

New JLI Course Is Endorsed by over 100 Holocaust Centers throughout the World

Course to Tackle Difficult Issues of Faith and Suffering

The new Jewish Learning Institute course which begins in Charlotte on November 8 has garnered the support of major Holocaust centers and the leading figures of the Holocaust movement. Most notable is the endorsement of Simon Wiesenthal, of blessed memory, who endorsed this course just weeks before he passed away.

The course, which will be taught in Charlotte and around the world, was written by North Carolina Chabad Rabbi Aaron

Herman of the Chabad Center in Cary. "I strongly support this JLI course, as information in our defense against the repetition of history," wrote Mr. Wiesenthal. He was perhaps the most famous Nazi-hunter in the world.

Beyond Never again - The Holocaust: A View from the Soul is not a course about the Holocaust; rather, it is a study into the Jewish response of the soul to tragedy and suffering. It is not a history, nor an explanation of the events of that horrible period in history. It is an

introspection into the deepest beliefs about how we face this as a people.

Jews have survived the most excruciating events in life and yet remain optimistic about the future. How does this translate to one's personal suffering or grief? The course will examine the teachings of the masters and seek to understand the wise words of comfort that have kept us in the faith with pride and joy.

The JLI is geared to adults from all backgrounds who are willing to pursue intellectual and spiritual growth. The Institute follows a powerful path of discovery and depth, touching the Jewish soul and positively affecting the life of its learners. JLI is the largest net-

work of adult Jewish learning, taught in 160 cities around the world. Its courses are taught through interactive dialogue accompanied by dynamic textbooks and vivid multi-media presentations.

Beyond Never Again is a six week course offered twice in Charlotte as an evening or morning course. The course will be held on six Tuesdays, starting November 8, 2005, from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM; and six Wednesdays, starting November 9, 2005, from 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM. All courses will be held at the Lubavitch Educational Center, 6619 Sardis Road in Charlotte. The evening course will be led by

Rabbi Yossi Groner, and the morning course will be led by Rabbi Shlomo Cohen. Fee for the course is \$80 per person; \$145 per couple. For more information on the course, please visit our website at www.ohrhatorahnc.org or call our office at 704-366-3984.

The course will also be held Wednesday evenings at the Asheville Jewish Community Center and in Greensboro. ☆

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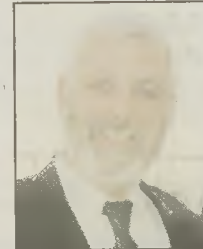
The Mystical Hebrew Alphabet

Have you heard of the Kabbalistic teachings of the Alef-Bet? Have you wondered what is in the core of this most ancient of world languages? Rabbi Yaakov Marcus will be speaking at the Torah Center on Thursday November 10 at 7:30 PM as our fall guest speaker on The Mystical Hebrew Alphabet.

Understanding the deeper meaning behind the shapes, sounds, and number equivalents of the letters. The Hebrew language that the Torah was given in is unlike any other language in the world. Each letter of the alphabet is really a philosophical concept, and therefore, when God joins

these letters together to create words, He is teaching you that the deeper meaning of the word is the sum total of all the concepts of the letters joined together in that order. Therefore, an analysis of each letter is really an analysis of deep philosophical concepts in Judaism.

Rabbi Yaakov Marcus was born in Baltimore, MD. He has been involved in Jewish education professionally for over 15 years. Between 1989 and 1995, he and his wife organized and ran an outreach shul in a secular Jewish suburb of Toronto. In 1995, he and his family moved to Israel where he became a member of the rabbinical faculty of the Neve Yerushalayim College for women in Jerusalem. He lectures there as well as running two of their levels. He is a guest lecturer for the Heritage House and often speaks on their behalf at the



Rabbi Yaakov Marcus

Hebrew University, as well as being their lecturer in residence for their Rosh HaShana h/Yom Kippur outreach programs in the Old City. He is also a regular lecturer for the Darchey Bina and Afikey Torah Seminars in Bayit Vegan. He speaks internationally in the United States, England and South Africa.

Join us at 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 10 for coffee and cake at 5900 Providence Road. Please RSVP at 704-367-1225. Suggested donation of \$10.

Lecture will take place at the Charlotte Torah Center, 5900 Providence Rd. ☆



Rabbi Steve Greenberg

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Once settled in Jerusalem, Rabbi Greenberg founded a gay men's study group, Moah Gavra. Through it, he met filmmaker/director Sandi Simcha DuBowski in the beginning of his efforts to create a documentary film about Orthodox gay Jews, and so began their collaboration on "Trembling Before God." Rabbi Greenberg led the first UJA G.L.B.T. mission to Israel this past summer.

On Tuesday evening, Temple Beth El's Chavurat Keshet will sponsor a showing of "Trembling Before God" in the Temple Beth El Silverman Social Hall at 7 PM. A \$10 donation is requested.

Rabbi Greenberg will be giving a fascinating talk on Friday, December 2, 2005, at Temple Beth El's 8 PM Shabbat Service

on Biblical and Talmudic information relating to gay and lesbian issues, women's issues and Judaism as a whole. The message is universal and has connections to many current issues. The talk will address many interesting points of view in his book that have people everywhere talking.

On the following Saturday morning, Rabbi Greenberg will lead Torah study. That evening, Rabbi Greenberg will show "Trembling on the Road" and join us for dinner in the Social Hall. What an incredible opportunity to dialogue with such an amazing, intellectual and spiritual man. It is an event not to be missed.

For more information, contact Temple Beth El at 704-366-1948. ☆

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