

6:00 pm welcome & blessings

Welcome Shabbat and pick up a slice of pizza to fuel your learning.

6:30-10:15 pm learning

Between workshop sessions, join us in the parlor for connection, reflection, musical Torah & hands-on activities.

10:15 pm closing & potluck dessert

Closing songs, blessings, and dairy (& non-dairy) delights.

workshops

6:30-7:15

THE BOOK OF RUTH

ELIZABETH FAGIN

Explore the Book of Ruth, and its connections to Shavuot and conversion to Judaism.

PARLOR

MODERN JEWISH THEOLOGY

RICHARD CURTIS

Encounter the wide range of theological opinions in Jewish life today. We'll draw on contributions from 16 modern theologians & insights from all major denominations of Judaism.

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7:30-8:15

ADORNING THE BRIDE - TIKKUN LEYL SHAVOT IN THE ZOHAR

RABBI SABINE MEYER, PHD

Why do we stay up all night to study Torah on Shavuot? Learn about the mystical text that started this practice, and explore the kabbalists' deeply Jewish version of Henna Night - the night we come together to adorn the bride for her wedding day on Mount Sinai.

PARLOR

BEGINNING ISRAELI FOLK DANCE

COHEN FAMILY

Introduction to a few essential Israeli folk dances. Learn a little Hebrew, learn a little history, learn how to sway like a cedar.

OUTDOOR COURTYARD

8:30-9:15

QUEERING THE TORAH

ASTER GRISAFFI

Examining Torah passages and interpretations (Talmudic to modern day) to find our LGBTQIA+ ancestors.

OUTDOOR PATIO

FLOWERS & FRAGRANCE: A HANDS-ON SHAVUOT WORKSHOP

SHANNON NINBURG

Did you know that Jews have decorated our homes and sacred spaces with flowers & fragrant plants on Shavuot for millennia? Artist & naturalist Shannon Ninburg will lead participants in making giant paper flowers and spice sachets to revel in the sweetness of the holiday.

PARLOR

9:30-10:15

MEDITATION THROUGH PRAYER

ORIN REYNOLDS

Jewish music and prayer can help us ground ourselves and return to equilibrium. Focus on kavana and spirituality on a guided meditative journey through the body filled with musical prayer, nigunim, and focused readings.

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DAF YOMI FOR YUCKSTERS (OR: OLD JEWS TELLING THE OLDEST JOKES)

JAKE FAWCETT

Just how old are your favorite Jewish jokes? Discover the Talmudic roots of some of the modern classics.

PARLOR

