

Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism Series

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Kabbalah & Jewish Mysticism in the Prayer Book – Oct. 28, 2018, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

We think of Kabbalah as a secret tradition but, it is hidden in plain sight in the Jewish prayer book. We will identify prayers from the Jewish mystics and explore their meaning and origin.

Angels in Jewish Tradition - November 25, 2018, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Angels appear at critical times in the Hebrew Bible– when Abraham is about to sacrifice Isaac, when Jacob receives the name Israel, and many more. We will explore angels in Jewish tradition from the Torah to Talmud and Kabbalah.

Kabbalah: Essential Ideas – December 23, 2018, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

What are the essential ideas of Kabbalah and how can they be meaningful to us today?

Abraham Joshua Heschel - January 27, 2019, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

How did a descendant of Hasidic rebbes, born in Warsaw, Poland, end up marching in Selma, Alabama with Martin Luther King, Jr.? We will explore his life and thought and how it led him to become a passionate voice for civil rights and peace.

Hasidism: From the Ba'al Shem Tov to Chabad– February 24, 2019, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Hasidism has been called “Kabbalah for the Masses.” We will trace its development from its beginnings in the mid-1700s to its thriving in today’s world.

Neo-Hasidism – March 24, 2019, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Neo-Hasidism applies elements of Hasidic thought and practice to the modern world beyond the boundaries of traditional Hasidism. Neo-Hasidism has roots in the writings of Martin Buber and Hillel Zeitlin in Europe. Through Jewish Renewal it continues to inspire modern Jews in our time.

Wooden Synagogues of Eastern Europe – April 28, 2019, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Hundreds of wooden synagogues were built in Eastern Europe. Many reflected the influence of Kabbalah in their art and architecture.

Astrology in Jewish Tradition – May 19, 2019, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Why do we find many examples in the Hebrew Bible, Rabbinic literature, and Kabbalah, which suggest a belief in astrological influence? Although using the stars to forecast the future was often condemned the Zodiac was often incorporated into synagogue architecture and Jewish art.

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