Torah, are we encountering inspiration or nonsense? It turns out that this is a question that Jews have been asking for thousands of years. So, tonight we receive Torah...now what? We will examine ancient teachings that can help answer this and guide us in our own approach to our tradition.

2:30-2:40 am - Break

2.40–3.30am - Study Session 4 - Meira Chmiel

The Three Watches of the Night in Zohar mysticism. We shall explore our traditional Jewish mystical orientation to diurnal time (both day and night) from a Qumran and Zoharic Gan Eden perspective, and where we and G-d are in that actual night as we

transition from the 2nd watch into the 3rd watch. This presentation will include a glance at two early sources for this practice (Qumran and *Talmud Brachot*.)

3:30-3:40 am - Break

3.40-4:30 am Study Session 5 - Rabbis Gavriel Goldfeder and Marc Soloway
“I am Asleep But My Heart is Awake” – reflections on sleeping and waking in the Jewish tradition. Caffeine will be available.

5:00 am - *Shacharit* (dawn service) led by Meira Chmiel.

There will also be a *mechitzah minyan* at Aish Kodesh, 1805 Balsam

6.15am - Torah reading (Revelation at Sinai) at Aish Kodesh, followed by Mussaf

Shavuot Services around the Community

Kehillat Aish Kodesh

Tuesday May 18: All Night Learning with Haver at Rembrandt Yard

8:00 PM Minchah at Aish Kodesh

10:00 PM Walking together from Aish to Rembrandt Yard, Followed by All Night Learning

Wednesday May 19

5:00 AM Sunrise Services at Aish

8:00 AM Cheesecake Kiddush

Thursday May 20

9:30 AM Shacharit

11:30 AM Yizkor Services

2:00 PM Icecream Party and Playdate

Congregation Bonai Shalom

Wednesday May 19th – Services at Bonai Shalom at 10am

(Please not the usual earlier start time and we will begin directly with *Shacharit*)

Thursday May 20th – Services at Bonai Shalom at 9am

(including Yizkor at approximately 11am)

Congregation Nevei Kodesh

Nevei Kodesh Shavuot Services and Yizkor Memorial Service, followed by Dairy Potluck Lunch.

Thursday, May 20, 9:30 a.m., at 3269 28th St. (above the Dairy Queen).

Services will be 9:30-noon, followed by potluck lunch. Weather permitting, we will have lunch outdoors.

*Please bring a dairy/vegetarian dish to share for lunch afterwards.

**We have a key-operated elevator in the rear of the building. Please let us know if you will be needing it so that someone can arrange to meet you.