

Comparative Religion Series

Evil ... Human or Divine?

Temple Beth El's Comparative Religion Committee invites you to attend the 17th Annual Comparative Religion Series. This year's theme, Evil ... Human or Divine? explores the roots of evil and the ever changing face of evil in the world. Guest lecturers will address the concept of evil and how one's actions and responses are guided by one's faith. Has there been a theological evolution regarding the concept of evil? Is evil preordained or a result of free will? How is evil defined in your faith's theology? Is evil necessary?

Educators and religious leaders representing nine Charlotte area faiths will offer their perspectives and respond to your questions. Scheduled lecturers include representatives from the following faiths: Jewish, Greek Orthodox, Mennonite, Baha'i, Islamic, Unitarian/Universalist, Evangelical Presbyterian and Roman Catholic.

January 21: Rabbi Judy Schindler, Temple Beth El – Jewish (Reform); Rabbi Chanoch Oppenheim, Charlotte Torah Center – Jewish (Orthodox)

January 28: Father Steve Dalber, St. Nektarios Greek Ortho-

dox Church – Greek Orthodox; additionally, a Roman Catholic perspective will be presented

February 4: Tamar Myers, Former Mennonite African Missionary – Mennonite

February 11: Representative Jim Pitts – Baha'i Faith; Author Sam Wazan – Islamic Faith

February 18: Reverend Robin Tanner, Piedmont Unitarian Universalist Church – Unitarian/Universalist

February 25: Reverend Dr. Mike Moses, Lake Forest Church – Evangelical Presbyterian

The series is offered at no cost to the public, and refreshments are provided by the Sandra Gold Weinstein Hospitality Fund. The series introduction (January 21) will deepen our understanding of the course and encourage us to engage in thought-provoking discussions with the guest lecturers. Attend one lecture or all six lectures. No RSVPs are necessary. For more information, visit www.beth-el.com.



Dr. Rachel Dulin – Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence on February 7-8

Temple Beth El is honored that Dr. Rachel Z. Dulin returns this year as the Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence. Norm Levin, Honorary Lifetime President of TBE, established the Scholar-in-Residence in honor of his mother, Sadie Levin, who was committed to Jewish learning, Jewish life and Jewish community.



Dr. Rachel Dulin

Rachel Zohar Dulin was born in Israel and educated in Israel and the United States. A dramatic and gifted instructor, she has pio-

neered new methods of teaching Hebrew to adults and has done groundbreaking research in the confluence of Women's Studies and biblical scholarship. Dr. Dulin earned her PhD at Northwestern University and currently serves on the faculty of Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership.

Please join us for this exciting weekend. All events are at Temple Beth El.

Friday, February 7, 8 PM: "Late at the Eight Shabbat Experience"

– In a coffee-house setting, enjoy Dr. Dulin's creative and dynamic presentation as she introduces us to exceptional Biblical characters. Saturday, February 8, 9 AM: Shabbat Morning Workshop – With Purim just around the corner, Dr. Dulin will address themes in the Book of Esther surrounding politics, gender, faith, and action that are still relevant (ancient Persia is now Iran) in a program entitled, "The Book of Esther: Then and Today."

11 AM: Congregational Shabbat service with the D'var Torah presented by Dr. Dulin.

5 PM: Havdalah "Purim Katan" – Dr. Dulin will explore issues surrounding the Jewish calendar. ☆

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat Exchange on January 17 and 19

A highlight of TBE's worship calendar is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat Exchange. Our MLK Shabbat experience is about song, food, friendship, passion for prayer, lifting up our Charlotte community, and building bridges that will heal our city.



Reverend Dr. Jerry Lytle Cannon

This year's exchange will feature a dynamic and passionate preacher and pastor, Reverend Dr.

lift our service with their music. The evening will conclude with a festive oneg.

Jerry Lytle Cannon, and the choir of C. N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church. On Friday, January 17 at Temple Beth El's 7 PM Shabbat Worship Service, Pastor Cannon will preach, and C. N. Jenkins' choir will

In deepening our commitment to connect and build relationships with congregations across our city, Rabbi Judith Schindler will preach, and our Temple adult choir will sing, on Sunday, January 19 at morning worship services (9:30 AM) at C. N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 1421 Statesville Avenue (about three blocks from the Hebrew Cemetery). ☆

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– Baruch Spinoza, Ethics

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