

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

Temple Beth El Hosts Rabbi Amy Scheinerman for a Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

By Rabbi Jonathan Freirich

Rabbi Amy Scheinerman, an insightful scholar and inspiring teacher of Jewish sources, from Torah to Talmud, and from Family to Fanaticism, will join Temple Beth El and Hebrew High for a weekend of learning and discussion, Friday, February 19 through Sunday, February 21.

Rabbi Scheinerman has served congregations of multiple denominations, edits the Torah Commentary column of the Newsletter for the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and is a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis Responsa Committee.

As a teacher, Rabbi Scheinerman inspires with easy and approachable explanations of ancient, archaic, and complicated rabbinic and medieval thoughts. I have watched her teach a room full of scholars, easily using everyone's questions as springboards to relevant discussions. Our Temple Beth El Talmud Lunch groups regularly uses her Ten Minutes of Talmud teachings to spark conversations that clarify and deepen our experience of Judaism, no matter what our experi-

ence in learning.

Over the course of her weekend here in Charlotte, Rabbi Scheinerman will lead the following:

Ancient Wisdom for Modern Relationships: Building a Better Us

Friday, February 19, at 6:00 PM, she will offer reflections from the Talmud on navigating the relationships in our life, at Shabbat Worship at Temple Beth El, in the Blumenthal Sanctuary.

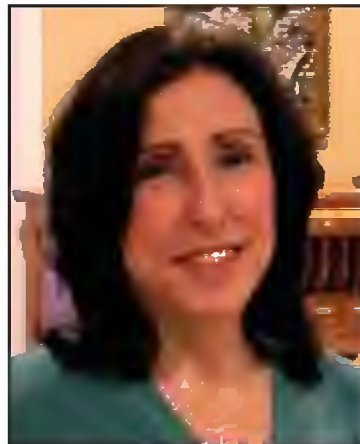
Religious Fanaticism

Saturday, February 20, at 9:00 AM, Rabbi Scheinerman will lead a session discussing various Jewish traditions that warn us of the dangers of extremism, at Temple Beth El, in the Archer Chapel. This session will be completely accessible to everyone regardless of background.

Saturday, February 20, during the evening, Rabbi Scheinerman will teach our teens during the Consolidated Hebrew High School Eighth and Ninth Grade Retreat.

The Rabbis' Radical Views of God

Sunday, February 21, at 11:00 AM, Rabbi Scheinerman will lead a brunch and learn about our



Rabbi Amy Scheinerman

Sages' struggles with relationships, emotions, and moral choices, and how their ideas of an imperfect God helped create models for human behavior, at Temple Beth El in the Levine Social Hall. This session will be completely accessible to everyone regardless of background.

Rabbi Amy Scheinerman received her bachelor's degree from Brown University; has studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Princeton Theological Seminary; and was ordained

in 1984 at HUC-JIR in New York, where she also received a Doctor of Divinity in 2009. Rabbi Scheinerman is the hospice rabbi in Howard County, MD, and teaches in a variety of venues. She has recently served on the CCAR Board of Trustees, as president of both the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis and the Baltimore Board of Rabbis. She has served

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Temple Beth Selects Rabbi Asher Knight as New Senior Rabbi

On January 6, Jack Levinson, president of Temple Beth El announced that Rabbi Asher Knight had been selected as the new senior rabbi.



Rabbi Asher Knight

"Throughout the search process, Rabbi Knight stood out as an outstanding candidate. He has demonstrated strengths in relationship building, engagement practices, pastoral care, and leadership on the Bimah. He is organized, driven, and innovative. In addition to building and supporting a strong clergy team, we believe he will represent us well within Shalom Park, the greater Charlotte community, and in the Union for Reform Judaism. Our primary goal is to strengthen our foundation and create the path for each congregant to connect and proudly call Temple Beth El his or her spiritual home," Levinson said.

Rabbi Knight was ordained in 2007 from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion and holds a BA in International Relations from the University of Denver. He is coming to us from Temple Emanu-El in Dallas that has over 2,500 congregant families and where he has had the privilege of working with a stellar clergy team led by Rabbi David Stern. As Associate Rabbi in Dallas, Rabbi Knight has been intimately involved with every aspect of the synagogue - worship, life cycle, religious school, adult learning, social justice, engagement, and community relations. He is highly respected and has

been instrumental in finding ways to make a large congregation feel accessible to its members.

"Although Rabbi Knight has not been a senior rabbi, he has exemplary large-congregation experience and is ready to assume this leadership role for us. We are prepared to provide him with the support that he both desires and will need to develop and continue building on his already impressive list of successes," Levinson continued.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Search Committee members (Adam Bernstein, co-chair, Moira Quinn Klein, co-chair, Fred Dumas, Larry Farber, Bob Lidz, Jack Levinson, Frances Liss, Annie Lord, Joe Machicote, Cyndee Patterson, Ginny Rosenberg, Carissa Schlesinger, Howard Seidler, Becky Stampler, and Laura Bernstein, ex-officio) who worked tirelessly and tenaciously over the past seven months on our behalf to bring us three great finalists and a well thought-out and presented recommendation."

Over the coming weeks, the synagogue will begin its transition plan. ✪

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