

SELICHOT STUDY WITH RABBIS

Hillel and Shamai: What We can Learn from Hillel and Shamai - Discord and Unity in Jewish Texts

Examine texts that teach us how we can listen, challenge and connect with one another and be mindful, compassionate and generous in the year ahead; how to discuss difficult topics in a civil manner.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

“Jewish Pluralism: Discord and Unity in the Machzor Liturgy”

We will lead a discussion on the varying approaches taken by each of the movements to prayers in the Yamim Noraim Machzor. In so doing we hope to elicit deeper understanding of the intent behind those prayers.

Rabbis Doug Alpert and Sarah Smiley

“Vows and Their Consequences: Jewish Views on the Power of our Word”

Vows we make can influence our relationships with others and the world around us, create discord or unity, and greatly impact how we relate to one another. Join us for a discussion of Jewish texts and explore what our faith has to say about vows and how they apply to our lives and this holiday season, helping us to avoid conflict and create harmony and compassion for each other.

Rabbis Jon Kleinman, Monica Kleinman, Beryl Padorr

Who’s In and who’s out? An Interactive Game on the Messiness of Coalitions

This is a session that is less text learning and more interactive discussion. This is an interactive game based on (slightly) fictional characters to think about when we find common ground in the American religious world – and when we cannot. Class Size Limited.

Rabbis David Glickman and Jonathan Rudnick

“The Peaceful Path to Repentance”

“The process of repentance is often hard for people because it can be confrontational. How do we seek forgiveness without risking making things even worse? We’ll explore wisdom from Hillel and Maimonides”

Rabbis Moshe Grussgott and Herbert Mandl

Hillel vs. Shammai - “And You Shall Choose Life: A Question of Abortion in Jewish Life”

Together, we will examine the very difficult conversation taking place today, from the bedroom to the health clinic to the Supreme Court...from the perspective of Jewish tradition. How did Jews talk about this divisive topic in the past...which may give us clues as to how we speak to one another today.

Rabbis Javier Cattapan, Alan Lony and Arthur Nemitoff